

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 20th February 2019 at the Methodist Church, Marshside

1. Apologies for Absence:

Present:

M. McPherson, (Chairman) H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, B. Copley, R. Morrish, G. Grieve, J. Byrne, M. Jackson, I. Winstanley, W. Todd

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported that he is currently trying to promote the Kirkby website and has placed an article in the Parish Newsletter about it.

5. Open Forum

Footpath 539507

Mr. Anderson raised the unsatisfactory condition of footpath 539507 on Kirkby Moor. He explained that when Burlington Stone asked for planning permission to reroute the footpath, due to expansion of the quarry, the footpath group had no objections, they did however, raise the issue of how unsafe the previously rerouted path was and asked for something to be done. He advised that he has been contacted by an Ulverston walking group highlighting that the path is still in an unsatisfactory condition. He informed the problem is between the ponds and the wind turbines. He asked if the Parish Council would raise this with Burlington Stone and ask them to carry out work on the path to make it safe. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Burlington Stone.

Action: Clerk to write to Burlington Stone re footpath 539507

Footpath Beckside to Soutergate

Mr. Anderson raised the dangerous condition of this path. Cllr. Grieve advised that CCC have made an application to divert the path away from the watercourse and the Parish Council had raised a number of issues in response. The Clerk reported that a reply has now been received from Geoff Fewkes of CCC, who advised:

- There are no plans to fence the diverted path on the border with the watercourse and if the Parish Council wish for this to be done, they suggested the Parish Council approach the landowner or manager.
- The diversion will be permanent, and although he recognised it would be advantageous to undertake bank stabilisation works to limit further meandering of the watercourse in that location, he advised there is no funding or capacity to do so at this time. However, he had stated that they would be interested if any third party funding could be secured to assist with any works.

It was agreed for Cllr. Grieve to contact Geoff Fewkes and other relevant parties to discuss the above.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Geoff Fewkes regarding the footpath between Beckside and Soutergate

Community Centre

Mr. Anderson updated the meeting on how the building work on the Community Centre was progressing. The Chairman congratulated the Committee for their achievements with raising the funds for the build.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

Grit bin soutergate
Road sweeping
Drains
Postal Deliveries
Stream at Beanthwaite

7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) The Clerk had forwarded a letter to Network asking if the Estuary Warning signs could be mounted on their crossing gates. Mr. Casson from Network had contacted the Clerk and confirmed their agreement. The Clerk is to contact him again and ask if a sign can also be erected on the gate which leads onto the Estuary at the Station.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr. Casson, Network Rail regarding the sign at the Station

- b) Cllr. Todd had contacted Karen Dockeray of Highways with regard to the blocked drains at Springfield and the road has now been swept.
- c) Cllr. Todd had contacted United Utilities regarding the Sewers at Marshside and they are attending the site within the next 5 days.
- d) Cllr. Morrish has been in touch with some of the people who had expressed an interest in becoming Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. Cllr. Morrish to devise a list of the criteria to assist the new members with the role.
- Action: Cllr. Morrish to prepare criteria for Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators**
- e) Cllr. McPherson had placed a warning about scam operators in the area in the Parish Magazine.
- f) Cllr. Byrne had contacted Helen, at Highways about the need for a green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck. Helen had advised that she will look into this issue.
- g) Cllr. McPherson reported that the CCC Community Meeting regarding the consultation of the A595 Grizebeck bypass will be on Wednesday 27th February 2019 at Grizebeck Community Centre
- h) The Clerk had reported the highway defects on the portal.
- i) The light at Grizebeck had not sustained any damage following the collision by the Coach.
- j) Cllr. Byrne had emailed a copy of the speed results to the Clerk and the Chairman. A copy was placed in the correspondence pack.
- k) Cllr. Grieve had contacted Seamus Giles to query the timescale of the work on the A595 at Marshside to alleviate the flooding, but has not yet had a response.
- l) Cllr. Grieve had emailed the detail of the grant for the Churchyard to Cllr. Brereton for him to chase payment.
- m) As he was not in attendance at the meeting there was no update available from Cllr. Brereton with regard to the grant for the churchyard.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to chase payment of the grant in respect of the Churchyard

- n) The Clerk had submitted the Councils questions to CCC following their notification of the proposed diversion of Footpath No. 539070, between Beckside and Soutergate and a response had been received. It was noted that this had been discussed under Item 5 on the agenda.

- o) The Clerk had contacted Holker Estates, Georgina Hurley chasing a reply to the Council's letter about the siting of the memorial seat at Soutergate car park and the storage unit at Chapels. Ms Hurley wishes to have a site meeting. The Chairman will contact her to arrange a meeting. The Clerk to also provide Cllr. Grieve with her contact details.
Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Georgina Hurley of Holker Estates regarding the siting of the memorial seat at Soutergate and the storage unit at Chapels
Action: Clerk to forward Georgina Hurley's contact details to Cllr. Grieve.
- p) The Clerk had notified CCC of the resignation of Cllr Wayles and posted the vacancy on the parish noticeboard.
- q) The Clerk has still to source a cheaper electricity provider
Action: Clerk to try to source a cheaper electricity provider
- r) The Clerk had submitted the request for the precept.
- s) The Clerk had written to Mr. Cornah reporting the decision of CCC with regard to the request to review the siting of the bus stop on School Road.
- t) The Clerk had written to the Community Centre Committee advising them of the Parish Council's decision to donate the CIL towards the building work being carried out on the centre.
- u) The Clerk had written to SLDC to chase an update on the suspected planning breach at Ginnyring Cottage. SLDC have advised that the person who is dealing with it is currently on annual leave.
- v) Cllr. Winstanley had written to Peter McCall regarding the increase in council tax for additional policing. He had received a reply, which he read out, confirming the additional funds will be used to recruit police officers not PCSO's
- w) The Clerk had reported the poor state of repair of the northern train shelter at the Station to Northern, who are responsible for the station. It was noted that there is a rail users group in Cumbria. Cllr. Byrne to research what work the group carry out.
Action: Cllr. Byrne to research the Cumbria rail users group.
- x) Cllr. McPherson had contacted the school regarding testing of the air quality. The Head had advised that the School had not carried out any testing.
- y) Cllr. McPherson had placed the requirement for registration of affordable homes in the Parish Newsletter.

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

a) Police Report

A police report had been received from Debbie Ross, PCSO, who is now covering the Kirkby area. This was read out and placed in the correspondence pack.

b) A595/A5092 matters

It was noted that matters regarding A595/A5092 had been reported under other items on the agenda.

c) Hotline Reports

The Clerk is to report the following faults on the portal:-

- Burlington School to Chapels – Grass verges need cutting back from road
- A5092 – Pot hole at Beanthwaite. However, Cllr. Saunders reported that problems are still being experienced so the Clerk to report the problem again.

- **Action: Clerk to report the defects on the CCC portal**

d) Hotline Progress

Notifications had been received from CCC stating the following defects had been fixed:

- Drains on A5092
- School Road - pothole
- Bank End Lane – potholes

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Reports

Youth Activities

Cllr. Winstanley is to check to see if Youth Club is still running

Action: Cllr. Winstanley to check to see if Youth Club is still running

b) Actions

No actions reported.

11. Current Matters

a) Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595

Reported at Item 8(j) on the agenda.

b) Flooding

There was nothing to report under flooding.

c) Footpath Soutergate to Beckside

This had already been discussed under Item 5 on the agenda.

d) Counsel website and email addresses

This is still being explored.

e) Signage at Grizebeck in respect of the Community Hall

This is now in place.

f) Bridge at Marsh Garth

There was no further update on this matter.

g) Wind Turbines

Cllr. McPherson reported back on his attendance at the Appeal hearing. He had prepared a summary which was placed in the pack for distribution. Cllr. McPherson and Cllr. Winstanley were thanked for all the hard work on this matter.

h) Grit Bin – Burlington Close

Cllr. Brereton was not in attendance so there was no update on this matter. It was reported that in addition to the one at Burlington Close a new lid is needed for the one at Sandside. In addition a resident at Soutergate had made a request to the Parish Council for another one to be placed at the Southern end of Soutergate.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to chase the replacement grit bin at Burlington Close

i) Holker – siting of memorial seat at Soutergate and Storage Unit at Chapels

This had been reported on at Item 8(o) on the agenda.

j) Damage to grass verge at Grizebeck

There still has been no response from Ramage Distribution.

k) Duddon Estuary Safety signs

This had already been reported on at Item 8(a) on the agenda.

12. Statutory Requirements

It was agreed that the Council will not co-opt a member onto the Council before the elections, which take place in May. It was noted that the Council still retain a quorum.

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 2019 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.

b) The Clerks salary of £150.00 and expenses of £16.88 for the month of February 2019 were approved.

c) The payment of £37.60 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th March 2019, was approved.

- d) The donation of £756.75 to Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre was approved for building work to improve the Centre's sporting facilities. This sum being the total CIL funds held by the Parish Council.
- e) It was agreed to continue with the FLAG subscription of £10.00.
- f) It was agreed for Cllr. Grieve to become a signatory for the Parish Council Bank Account, replacing Cllr. Wayles who has now retired from the Parish Council.
- g) The payment of £20.00, being the cost of the hire of the Methodist Church for the meeting, was approved.

15. Planning

a) Applications received:

- 7/2018/5748 – Beckstones Cottage, Grizebeck
Two storey extension to the gable end of the house and the erection of a single storey garage – No objections or comments.
- 7/2019/5023 – Beckstones Farmhouse, Grizebeck
Rear and side extensions, replacing windows and insulating and rendering single skin timber frame walls – No objections or comments.

b) Planning Notifications:

- SL/2019/0005 – Dove Ford Farm, Grizebeck – discharge of conditions
- SL/2018/0856 – High Bridge Lodge, Kirkby-in-Furness – Refusal of planning permission
- SL/2018/0894 - Cherry Cottage Head Cragg Kirkby-in-Furness – granted with standard conditions.

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

- School House, Grizebeck – Decision is awaited on the retrospective planning permission which had been submitted.
- Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – The Clerk had chased SLDC for an update and had been informed that the personal dealing with this issue is currently on annual leave.

16. Correspondence

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

- a) Kirkby Gala Committee – The Clerk to advise the Committee that the Parish Council will be present at the Gala.
- b) SLDC – The Great British Spring Clean & Cumbrian Litter Pick – Events the Parish Council could carry out with regard to this was discussed. The Clerk to contact SLDC to find out more information/arrangements for borrowing of equipment to assist with litter picking. Cllr. Winstanley to contact Burlington School to see if this is something they are/would be willing to be involved with.

Action: Clerk to contact SLDC re litter picking

Action: Cllr. Winstanley to contact the School re litter picking

- c) North West Coastal Access Monthly Update – January 2019
- d) LCR Magazine
- e) CALC Newsletter
- f) SLDC – LEAP scheme

17. Any Other Business

- Royal Mail Postal Deliveries – It was noted that Royal Mail Postal Deliveries are somewhat erratic in certain areas of the Village. This issue will be monitored.
- Stream at Beanthwaite – The stream that comes through Beanthwaite is discoloured. The Clerk to contact the Quarry to report this.
 - **Action: Clerk to report the discolouration of the stream at Beanthwaite to the Quarry**

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 Housing - Cllr. McPherson informed that the Developer of the site by the School is currently in discussion with SLDC about the number of houses which will be affordable and this should be resolved soon.

Properties on land next to Beckside Rooms – The Chairman reported that Holker are hoping to employ a builder to start work in early spring.

Bus Shelter on School Road – Nothing to report.

19. Date of next meeting

**Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.00 pm
Beckside Rooms, Beckside**

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**