

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th November 2018 at Beckside Rooms, Beckside

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. F. Wayles, I. Winstanley, District Cllr. T. Coward

Present:

M. McPherson, (Chairman) H.R. Saunders, G. Grieve, W. Todd, B. Copley, M. Irving, J. Byrne,
M. Jackson Cllrs. R. Morrish,
District/County Cllr M. Brereton

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman informed that he has been advised there is knott weed between the A595 and entrance to the caravan site. He is in the process of reporting this to the Cumbria County Council who will deal with this under noxious weeds.

5. Open Forum

No comments made.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Drains – Friars Grounds
- Leaves on road
- Woodmans Cottage Light
- Stones in the Beck at Grizebeck
- Rates
- Signs
- Camera on the A5092

7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

Cllr. Brereton informed the meeting that he is also attending the Lowick Parish Council Meeting this evening so will only be in attendance for part of the meeting. The Councillors agreed for Cllr. Brereton to give his report at this point.

A595 Consultation

Cllr. Brereton apologised for not attending the last Parish Meeting, which was held just as the consultation process had been announced. He explained that he was out of the Country. He stated that he believes that the proposal most favoured, the blue route, could be workable with a few adjustments. He advised the meeting of a few of the changes which he believed should be incorporated into the design. He stated that the Community must have a great deal of input at the next part of the consultation. He advised that he is cautiously optimistic that the bypass will come to fruition. He stated that he is hopeful that the local community could benefit from the proposal through funding for other community amenities, walkways, landscaping of the area around the road etc.

He also advised that in the LEPs planning they have allowed for a crawl lane on the A5092 at Benathwaite Hill, however, if this does go ahead, it would not be until 2025/30.

Bus Service

He informed that a volunteer bus service is to run on a Wednesday to/from Kirkby to/from Ulverston and Barrow. It is run by a volunteer group. He advised the service will be funded through fundraising and grants. Cllr. Brereton to forward the Clerk the contact details of the Volunteer group in order that an up to date timetable for the service can be placed in the Parish Newsletter and on the noticeboard.

Cutting of trees opposite the Vicarage

Cllr. Brereton advised this is in hand.

Grit Bin

Cllr. Brereton advised that SLDC have stated the replacement of the grit bins is the responsibility of CCC not them.

Solar signs

Cllr. Breton stated he is aware that a great deal of the solar signs around the area are not working. He advised that he is going to push to have something done about these, even if it is to remove them. He stated that he believes when they are not working they give the impression that you are not speeding, even if you are.

Network Rail ground

Cllr. Brereton reported he has not got anywhere with this issue at the present time.

Camera on the pole on the A5092

Cllr. Brereton advised that he is not entirely sure why the camera has been installed but could possibly be connected to the A595 by-pass consultation.

Wind Farm

Cllr. Brereton advised that he has submitted his comments against renewal of the licence of the Wind Farm for the appeal hearing.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) The Clerk had written to the A595 Action Committee offering them thanking them for all their efforts and hard work in connection with the A595. A letter of thanks had been received from them.
- b) The Clerk had arranged a meeting with Cllr. Copley, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Standing of Duddon Inshore Rescue regarding the signs to be placed warning of the dangers on the Estuary. The meeting had taken place and a colleague of Mr. Standing's had also been in attendance. Cllr. Copley gave a report to the meeting. The Clerk will now write to Network Rail and Mr. Coward requesting their permission for the siting of the signs.

Action: Clerk to write to Network Rail and Mr. Coward re signs for the estuary

- c) The Clerk had written to local firms about the speeding, apart from BAE as it was proving difficult finding out who to address this to. A response had been received from Sellafeld and Burlington Aggregates which were read out by the Chairman and placed in the correspondence pack.

Action: Clerk to forward speeding letter to BAE

- d) Cllr. Todd will contact United Utilities to discuss the blocked drains at Springfield and the Sewers at Marshside.

Action: Cllr. Todd to contact Untitled Utilities

- e) Cllr. Brereton had already provided his report on the cutting back of the trees opposite the Vicarage. Cllr. Byrne had received a reply from SLDC with regard to the trees. They had advised they will carry out the work.
- f) The Clerk had written to SLDC planning inviting a representative to attend the meeting. No response had been received. The Clerk to write again.

Action: Clerk to write to SLDC Planning Department

- g) Clerk had booked Beckside Rooms for meeting on 9th November 2018.
- h) The Clerk had reported the Highways vaults through the portal apart from the cutting of the hedge on the A5092 as she had struggled to locate the exact spot where the hedge needed cutting. The Clerk had produced a print out of the various areas around the village and asked the Cllrs., going forward, to mark on the maps the exact position of the faults.
- i) The Clerk had written to Holker regarding the siting of the storage unit at Chapels but had not yet received a response. The Clerk to chase Holker.

Action: Clerk to write to Holker

- j) Cllr. Grieve had inspected the sandbags at the various locations.
- k) The Clerk had contacted Mr. O'Neill at CCC and provided Cllr. Grieve's contact details in order that they could meet with regard to the drop of sandbags at Chapels. Cllr. Grieve had met with Mr. O'Neill and the drop off of sandbags at the locations that need replenishing has been arranged.
- l) The Clerk had written to BT chasing a response re replacement of the glass panels at the phonebox at Marshide. BT had replied apologising for the delay and advising that the fault had been listed and will be carried out in due course.
- m) Cllr. McPherson had advised the public of the Council's proposal for a Lengthsman in Newsletter. The only response had been from some people at Grizebeck who had asked that if a Lengthsman is employed that he also carry out work at Grizebeck. Reassurance was given that all areas will be considered for work and will be dealt with on a priority basis. It was agreed by all Councillors that a Lengthsman should be employed and the request for an increase in the precept to cover this should be made.
- n) Cllr. McPherson had placed a note of thank to Mr. Dickinson in the Newsletter.

Cllr. Grieve noted that there were two additional actions:

- Clerk to write to SLDC re dropped curbs
 - The Clerk confirmed she had written to SLDC regarding dropped curbs and awaits a reply
- Clerk to write to CCC for update on the testing of the wall at Marshside which was carried out last year.
 - The Clerk confirmed she had written to CCC about this and awaits a reply.

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

a) Police Report

Cllr. McPherson read out the police report which had been received. This will be placed in the pack for distribution.

b) A595 and Highways

A595 Improvement Grizebeck By-pass - Consultation

The Parish Council had met on the 9th November to discuss/prepare their response to the consultation. The Minutes of that Meeting were placed in the pack for distribution. The response was submitted by email and post to CCC and posted on the Parish Website. Cllr. McPherson reported that the A595 Action Group had provided the Parish Council with a copy of their response to the proposals and this will also be placed in the pack and placed on the Parish Website. Cllr. Byrne to email a copy of the A595 Action response to Cllr. Brereton.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to email Cllr. Brereton a copy of A595 Action Group response to A595 consultation

Grizebeck Hall Signage

Cllr. Byrne reported that she has been informed by Victoria Upton that the signage was now in place.

Chapels – HGV problem

Victoria Upton had advised Cllr. Byrne that Highways were unaware of the problem that the signage at Chapels was causing. She had suggested that any funding with regard to resolving this should be made through Cllr. Brereton.

c) Hotline Reports

The following were reported:-

Damage to Grass Verge

It was reported that a truck delivering to CGP park on the grass verge at Grizebeck is continuously causing damage. The Clerk to contact the haulage firm to discuss.

Action: Clerk to contact Haulage Firm

Drains – Four Lane Ends to Soutergate

A problem is still being experienced with the drainage in this area. It is believed that roots in the drains have caused damage to the drains and results in the problems being experienced.

d) Hotline Progress

CCC had reported that they have now dealt with the Ragwort which was reported in August.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Reports

Burlington School – The School had attended the service of Remembrance at the Quarry. Cllr. McPherson also noted that the unveiling service at Four Lane Ends had been well attended by members of the Village, including some of the Children from the School. He reported that the service had been well organised and thanked the Members of the Kirkby branch of the Royal British Legion for all their hard work.

Pylons

Toshiba have announced that they are winding up the UK unit behind the Moorside Nuclear Power Station after it failed to find a buyer. Therefore at the moment the power station will not go ahead.

Neighbourhood Watch

A request for Neighbourhood Watch Co-Ordinators will be placed in the Parish Newsletter again.

b) Actions

No actions reported.

11. Current Matters

a) National Grid's Proposals

This had been reported under Item 10.

b) Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595

The Parish Council have not yet received a copy of the report in respect of the data collected on the speed measurement apparatus which had been placed around the Village.

c) Flooding

Cllr. Grieve reported that there were no further updates on the issues of flooding. He had chased a response from Geoff Fewkes but still not received a reply. No reports of flooding had been received following the recent heavy rain. However, the river at Grizebeck had risen to near the top of the Bridge.

Cllr. Irving reported that CCC had attended Grizebeck to clear the stone trap, however, they were unable to do so as a trailer with a boat on was obstructing their access to the trap. Cllr. Grieve said he will contact Karen Dockeray to discuss this.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Karen Dockeray with regard to clearing the stone trap at Grizebeck

d) Footpath – Soutergate to Beckside

Cllr. Grieve reported there had been no progress on this issue since the last meeting. A response from Geoff Fewkes is still awaited.

e) Counsel website and email address

Cllr. Grieve is considering different options and will report back to the Parish Council in due course.

f) Shrubbery on land adjacent to the station

This has been dealt with by Cllr. Brereton earlier in the meeting.

g) Trees – opposite the Vicarage

This had been dealt with by Cllr. Brereton and Cllr. Byrne earlier in the meeting.

h) Phone box at Marshside

A response had been received from BT. They have now registered the report and will send an Engineer to fix the problem in due course.

i) **Signage at Grizebeck**

This had been dealt with by Cllr. Byrne earlier in the meeting.

12. **Statutory Requirements**

There was nothing to report under this item.

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

There was nothing to report under this item as there had not been a meeting of the Trust Fund Group since the last Parish Meeting. Cllr. McPherson informed the Councillors that the Christmas Tree for Four Lane Ends has been ordered and will arrive early December.

14. **Accounts**

- a) A financial statement for the month of October was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £150 and expenses of £24.84 for the month of October 2018 were approved.
- c) The payment of £38.00 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th December 2018 was approved.
- d) It was noted that the donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion in respect of the centenary celebrations was not now required as the RBL had managed to raise sufficient funds. The Clerk informed the meeting that the seats purchased by the RBL and adopted by the Parish Council have now been added to the insurance policy. There was no additional cost to this year's policy. It will however result in an increase of £12.00 when the policy is renewed.
- e) The donation of £500 to the Kirkby Moor Protectors was approved. This is in respect of the contribution to the cost of instructing a Barrister to represent the group at the forthcoming appeal by Zephyr Investments Limited regarding the Wind Turbines.
- f) **Community Grant Fund**
The submission date for applications for 2018 has now closed. If the grant is offered again in 2019, consideration will be given to projects which may be eligible for the funding.
- g) **Projects for funding**
 - i. Bus Shelter – No update has yet been received from CCC. The Clerk to chase.
Action: Clerk to write to CCC chasing response regarding a bus shelter

15. **Planning**

- a) **Applications**
 - SL/2018/0894 - Cherry Cottage Head Cragg - Conversion of attached garage to domestic accommodation with installation of replacement door and window
There were no comments or objections to this application.
 - SL/2018/0856 - High Bridge Lodge - Erection of single lodge to be used as dwelling, use of existing lodge as a holiday let and siting of 2 containers for storage
There were no comments or objections to this application.
- b) **Applications with a decision**
 - SL/2018/0325 - Ginnyring Cottage Grizebeck – This application has been withdrawn 23/10/2018
 - SL/2018/0657 - Brookside Beanthwaite – This application had been granted with Conditions
 - SL/2018/0782 - Woodmans Cottage, Grizebeck - Granted with conditions
 - SL/2018/0736 Rosslare Askew Gate Brow - Granted with Conditions
 - SL/2018/0722 – 4 Marshside, Kirkby-in-Furness – Granted with conditions.
- c) **Paperless planning – SLDC and National Park Authority**
This item had been reported at Item 8(f).

Planning Enforcement Issues

- SLDC have advised that the Caravan at Fairview has now been moved.
- Possible breach of planning conditions at School House, Grizebeck was reported to the Council. The Clerk will raise these concerns with the Lake District National Park Authority.

Action: Clerk to report possible planning breach to the Lake District National Park

16. Correspondence

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

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct – November issue
- b) LCR – Autumn 2018
- c) CALC - Notice of Annual General Meeting
- d) CCC - Bus Service – X7 – Kirkby-in-Furness to Barrow
- e) ACT – Gazette Autumn/Winter 2018
- f) North West Coastal Monthly Update
- g) Kirkby Community Centre – Buy a Brick donation

Cllr. McPherson reported that £3,000 has been raised through this scheme. As a point of interest, it was noted that only 2 of the people who have bought a brick are under the age 40 and yet this is the age group that will benefit most from the development of the community centre.

17. Any Other Business

- **Drains at Friars Ground**

Problems are still being experienced with the drains at Friars Ground. In addition to the collapse of the drains, falling leaves are aggravating the problem and the drains and gullies are flooding. Clerk to report collapsed drain and the need for leaves to be swept to CCC.

Action: Clerk to report problem with drains to CCC

- **Woodmans Cottage**

A security light has been fitted to Woodmans Cottage. The angle of the light causes problems to oncoming drivers as it is too bright. The Clerk to contact the owner of the cottage and ask for the light to be tilted slightly.

Action: Clerk to contact owner of Woodmans Cottage and ask for the light to be tilted slightly

- **Moorhouse – Chevrons**

Cllr. Saunders suggested that the chevrons on this part of the A5092 need increasing.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways to request the chevrons on the A5092 at Moorhouse are increased.

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

Nothing to report.

19. Date of the next Meeting

The date of the December meeting was listed for Thursday 20th December, however this was rearranged to Thursday 13th December.

Alison Field

Clerk to the Parish Council