

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 17th October 2019 at the Methodist Church, Marshside

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. Winstanley

Present:

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

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported that a Resident of Angerton has been in contact with him on various issues but these would most probably be covered under different items of the agenda.

5. Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Cumbria County Councils schedule for work
- Footpath between School and Church
- Road Sweep – Becksides to High Ghyll
- Road Surface – High Ghyll
- Moss and Weeds in road at High Ghyll
- Tractor Run
- Burlington School
- Pavements and Verges
- Letter of Thanks
- Drains
- Hedges
- Update on Staff of School crossing
- Footpath Coniston to Foxfield

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) Cllr. McPherson reported that he has spoken with the Church Officials regarding the work needed on the graveyard, following the issue with the grant from CCC. They had expressed that they do not have the finances available at the moment to deal with this and that currently a pump is to be used prior to any burials.

- b) Cllr. McPherson had contacted Carol Last about the grant for the Churchyard which had been de-committed due to not being claimed in the financial year it had been awarded. She had confirmed this is no longer available.
- c) The Clerk is still trying to source a cheaper electricity supplier.
- d) Cllr. McPherson reported that he has tried to contact the police with regard to the problems with parking at Sandside, to no avail. It was agreed that when Debbie Ross, the PCSO returns to work the issue will be raised with her.
- e) Cllr. Byrne reported that she has contacted Jane Murray at Northern regarding the possible use of the land adjacent to the station being used as a car park. Jane Murray had advised that she is meeting with Warren Birch, Community Rail Partnership Officer on 18th October 2019 and this will be discussed. She will then report back to Cllr. Byrne.
- f) The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Brereton regarding the poor standard of the cutting of the hedges in the area and the need to cut back the hedge on the A5092. Cllr. Brereton reported that he forwarded the email on to Karen Dockeray and Highways will inspect the work and get back to Cllr. Brereton.
Cllr. Brereton also reported that he has, in the past, requested a schedule of work regarding the cutting back of the hedges from CCC, but this has never been sent to him, he said there seems to be some reluctance by CCC to provide this.
It was noted that some Land Owners have either carried out work to the hedges themselves or hired private contractors to do the work.
Cllr. Brereton was asked to emphasise to CCC that work around the Village is being carried out by either the Parish Council (through the Lengthsman) or by members of the Community because CCC are no longer doing the work.
Cllr. Brereton advised that through the Working Together Project which CCC are currently piloting, they are now becoming aware of how much work the Communities actually do themselves.
- g) It was noted that the Southbound shelter at the Station is actually not in need of repair.
- h) The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Brereton asking for an update on the Grizebeck by-pass. Cllr. Brereton reported that Carol Last has advised him that the proposal is still at Government Level. Cllr. Irving informed that they have advised that a decision on this project is expected just before Christmas.
- i) The Clerk had reported the faults on the highway. Cllr. Irving advised that no-one from Highways has contacted him with regard to the work carried out on the pot holes at Dove Ford Farm. The Clerk to chase this.

Action: Clerk to chase progress on Dove Ford Farm potholes

- j) The Clerk had put the Emergency Plan on the Agenda for this month.
- k) The Clerk had forward details of CCC grants to Cllr. Grieve. Cllr. Grieve will report progress on the replacement bridge under Item 11(a) on the agenda.
- l) The Clerk had contacted Mr. Casson about erection of the signs. She informed the Council that he has broken his leg and this is why the signs have not been erected. However, Cllr. Grieve now has the signs and will arrange for them to be temporarily put in place. Mr. Casson will then permanently fix them in the future.
- m) The Clerk had asked for an update on Ginnyring Cottage and SLDC had advised that the person dealing with this is on long term sick. However, SLDC planning have advised they will get back to the Council with an update at some point.
- n) The Clerk had prepared a note about closing farm gates. The Council agreed the wording of the note. The Clerk to ask the caravan site if they will place the note on the information board.

Action: Clerk to ask caravan site to place note on their information board

- o) The Clerk had written to the Landowner requesting the cutting back of the hedges between Grizebeck Community Hall and the CGP car park. It was noted that this has not yet been done.

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

a) Police Report

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

b) A595/A5092 matter

The speed of traffic on the A5092 was discussed. Cllr. Brereton again advised that the survey that had been carried out supports the lowering of speed on this stretch of road. He informed that this would be irrespective of the bypass. He said a consultation with regard to this is to be carried out.

Solar powered signs were discussed. It was noted that the ones in the Village do not work. Cllr. Brereton reported that this is a problem around the County. Cllr. Byrne to write to Highways requesting these signs be repaired/replaced.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to write to Highways requesting solar powered signs be repaired/replaced

c) Hotline Reports

- The drains on School Road are still causing problems even though Highways have reported the problem is fixed. The Clerk advised that she had put in her report last time that the Parish Council believe the problem is not that they are blocked but that they have collapsed and this needs to be investigated. The Clerk to report these again.

Action: Clerk to report faults on the portal

d) Hotline Progress

The Clerk reported that CCC have advised that the gutter opposite the surgery has been fixed. Cllr. Irving reported that under the bridge at Grizebeck has been cleared.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) Reports

Community Centre – It was reported that the builders will start back at the beginning of November to work on the next stage of the work.

b) Actions

A Sub-committee was set up to revise The Parish Emergency Plan. Its membership is: Cllr. McPherson, Cllr. Jackson, Cllr. Morrish. Cllr. McPherson to arrange a meeting for the committee to review the plan.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to arrange a meeting of the Sub-Committee to revise The Parish Emergency Plan

11. Current Matters

a) Flooding

There had been no reports of flooding following the recent wet weather. Cllr. Grieve informed that Seamus Giles of CCC has reported that they are currently building a business case with regard to the proposed measures for dealing with the flooding at Marshside. There is currently no start date for any development work. It was reported that verge clearances in this area were on CCC system, however, the work has not been carried out due to long term illness.

Cllr. Grieve to chase Dan Penellum regarding erection of the storage units.

Cllr. Grieve to contact Dan Penellum

b) Footpath 53907 - Soutergate to Beckside

A response has now been received from the Environmental Agency, Chris Evans. He reports that the beck poses no risk of flooding to the housing. He had advised that he is meeting with CCC and will raise the issue of the erosion with them and other agencies. However, it is his belief that it is the Landowners responsibility. It was noted that a reply has still not been received from Holker. Cllr. McPherson to contact Rachael Bagshaw chasing a response.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Holker, Rachael Bagshaw

c) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

Cllr. Grieve reported that two quotes have now been received for the bridge, as follows:

- £1635.00
- £2394.40

Cllr. Grieve will now go back to the company who provided the higher quote to see if there is any possibility they can revise their quote.

d) **Grit Bins**

It was agreed that this will stay on the agenda until the bins are in situ. It was reported that Askew Gate to the Station is now on the schedule for gritting.

e) **Storage Unit at Chapels**

No location for the storage unit at Chapels has been found.

f) **Duddon Estuary Safety signs**

This was reported under Item 8 (l) on the agenda.

g) **Northern Train Shelter**

The work on this has now been completed.

h) **Grizebeck Hall signage**

It was noted that no work will be undertaken to relocate the sign until a decision has been made on the Grizebeck bypass.

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

It was noted that it will be a number of years before any decision is made with regard to the proposal of the extension of the Southern Boundary. It was noted that the Parish Council have not had a vote on this matter as yet.

j) **BT Payphone Removal Consultation – Kirkby Hall Corner, Marshside**

The BT consultation with regard to the removal of the telephone box on Kirkby Hall corner was discussed. Data had been provided by BT which shows the box had only been used twice in the last 12 months. The consultation period ends on the 11th December 2019 and any responses are to be made via SLDC. Cllr. Todd to consult with the residents in the area of Marshside to ascertain local opinion on this.

Action: Cllr. Todd to obtain feedback from residents of Marshside area on proposed removal of BT Payphone

k) **Welcome to Kirkby Leaflets**

Cllr. McPherson reported that the Welcome to Kirkby Leaflet has now been updated. The cost of printing the leaflet will be in the region of £40 to £50. The leaflet provides local information for new residents. It was agreed that the parish council to meet the costs of the printing.

12. Statutory Requirements

Revision and Acceptance of the Financial Regulations

Revision and Acceptance of the Standing Orders

Cllr. Jackson proposed to accept the above. This was seconded by Cllr. Grieve and agreed by all.

13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

The following grants were awarded:-

- £2000 Kirkby Football Club
- £1000 Burlington School
- £100 Ladies Guild
- £1888 Community Centre
- £600 Grizebeck Village Hall

In addition, funds were granted for plants for the planters by the public seats around the village and the large planters. It was reported that the Christmas trees have been ordered and new lights purchased for the Christmas tree at Four Lane Ends.

14. Lengthsman

The Lengthsman carried out the following jobs for August/September 2019:

- Grizebeck & Woodland – Putting road cones on verges – cutting back verges and exposing 12 drains
- Soutergate to Kirkby main road – Removing branches from trees, widening footpath by cutting back to leading edge, cleaning convex mirror and road signs.

It was noted that there is approximately £445 left in the budget for the lengthsman for this financial year. This is due mainly to not employing him until June 2019. Also it was noted that a reserve is to be kept for emergency jobs that he may be required to carry out over the Winter months.

Cllr. Grieve informed the Council that enquires have been made for the Probation Service to arrange cutting back of verges/hedges from Soutergate to Grizebeck. The Probation Service has said that this is something they could assist with. They had advised that there are two ways in which payment can be made to them for the work:-

- Hourly rate basis
- Donation of equipment for the Probation Service (2 hedge cutters at £220 each)

They had advised that the cheaper option would be to donate equipment. Cllr. Grieve proposed the Parish Council request the Probation Service to carry out this work and purchase the 2 hedge cutters to donate to the Probation Service. This was seconded by Cllr. Jackson and agreed by all. District Cllr. Wharton kindly pledged £100 from his Locality budget towards the purchase of the equipment.

15. Accounts

- A financial statement for August/September 2019 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- The Clerks salary of £150.00 and expenses of £16.88 for September 2019 were approved.
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- The payment of £37.60 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th November 2019, was approved.
- The payment of £64.00 to the Lengthsman for August 2019 was approved.
- The payment of £160.00 to the Lengthsman for September 2019 was approved.
- The payment of £85.17 to E-ON for the period July to September 2019 was approved.
- The payment of £12.00 to Communicorp being the subscription for the Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine was approved.
- The payment of £18.00 for the hire of the Methodist Church for the meeting was approved.
- A Community Infrastructure Levy payment of £524.89 has been received from SLDC.
- The payment of £273.00 to Mr. Metcalfe, being the 3rd payment for the cutting of the grass, was approved.

16. Planning

- Applications received:**
7/2018/5748 Beckstones Cottage, Grizebeck

(2 storey extension & single storey garage – to change the roof height of the extension & change the amount of glazed door in the extension.

It was noted that the documents in relation to this application have not yet been posted on the planning website. The Clerk to notify Councillors when they appear.

Action: Clerk to notify Cllrs. When documentation in relation to planning application have been posted on the website

b) **Planning Notifications:**

7/2019/5530 - Knott End Farm, Grizebeck – Agricultural Building - Prior approval was not needed for this development

7/2019/5465 - School House, Grizebeck – Amendment to design to garage and wood storage - This application had been granted with conditions.

SL/2019/0583 - Land adjacent to The Knoll, School Road – It was reported that this application had been granted. This had appeared in the local press. It was noted that this did not appear on the SLDC website of notifications of decisions.

c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

This had been reported under Item 8 (m) on the agenda.

17. Correspondence

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

a) SLDC – Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling places

This was discussed. It was agreed to submit a response to the review requesting that in addition to the polling stations at the Methodist Church at Marshside and the Community Centre at Beckside, that Grizebeck Community Hall is also made a polling station.

Action: Clerk to submit a response to the Review of the Polling Districts and places

b) North West Coastal Access Monthly Update

c) Letter from the Keswick to Barrow Walk Committee

d) Soutergate Resident – Trailer on car park at Soutergate

This was discussed. It was agreed that the trailer could not be parked on the site. The Clerk to write to the resident.

Action: Clerk to write to resident regarding storage of the trailer on Soutergate car park

e) ACTion – Emergency Planning, Community Resilience and Neighbourliness

f) Clerk and Councils Direct

g) CALC Newsletter – September 2019

h) Environmental Agency - Non native Invasive Species – Water Primrose

i) NALC – Neighbourhood Planning and Health and Well Being Article – legal update

j) Letter from Resident – Planters – Four Lane Ends

A letter had been received from a Resident regarding the removal of the plants in the planters at Four Lane Ends Lane. It was noted that the removal of the plants did not have anything to do with the Parish Council and they are not responsible for these planters. The Chairman will write to the Resident explaining this.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to write to Resident about Four Lane Ends Lane planters

18. Any Other Business

Footpath between School and Church – It was reported that there was debris i.e. cut brambles left on this footpath. Cllr. Grieve advised that the Lengthsman had carried out work in this area but did not have the equipment to remove the cuttings so will be returning to do this.

Road Sweep – Beckside to High Ghyll It was reported that the hedge between Beckside and High Ghyll needs cutting back. After this has been done the road will then need to be swept.

Road Surface – Beckside to High Ghyll – It was reported that this stretch of road needs resurfacing as it is cracked. In addition, moss and weeds are growing in the cracks and it becomes slippery when wet.

Tractor Run – Cllr. Irving reported that this event had been a success and £4,900 was raised for St. Mary’s Hospice.

Letter of Thanks – Cllr. McPherson is to place a letter of thanks in the Parish Magazine to all those community members who carry out work around the Village, i.e. on pavement/verges etc. He said their work is much appreciated by the Parish Council.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to place a letter of thanks in the Parish Magazine

Drains A5092 – By the Quarry. It was reported that the problem with these drains persists and the water continues to run down the road. Cllr. Brereton advised that he has reported these but there are no finances available for any work undertaken this financial year. Cllr. Brereton to ask Peter Hosking to carry out an inspection of the drains.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to contact Peter Hosking regarding the blocked drains on the A5092 (by the Quarry)

Update on Staffing of School Crossings - Cllr. Brereton informed that he has requested CCC to reconsider the way the vacancies of school crossings are dealt with.

Footpath Coniston to Foxfield – Cllr. Brereton provided an update on the proposed reinstating of this footpath.

Tippins Lane – Stones exposed at side of the road. It was reported that there have been numerous vehicles that have suffered damage to their wheels because of the stones exposed at the side of the road. Cllr. Brereton to report this to Highways

Action: Cllr. Brereton to report to Highways the exposure of stones on roadside at Tippins Lane
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 21st November 2019 at 7 pm at
the Beckside Rooms, Beckside**

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**