

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 August 2019 at Grizebeck Community Hall

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. Byrne, Morrish, Copley

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chair), M. Irving, G. Grieve, W. Todd, R. Saunders, G. Scott, M. Jackson, I. Winstanley

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman notified the meeting that the Appeal against SLDC's refusal for the extension of the wind farm had been successful. He reported however, that there is now provision for the clearing of the site when the current licence expires and also if any residents raise an issue with the noise level this has to be monitored by the Wind Farm Company, at their cost.

5. Open Forum

A resident from Grizebeck raised the issue of poor internet reception in the area. He advised of an organisation B4RN (Broadband 4 Rural North) who have had success in connecting rural communities. This was discussed at length. The Chairman advised the Resident that the Parish Council support his efforts with this.

Mr. Anderson reported that the gate at Marsh Garth has now been fixed. He also reported that the Community Centres new changing blocks are now in use. He thanked the Parish Council for their support with this project.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Pothole – Askew Gate
- Gates adjoining footpaths
- Vandalism
- Tractor Run
- Signs
- Hedges
- Soutergate car park

7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were slightly amended, approved and signed.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) The Clerk had contacted Carol Last, CCC for an update on payment of the grant in respect of the Churchyard and she had replied advising that the grant had been de-committed as it had

not been claimed in the financial year of being awarded. Cllr. Grieve reported that Mrs. Last had told him at the beginning of 2018 that the money was to be paid and had not raised any issue at the time about claiming the money that had been awarded. In her recent email to the Clerk Mrs. Last had advised that there are community grant monies available this financial year so the Parish Council could make an application through this fund. The work that would need to be undertaken to solve the problems being experienced with the graveyard was discussed. Cllr. McPherson is to contact Church Officials for their opinion on this and also speak with Carol Last.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Church Officials regarding work needed on graveyard

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Carol Last about the grant

- b) The sourcing of a cheaper electricity supplier is still in process.

Action: Clerk to try to source a cheaper electricity supplier

- c) The Clerk had forwarded another email to Mr. Hosking with regard to the replacement of the grit bins. Karen Dockeray had replied that she is going to place an order for the bins and they will hopefully be in situ before the onset of Winter.
- d) A letter had been received from Holker about the siting of a storage unit at Chapels. This will be discussed under Item 11(a) on the agenda.
- e) The Clerk had forwarded the contact details of PCSO Ross's superior officer to Cllr. McPherson.
- f) Cllr. McPherson will now contact the Superior Officer regarding the problems being experienced with parking at Sandside.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Police regarding the problems with parking at Sandside

- g) Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance at the meeting so this action will be carried forward to the next meeting.

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

- h) The Clerk had reported the highway faults on the portal.
- i) The Clerk had not forwarded details of the overgrown shrubbery bordering roads in the area as she had noted that these were in the process of being cut. It was noted however that whilst they have been cut, this has been done badly. The Clerk to write to Cllr. Brereton to report this and ask him to raise this issue with CCC and also chase the cutting back of the hedge on the A5092 which still has not been carried out and Beckstones.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Brereton regarding the poor standard of the cutting of the hedges in the area and advise that the hedge on the A5092 and Beckstones are still in need of cutting back

- j) Cllr. Grieve had written to Holker Estates, United Utilities and the Environmental Agency with regard to the erosion of the river bank along the footpath from Beckside to Soutergate, this will be reported at Item 11(b).
- k) Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance at the meeting so this action will be carried forward to the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Northern Rail regarding repair work to the shelter on the Southbound platform.

- l) It was noted that a new gate at Marshgarth has been installed.

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

a) Police Report

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

b) A595/A5092 matter

It was reported that a motorcyclist had been knocked off his bike on the A5092/A595 junction.

The Clerk is to write to Cllr. Brereton and ask for an update with regard to the Grizebeck by-pass.

Action: Clerk to write to Cllr. Brereton re update Grizebeck by-pass

c) **Hotline Reports**

- Problems are still being experienced with the potholes at Dove Ford Farm. The Clerk to report this again.
- It was reported that the edge of the road opposite the drs surgery has worn away leaving a rut.

Action: Clerk to report faults on the portal

d) **Hotline Progress**

The Clerk reported that CCC have assessed the give way signs at Woodland and have reported that there is more to do.

The Clerk also reported that although some of the hedges reported have now been cut by CCC, when she reported these initially they had replied they were not responsible for cutting them. Cllr. Todd advised that he has spoken with Karen Dockeray regarding this issue, who had told him the same and then had conceded that it is CCC's responsibility to cut the first meter of hedge (upwards from the road surface), which has now been done. Cllr. Irving reported that local farmers had received a letter from CCC telling them to cut the hedge and if they did not and CCC had to carry out the work, the farmers would be billed for it. Cllr. Irving informed that it is illegal for Farmers to cut hedges between April and October so they cannot carry out this work.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) **Reports**

Footpath & Cycleways – It was reported that the group have cut back the footpath between Chapels and Grizebeck.

b) **Actions**

The Parish Emergency Plan needs to be reviewed and this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to put Emergency Plan on Agenda for next meeting

11. Current Matters

a) **Flooding**

Nothing to report.

b) **Footpath 53907 - Soutergate to Beckside**

As reported above, Holker, United Utilities and the Environmental Agency had all been contacted regarding the ongoing problems with this footpath. A response has been received from United Utilities who advise that they have no proposal or plan to take any further action as this time. A reply is awaited from Holker and the Environmental Agency.

c) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

An estimate for a replacement bridge at Marsh Garth has been received at a cost of £1600, another estimate is awaited. The Clerk and Cllr. Grieve to look at the availability of grants for this work.

Action: Clerk and Cllr. Grieve to look at funding grants for bridge at Marsh Garth

d) **Grit Bins**

This had been reported under Item 8(c).

e) **Storage Unit at Chapels**

A letter had been received from Holker Estates stating that they were not in agreement for a storage to be placed on their land at Chapels. They would however be in agreement for a

second unit to be placed at Soutergate car park. This was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr. Grieve would draft a letter to be sent to Chapels residents advising them that a suitable location for the storage unit has not been found at Chapels and ask if anyone would be willing to have one on their land and, in the alternative, would they be willing to keep a store of sandbags on their land that other residents could collect when required. They will also be informed that there will be sandbags at Soutergate car park which they could access when needed. Cllr. Grieve advised that he is awaiting notice from Den Pelham as to when he can install the bases for the other units.

f) **Duddon Estuary Safety signs**

It was noted that the signs have still not been erected. The Clerk to contact Mr. Casson with regard to this.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr. Casson regarding the Duddon Estuary Safety signs

g) **Northern Train Shelter**

No update as Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance at the meeting.

h) **Grizebeck Hall signage**

No update as Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance at the meeting.

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

Cllr. Todd gave general feedback on local Parish Councils views with regard to this.

j) **Display Boards**

The Community Centre are to make an application for a grant for £500 from the CGP Trust Fund. The intention is that the boards will be kept at the Community Centre (when the building work is completed) and will be for the use of members of the Community

k) **Wind Farm**

This had already been discussed under Item 4 of the agenda.

12. Statutory Requirements

The draft Financial Regulations and Standing Order were discussed, minor amendments were made. These will be placed on the Agenda for October to be Proposed and Agreed.

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 July 2019:

- Soutergate – Applying varnish to seat in bus shelter
- Kirkby – Applying varnish to seats in three bus shelters
- Kirkby – Applying preservative to bus shelters and removing grass/weeds

Proposed jobs for the Lengthsman:

- Friars Ground – 2 blocked drains
- Soutergate car park – fill pot holes

15. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for July 2019 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £150.00 and expenses of £25.28 for August 2019 were approved.
- c) The payment of £37.60 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th September 2019, was approved.
- d) The payment of £37.40 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th October 2019, was approved

- e) The payment of £184.55 to the Lengthsman was approved.
- f) The payment of £10 to Holker Estates was approved, being the rent to manage the ground upon which Kirkby Moor seat is situated.
- g) The payment of £19.00 for the hire of Grizebeck Community Hall, for the meeting was approved.

16. Planning

a) **Applications received:**

7/2019/5465 – School House, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, LA17 7XH – The Parish Council have no objections or comments with regard to this application.

b) **Planning Notifications:**

SL/2019/0464 - Seattle Sandside, Kirkby-in-Furness – This application had been refused.

c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – The Clerk to request a further update on this issue.

Action: Clerk to request further update on Ginnyring Cottage

17. Correspondence

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

- a) SLDC – South Lakeland Community Governance Review
- b) Mitchells Land Agency – Willow Establishment Consultation – Ashlack Hall – The Parish do not have any objections or comments to make on this consultation.
- c) FLAG
- d) LCR – Magazine of the NALC
- e) North West Coastal Access Monthly Update
- f) CALC Newsletter – July/August 2019
- g) CCC – Working Together Service

18. Any Other Business

Gates on Footpaths – It was reported that there has been a spate of footpath gates being left open in the area. It was suggested that a notice could be placed at the Caravan Site asking people to ensure they close the gates behind them.

Action: Clerk to prepare note and ask permission to put it at Caravan Site

Vandalism – It was reported that there has been vandalism to bails in that the protective plastic is being ripped off them.

Tractor Run – This is to take place in the area on the 8th September 2019 and funds raised are for St. Mary's Hospice.

Hedges – It was reported that the hedges between Grizebeck Community Hall and CGP car park need cutting back. The Clerk to write to the land owner and ask if he would cut them back.

Action: Clerk to write to landowner asking him to cut back hedges between Grizebeck Community Hall and CGP car park.

It was noted that all other items had already been discussed.

19. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Housing – Nothing to report

Bus Shelter on School Road – Nothing to report.

Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck – Nothing to report.

20. Date of Next Meeting

**Thursday 17th October 2019 at 7 pm at
the Methodist Church, Marshside**

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**