

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. M. McPherson, 1 Combe Crescent, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 15th February 2018 at Marshside Methodist Church

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllrs. Todd, Copley. County Councillor Brereton

Present:

M. McPherson, (Chairman) H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, R. Morrish, F. Wayles, G. Grieve, J. Byrne, M. Jackson, I. Winstanley
District Cllr. J Curwen, Mr. David Fletcher

2. **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensation.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. Grieve had an interest in Item 14(f) on the agenda.

4. **Chairman's Remarks**

None.

5. **Open Forum**

No members of the public were present at this point.

6. **Matters for Any Other Business**

- Litter picking
- Low Hall Field
- Soutergate – flooding
- Kirkby Wind Farm

7. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was noted that the minutes stated the meeting was held at Marshside Methodist Church which was incorrect, the meeting had been held at Beckside Rooms, Beckside. This was amended. The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th January 2018 were then approved and signed.

8. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

- The Clerk had reported to Mr. Vickers that it is not known what is wrong with the light at Grizebeck.
- Cllr. McPherson had advertised the vacancies for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators in the Parish Newsletter again, however no-one has come forward. Cllr. McPherson will post the vacancies in the Newsletter again. Clerk to forward the updated list of co-ordinators to Cllr. McPherson in order that he can advertise the exact locations of the vacancies.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to put Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators vacancies in parish newsletter

Action: Clerk to email list of co-ordinators and vacancies to Cllr. McPherson

- Cllr. Jackson has tried to contact the member of the Public who raised the issue of a light at Soutergate car park, without success, he will continue to try. He also reported that costings for solar lighting to be placed at the car park had been obtained but the cost would be in the region of £4,000 and therefore it is not financially possible for the Parish Council to assist with this.

Action: Cllr. Jackson to report back to member of public regarding light at Soutergate car park

- Cllr. McPherson had contacted Mr. O'Neill with regard to the sandbags. He advised that these have now been delivered at the identified points around the village. It was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr. O'Neill for all his assistance with this.
- The Clerk had not been able to speak with Mr. O'Neill as yet to enquire if a bin was placed at Soutergate would the Council empty it as part of their collection.
- The Clerk had advised she had considered the funding from NALC with regard to the running costs of website and as a result submitted an application for the costs of running the website and a new printer. No decision on the application has yet been received. Cllr. McPherson reported that all the information we are required to put on the website has now been uploaded so we are therefore compliant with the Transparency Code.
- The Clerk had forwarded a map of the blocked drains and potholes in the area to Cllr. Brereton.
- The Clerk had reported road defects on the CCC portal.
- The Clerk had forwarded the recent photographs of Herschell Terrace/Sandside footpath to Mr. Temperley of the Country Access Team. It was noted that any funding they may provide in relation to repairing this footpath would need to be matched by an external source. The condition of the path was discussed. It was also noted that the footpath is on private land and therefore not the responsibility of the Parish Council. Cllr. McPherson to write to Mr. Temperley with regard to the issue of this path.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to write to Mr. Temperley

- The Clerk had considered Community Grant funding for purchase of the storage bags and as a result an application for funding had been submitted. The outcome of the application is awaited.
- The problem of flooding in the Church grounds has now been incorporated into the issue of flooding throughout the village and is currently an ongoing issue (Item 11 (e) on the agenda). It was reported that a grant which David Fletcher had applied for on behalf of the Parish Council, when he was a County Councillor, has now been granted and will be paid into the Parish Council's bank account. These funds have been allocated to deal with the problems being experienced in the Churchyard at St. Cuthberts.

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

A police report had been received from PCSO Harris and read out by Cllr. McPherson. It was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.

a) A595 matters

Cllr. Byrne reported that a letter had been received from John Woodcock regarding the Government's recent consultation on their Major Road Networks proposal. He has expressed a warning note over the government proposals with regard to the A595 at Dove Ford, which is not being treated as a priority for investment by the government. The deadline for the consultation is 11.45 pm on 19th March 2018. It was agreed that Cllr. Byrne and Cllr. McPherson will arrangement a meeting with Barry Rabone of the A595 Action Group to discuss this issue.

b) Hotline Reports

It was reported that further damage has been caused to Wreaks Bridge and that as a result only single lane traffic is allowed over the bridge and this is controlled with temporary traffic lights, which is causing the traffic to build up at peak times. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact Highways to ask when repair work will be carried out.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways to try to ascertain when work will be carried out.

- c) **Hotline Progress**
No reported defects had been cleared.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

- a) **Reports**
Youth Activities
It was reported that the Youth Club at Becksides is proving very successful and is well run.
- b) **Actions**
No actions reported.

11. Current Matters

- a) **National Grid's Proposals**
Cllr. McPherson reported back on the meeting he had attended with Peter Gillet and other members of the Off-shore Group. Also in attendance were Mr. J. Field and Mrs. A. Holroyd of the Kirkby pylon group. The Off-shore Group had given a presentation on their proposals and produced an A4 sheet for distribution. This was placed in the pack for distribution. It was agreed that the A4 leaflet should also be put on the village noticeboards. Mr. David Fletcher requested that it also be emailed to him to distribute.
Action: Cllr. McPherson to post A4 leaflet on noticeboards and forward a copy to Mr. Fletcher.
- b) **Grizebeck Community Hall – signage on A595**
Cllr. Byrne had received costings for two signs. The cost would be £814. This has been forwarded to Gay Kelly and Yvonne Frost, Members of the Grizedale Community Centre Committee.
- c) **Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595 at Marshside**
There was no update on this.
Action: Cllr. Byrne and County Cllr. Brereton to co-ordinate on this issue
- d) **Proposed Housing Development**
Cllr. McPherson reported that the application for the housing development has been delayed due to extra planning being carried out with regard to the run off water. He had been informed by Holker Estates that the submission of the application to SLDC is imminent. A letter of response had been received from Holker Estates with regard to Kirkby Hall Farm, this was read out. It was agreed that it satisfactorily addressed the concerns raised by the Parish Council in their letter.
- e) **Flooding**
Cllr. Grieve reported back on the all day meeting and site visits with various agencies, which was held on 9th February 2018. Representatives from SLDC and the South Cumbria Rivers Trust Authority and the Environmental Agency had attended the meeting. Cllr. Grieve provided a summary of the discussions held and advised that despite some disappointment, all in all the meeting had proved positive. He advised that going forward there is an action plan now in place to address the issues with regard to the flooding in the area, which will hopefully result in some preventative work being undertaken by the relevant authorities. This therefore remains an ongoing issue. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Grieve for all his hard work in relation to this issue and for his excellent organisation of the meeting held on the 9th February 2018.

It was noted that permission from Highways will be required for siting of storage units as the following proposed sites:-

- Grizebeck
- Chapels
- Marshside

Cllr. Grieve to forward to the Clerk photographs of the proposed sites so the Clerk can write to Highways seeking their permission.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to forward photographs of sites to the Clerk

Action: Clerk to contact Highways seeking their permission

It was also agreed that a letter should be sent to Holker Estates advising them that a storage unit will be placed on the car park at Soutergate.

Action: Clerk to write to Holker Estates advising of siting of storage unit at Soutergate car park

f) **School Road – zig zag lines**

Cllr. Byrne had received a letter from Victoria Upton apologising for the delay in the work to extend the zig zag lines. She advised that it will now hopefully take place at February half term.

g) **Footpath – Soutergate to Beckside**

Cllr. Winstanley reported that the condition of this path continues to deteriorate and as yet no solution has been found to address it. He advised that land does belong to Holker Estates, however, he has been informed by CCC that Holker are not allowed to fence the area off to stop people using it as this would be seen to be restricting access to the land. Cllr. Grieve suggested trying to arrange a meeting of the parties involved to try to remedy the stalemate which has arisen. Cllr. Grieve to arrange meeting with the with the parties. Concern was expressed to the danger it poses to walkers and it was agreed for Cllr. McPherson to mention it in the Parish Newsletter to make the public aware of it.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to arrange a meeting with the relevant parties

Action: Cllr. McPherson to place an article in the Parish Newsletter

h) **Development at Beanthwaite**

There has still not been any response from the National Park Authority with regard to this development.

i) **Footpath Herschel Terrace to Sandside**

A discussion took place regarding the state of this path and it was noted that it is only really bad in one particular area. The email received from Guy Temperley of Countryside Access, CCC was referred to and the fact that if the Parish Council wish for work to be carried out to improve the path, then external funding would need to be found so that CCC could match fund through their Rights of Way Improvement programme. It was agreed that this was not something the Parish Council was responsible for as the land is privately owned. Cllr. McPherson to write to Mr. Temperley with regard to this issue.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to write to Mr. Temperley

j) **Parking at Marshside**

A letter from Mr. Wilkinson had been received regarding the issue of parking at Marshside following the extension of the white lines. It was agreed that Cllr. Byrne would contact Highways and ask them to repaint the lines to their original length. The Clerk to write to Mr. Wilkinson advising him of this.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Highways with regarding to repainting the white lines

Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Wilkinson

12. **Statutory Requirements**

None

13. **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

There had been no meeting of the Trust Fund since the last Parish Meeting.

14. **Accounts**

- a) A financial statement for the month of January 2018 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £132 was approved for the month of February 2018.
- c) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th March 2018, was approved.
- d) The payment of £40 each to 7 residents in relation to the Parish Council's contributions to electricity for street lights was approved.

- e) Projects for funding – Cllr. Grieve informed that there is a volunteer force carrying out work around the village and providing funding to assist with their work could be considered. Cllr. Grieve to find out more details of work carried out by the group.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to find out more details of work carried out by the volunteer force

- f) The following costings in relation to the meeting on 9th February 2018 regarding the flooding were approved:
- £104 for hire of the mini bus for site visits
 - £40 for the hire of the Kirkby Community Centre Hall

15. Planning

The following planning applications had been received:

- **7/2018/5002** – Tenter Bank Farm, Grizebeck
There were no objections or comments to this application.
- **SL/2018/0046** – Beckside Cottage, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness
The issue of parking was discussed, however, it was agreed that this application would not have a detrimental effect on parking in the area. There were therefore no objections or comments to this application.

16. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and was placed in the folder for distribution:

- a) CALC – Circular – February 2018
- b) SLDC – Stakeholder Consultation: Review on Local Government Ethical Standards

These were placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.

17. Any Other Business

- Kirkby Wind Farm
Cllr. Winstanley informed that, to-date, no appeal has been made against the SLDC planning decision on the Kirkby Wind Farm. He advised that there is a Restoration of Kirkby Moor Meeting, which he is going to attend and will report back to the Parish Council.

It was noted that the other items noted for Any Other Business had already been discussed under the relevant items on the agenda.

18. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Homes

19. Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th March 2018 at 7.00 pm
Beckside Rooms, Beckside

Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council