

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2019 at Becksie Rooms, Becksie

1. Apologies for Absence:

District Cllr. I. Wharton, County Councillor M. Brereton

Present:

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

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Grieve declared an interest at Item 16(a).

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that there will be no publication of the Kirkby Caller this month due to annual holiday. He informed that any discussion of interest to the public will be placed on the website.

5. Open Forum

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Planning Application
- Display Boards
- Woodland Road
- Gate at Marshgarth
- Three Peak Challenge

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 reported the need for the repainting of the road signs at Woodland on the Highways portal.
- b) Cllr. Brereton was not in attendance at the hearing to provide an update on the payment of the grant in respect of the Churchyard. The Clerk to contact Carol Last for an update.
Action: Clerk to contact Carol Last, CCC for update on payment of the grant in respect of the Churchyard
- c) The sourcing of a cheaper electricity supplier is in hand.
Action: Clerk to try to source a cheaper electricity supplier
- d) The Clerk had forwarded an email to Mr. Hosking with regard to the replacement of the grit bins. The email was undeliverable. The Clerk to try to contact Mr. Hosking again.
Action: Clerk to chase a reply from Mr. Hosking regarding replacement of the grit bins

- e) The Clerk had contacted Georgina Hurley of Holker Estates regarding the licence for the storage unit at Chapels. Ms Hurley had informed that she would forward a letter to the Clerk with regard to this, but as yet this has not been received.

Action: The Clerk to contact Georgina Hurley again regarding the licence for the storage unit at Chapels

- f) The Clerk had responded to the Grizebeck resident regarding the speed reduction through Grizebeck.
- g) The Clerk had reported the highway faults on the portal.
- h) The Clerk had forwarded details of the overgrown shrubbery on the A5092 to Cllr. Brereton. It was noted that a Grizebeck resident had also reported the need for this to be cut back to CCC and had copied Cllr. Brereton and the Parish Council into the email, for information.
- i) Cllr. McPherson had spoken with the School regarding the possibility of the children designing a logo for the Parish Council, who had responded positively to the enquiry.
- j) As PCSO Ross is currently on sick leave, it was agreed that Cllr. McPherson would contact her Superior, with regard to the problems with parking at Sandside, which it is believed is exasperated by Commuters parking in that area to catch the train. The Clerk to forward his contact details to Cllr. McPherson. The possibility of using the land owned by Network Rail as a car park to alleviate the problems was discussed. Cllr. Byrne to contact Network Rail to enquire about the possibility of using the land next to the station as a car park.

Action: Clerk to forward details of contact at Police whilst PCSO Ross is on leave

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact the police with regard to the issue of parking at Sandside.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Network Rail to enquire of the possible use of the land next to the station as a car park

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

a) Police Report

No police report as PCSO Debbie Ross, currently not at work.

b) A595/A5092 matters

CCC had provided a report on the speed monitoring that has taken place at Grizebeck. This was discussed.

A letter had been received from the Police Commissioner in response to the Parish Council's letter requesting it visited the Village more often and at different locations. In his letter the Police Commissioner provided the results of recent visits and advised that he does not have the authority to dictate where the mobile unit attends.

CCC had notified of a road closure at Soutergate. This will be placed in the correspondence pack for information.

c) Hotline Reports

- Wrecks Bridge – wall knocked down
- Overgrown Hedges, Buckhorn Lane, Lady Moria Incline – The Clerk also to report these to Cllr. Brereton.
- Overgrown hedge at Beckstones – this needs cutting back

Action: Clerk to report faults on the portal

Action: Clerk to email information of overgrown hedges to Cllr. Brereton

d) Hotline Progress

CCC had notified the Clerk of the defects which had been cleared and the Clerk provided this information to the Councillors.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Reports

Burlington School

Cllr. Scott provided a report and advised that the school had received £30,000 for improvements to the playground. Grants had been received from the National Lottery and the CGP fund. It was noted that part of the criteria for funding was that the playground is open for the Community to use. It was also noted that dog fouling in the vicinity of the school is still a problem. She informed that the School are currently preparing for a flower show.

Kirkby Community Centre

It was reported that the new changing rooms are now in use

b) Actions

No actions reported.

11. Current Matters

a) Flooding

Cllr. Grieve reported that he has contacted Seamus Giles who advised that they are still considering alterations/improvements on the highway at Marshside/Marshgarth in order to alleviate the problem with flooding in that area. With regard to Soutergate, the Environmental Agency have advised that there is no funding allocation from the Government for this and therefore they will need to ascertain third party funding for this.

b) Footpath 53907 - Soutergate to Beckside

Cllr. Grieve reported that due to unforeseen circumstances, it is no longer going to be possible for the Tenant to erect fencing along the bank of the watercourse. It was noted that there is a sewage pipe that runs close to the area it was therefore proposed and agreed that the Parish Council will write to both Holker and the United Utilities with regard to the continued erosion to see if any action can be taken to address this. It was also reported that further erosion of the river bank is taking place, towards Soutergate. It was agreed for Cllr. Grieve to write to the Environmental Agency regarding this to see if this is something they can assist with.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to Holker Estates, United Utilities and the Environmental Agency regarding the erosion of the river bank

c) Counsel website and email addresses

It was agreed that as the current website is working well a new website/email will not be pursued at this time. This item to be taken off the agenda

d) Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck

It was accepted that in light of the proposed by-pass at Grizebeck it is unlikely that any progress can be made with obtaining a green sign on the A595 indicating the route to Barrow. However, it was agreed that this is something that needs addressing as part of the work on the by-pass and therefore the item will be placed under deferred actions.

e) Bridge at Marsh Garth

Cllr. Grieve reported that he is in the process of obtaining quotes for replacing the bridge at Marsh Garth. He has contacted two contractors who were recommended by CCC for quotes and once he has received both quotes he will report back to the Council.

f) Grit Bins

This had been reported under Item 8(d).

g) Storage Unit at Chapels

It was noted that this had been discussed under Item 8(e).

h) Duddon Estuary Safety signs

The signs have not yet been erected. Cllr. Grieve to approach Mr Casson to see when he intends to erect the signs.

i) **Northern Train Shelter**

Cllr. Byrne advised that work on the shelter on one side of the station has been carried out but the shelter on the other platform still needs work. Cllr. Byrne to chase Northern with regard to this work.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Northern Rail regarding repair work to Shelter on the Southbound Platform

j) **Grizebeck Hall signage**

Cllr. Byrne reported that she still awaits a response from Highways with regard to relocating the sign.

k) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**

Under the proposed extension, much of the Kirkby Ireleth Parish area would be within the Lake District National Park. This was discussed at length. It was noted that the Parish Council does not yet have to decide their position with regard to this. Cllr. McPherson urged all Councillors to look into this so that they can make an informed decision as to whether or not the Parish Council should support the proposal.

l) **Dates for the Parish Meetings for the next 12 months**

The dates of the meetings for the next 12 months were agreed.

12. Statutory Requirements

Revision of the Financial Regulations and Standing Orders is ongoing.

13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

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

14. Lengthsman

The Lengthsman carried out the following jobs for June 2019:

- Chapels – Removing ivy off bus shelter, strimming round bus shelter and road signs, cleaning road signs and post box
- Soutergate – Applying preservative waterproof coating to bus shelter

Proposed jobs for the Lengthsman:

- Woodland – clear blocked drain
- Grizebeck – repair damage to grass verge
- Beanthwaite - A5092 – new sign needed on A5092

15. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for June 2019 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £150.00 and expenses of £16.88 for July 2019 were approved.
- c) The payment of £37.40 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th August 2019, was approved.
- d) The payment of £121.27 to the Lengthsman + £24.00 for high visibility jacket was approved.
- e) The payment of £84.23 to E-ON for the period 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2019 was approved.
- f) The payment of £273.00 to Mr. Metcalfe was approved, this being the 2nd payment for the cutting of the grass verges.

16. Planning

- a) **Applications received:**
SL/2019/0583 – Land adjacent to the Knoll, School Road – Erection of two storey dwelling with integral garage. As Cllr. Grieve declared an interest in this item he left the meeting whilst it was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council would submit the comment that they are concerned the impact the development would have on the sky line due to its size.
- b) **Planning Notifications:**
None
- c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**
 - Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – No further update at the current time.

17. Correspondence

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

- a) North West Coastal Access Monthly update
- b) ACT – Gazette
- c) CCC – Stagecoach Route 7 – Millom-Broughton-in-Furness-Askam-Barrow
- d) Clerks and Councils Direct

18. Any Other Business

Display Boards – The possibility of purchasing new display boards was discussed. Cllr. Scott had researched the cost of this and presented her findings to the meeting. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Gate at Marshgarth – It was reported that a new gate is needed on the footpath at Marshgarth. Cllr. Copley to refer this to the Footpaths and Cycleways Group.

Action: Cllr. Copley to report the need for a new gate at Marshgarth to the Footpath and Cycleways Group

Three Peak Challenge - Following a recent serious road traffic accident at Foxfield, the problems being encountered by groups driving between locations whilst carrying out the three peak challenge was discussed. The problems arise through drivers being tired. However, as individuals carry out the event it was noted that there is nothing that the Parish Council could do to address this issue.

19. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Housing – Nothing to report

Bus Shelter on School Road – Nothing to report.

20. Date of Next Meeting

**Thursday 15th August 2019 at 7 pm at
Grizebeck Community Centre**

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**