

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 21st June 2018 at Marshside Methodist Church

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. M. Irving, J. Byrne, I. Winstanley

Present:

M. McPherson, (Chairman) H.R. Saunders, R. Morrish, F. Wayles, G. Grieve, W. Todd,
M. Jackson, B. Copley
District Cllrs. M. Brereton, T. Coward

2. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

The Vice-Chair, Cllr. Jackson, signed the declaration of office.

3. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

4. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Chairman's Remarks

None.

6. Open Forum

A member of the Community Centre Committee gave an update with regard to the progress of fund raising for the proposed building work, to-date £170,000 has been received in funding.

The condition of the wall on the incline was discussed at some length. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Holker regarding the rebuilding of the part of the wall that has fallen down.

Action: Clerk to write to Holker regarding Incline Wall

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Pavements/walkways
- BT phone boxes
- Grizebeck Junctions signs
- Grass cutting
- Mr. Curwen
- Grants Applications/Capital projects
- Affordable Housing

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) The Clerk had written a letter of thanks to Mr. Curwen. District Cllr. Coward informed that she has arranged a meeting with Mr. Curwen to discuss ongoing projects/issues following his departure from the District Council.
- b) The Clerk had forwarded a list of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators to Cllr. Morrish.
- c) Cllr. Morrish had prepared a draft letter to send to existing co-ordinators to ask if they would be willing to fill vacancies in other areas. The Clerk to forward this letter to

the co-ordinators. It was suggested that a meeting with the co-ordinators and PCSO for the area could be arranged.

Action: Clerk to write to Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators

- d) The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Byrne with regard to ascertaining what permission is required from Highways with regard to “drive-safely” signs being erected in the village. It was agreed to await Highways reply before researching this matter further.
- e) The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Brereton with regard to the replacement of a salt bin on Burlington Close. Cllr. Brereton advised he will contact SLDC with regard to this.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to request SLDC for a salt bin for Burlington Close

- f) The Clerk had received an email from CC regarding the cutting back of the vegetation at Muirlands. They had informed that this is part of a rolling programme and will be carried out in the next few weeks. It was reported that it would appear that this has already taken place, however, not cut far enough back. Cllr. Grieve to take a photo of the area and forward to Clerk so Clerk can write to them again with regard to this issue.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to take photo of Muirlands area

Action: Clerk to forward a letter to CCC sending photo and ask for vegetation to be cut back further

- g) Cllr. Grieve had researched the possibility of the Council having a facebook page but this was decided against. He presented a report on his research of the Parish having a new webpage. This was also linked in with each Parish Councillor having their own email address from one domain. He provided information which was placed in the pack for Councillors information. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- h) Cllr. Grieve had attended a meeting with CCC with regard to the areas where there is concern of flooding. He reported that it was a positive meeting. CCC are considering making changes to infrastructure in certain areas to try to alleviate the problems currently being experienced. They will however need to consider how to access funds to carry out any identified work.
- i) Cllr. Byrne had forwarded the correspondence from a resident regarding the state of the pathways to Cllr. Brereton.
- j) Cllr. Brereton had raised the issue of overgrown vegetation on pathways around the village with County Stewards, who had informed that they are not a priority at the moment but would send someone to look at them. He informed that CCC are currently carrying out a programme of weed spraying.
- k) Clerk had contacted Cllr. Byrne regarding the confusing signage on A595. Cllr. Byrne had provided the Clerk with all correspondence with Highways, from 2016, with regard to this issue. The Clerk shared this correspondence with the meeting. It was felt the response to the concerns raised at that time was not satisfactory. Cllr. Saunders to discuss this issue with Cllr. Byrne.

Action: Cllr. Saunders to contact Cllr. Byrne to discuss the signage on the A595 at Grizebeck

- l) Cllr. Grive had prepared a draft letter to Holker Estates regarding the state of the footpath between Soutergate and Beckside.
- m) The Clerk had forwarded the above letter to Holker Estates.
- n) Cllr. McPherson had contacted Mr. Temperley regarding the footpath between Sandside and Herschell Terrace. Mr. Temperley confirmed he had contacted the land owner who advised the work that he carried out to the path was in line with the stipulated regulations. The Land Owner had also advised Mr. Temperley that he would not speak direct with the Parish Council.
- o) Cllr. Brereton will now contact Network Rail to discuss cutting back of the overgrown shrubbery on the land adjacent to the station.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to contact Network rail re cutting of shrubbery on land adjacent to the station

- p) The Clerk had written to Holker requesting a response to the Parish Council’s letter asking for permission for the storage units. No response had been received to date. A response had been received from Highways who had agreed to the siting of the storage units at Marshside and Grizebeck, providing the Parish Council had third

party insurance. They did not however agree to the siting of the unit at Chapels and asked the Parish Council to consider another site at this location.

- q) The Clerk had written to Holker regarding the overgrown vegetation and trees on the incline. No response had been received to date.
- r) See above note under item (g) above.

10. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

a) Police Report

There was no police report.

b) A595 and Highways

- It was reported that Highways have advised that Askew Gate Brow would be re-dressed in 2019.
- It was noted that the trees opposite the vicarage have still not been cut back. Cllr. Brereton to arrange this with SLDC.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to request SLDC to cut back trees opposite the vicarage.

c) Hotline Reports

Nothing was reported

d) Hotline Progress

Cllr. Todd reported that there is positive feedback/possible action from Karen Dockery regarding Low Ghyll and High Ghyll where the road is collapsing.

11. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Reports

Footpaths & Cycleways

The Annual Meeting of this group had been held in June. It was reported that most of the footpaths in the parish are now well established and a great deal of work on them has been carried out over the last 12 months.

b) Actions

No actions reported.

12. Current Matters

a) National Grid's Proposals

There was nothing to report on this item.

b) Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595 at Marshside

Cllr. Brereton reported that CCC Highways are currently carrying out a feasibility study on the A595 at Grizbeck.

c) Flooding

- Cllr. Grieve reported that he has been advised by the Environmental Agency that flood defence work is to be carried out at Soutergate this Summer.
- With regard to the debris at the bridge at Grizebeck, Cllr. Grieve reported that not much progress has been made with regard to this but the matter is still ongoing.

d) Footpath – Soutergate to Beckside

As already reported, a letter has been sent to Holker regarding this footpath and a reply is awaited. Cllr. Grieve will forward a copy of the letter to Geoff Fewkes of the Countryside Access Team, CCC

Action: Cllr. Grieve to forward a copy of letter to Holker, to Geoff Fewkes

Cllr. Grieve advised that there is a firm commitment from Holker to address the issue with the path. There is to be site visit to discuss this. Cllr. Grieve will keep the Council updated.

e) Footpath Herschel Terrace to Sandside

It was decided that if the work on the path had been carried out to the correct regulations at the time the work was done as reported, there is nothing the Parish Council can do at this time to address the state the path is now in.

f) Street Lighting

It was noted that the maintenance contract with CCC is now in operation (as from April). The Clerk is to report any faults with the lights on the CCC portal and therefore asked Councillors to report any faults to her.

g) Kirkby Wind Farm

It was reported that Ventient Energy are appealing the SLDC Planning committee's decision to reject the application to extend the life of the wind farm. The UK Planning Inspectorate will now consider the appeal. It was reported that SLDC intend to fully defend the appeal.

13. Statutory Requirements

The Clerk had led a training session for the Councillors on GDPR on Thursday 24th May. The training had been well attended. All the documents that the Parish Council are required to have in place were presented to the Councillors at the training session. The Chair proposed that all the policies and procedures be agreed. This was seconded and all Councillors were in agreement. The documents that are required to be published on the Parish Website will now be uploaded. The Chair thanked the Clerk for her work.

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

A meeting of the Trust Fund had been held and the following donations had been made:

- £151.20 – Community Centre for Health and Safety Signs
- £720.00 – Community Centre for hire of the marquee for the Gala
- £300.00 – Community Centre for printing of the raffle tickets and a replacement oven
- £250.00 – Friends of Burlington School for “Burlington’s got Talen”
- £300.00 – Little Acorns for 50th Birthday celebrations.

15. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for the month of May 2018 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) It was reported that that The Parish Council had passed the Internal Audit. The Parish Council again approved:
 - i. The Annual Governance Statement – approved and signed
 - ii. The Accounting Statement – approved and signedThe Certificate of Exemption was signed by the RFO (Clerk) and the Chairman this will now be submitted to the External Auditor and the relevant documents published on the web site and the Parish Notice Board.
- c) The Clerks salary of £150 for the month of June 2018 was approved.
- d) The payment of £37.40 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th July was approved.
- e) Projects for funding
 - (i) Seats - The request from the Royal British Legion for a donation towards three seats that they are proposing to purchase and place around the village was discussed. It was proposed that £500 be donated for this purpose. This was seconded and agreed by all Councillors. The donation will be made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- f) The payment of £20.00 for the hire of the Methodist Church hall for the Parish Meeting was approved.

16. Planning

- The following planning applications had been received and considered:
 - SL/2018/0452 – 6 Burlington Close, Kirkby-in-Furness
No objections or comments
 - SL/2018/0383 – Bell Hall Farm, Kirkby-in-Furness
No objections or comments.
- The following notifications had been received:
 - 7/2018/5214 – Knott End Farm, Grizbeck – Erection of a utility building/barn - The planning application had been withdrawn.

SLDC are no longer sending out paper copies of the planning applications. They will only be available on line. This proves problematic for the Parish Council as not all Councillors have access to the internet and the Parish Council do not have the equipment to present the applications at meetings. This issue was discussed at some length and it was agreed for the Clerk to write to SLDC raising the Parish Councils objections to this move.

Action: Clerk to write to SLDC

17. Correspondence

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

- Duddon Inshore Rescue – Safety Sign for Duddon Estuary

Action: Clerk is to request more information on the signs

- CCC – Stagecoach 7 service - cancelled

Cllr. Brereton reported that he had raised his concerns on the cancelling of this service at the full council meeting today. He informed that this was not the only service in the area that had been axed by Stagecoach.

- CALC – June Newsletter
- CALC – May North West Coastal Access Update
- Letter from Robin Conrah – Bus Shelter

As this letter had only been received after the publication of the Agenda, this item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting under Projects.

18. Any Other Business

- **Pavements/Walkways/Roads**

- The possibility of having a lengthsman to carry out work around the area was raised and discussed. This will be placed on the Agenda, under Projects for the next meeting.
- It was reported that the vegetation at the side of the road at Grizebeck needs cutting back. Also at Buckhorn Lane. Cllr. Brereton to request CCC to carry out this work.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to request CCC to carry out this work.

- **BT Phoneboxes**

The issue of empty phone boxes was raised. It was agreed that if they are empty they should be removed. Clerk to write to BT and ask that the empty boxes be removed.

Action: Clerk to write to BT

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

19. Deferred Actions Review

- Affordable Homes

The issue of affordable homes was discussed in relation to the proposed housing development adjacent to the School.

20. Date of the next Meeting

**Thursday 19th July at 7.00 pm
Beckside Room, Beckside**

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**