

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th March 2020 at Beckside Rooms, Beckside

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. G. Scott, I. Winstanley, J. Byrne, District Cllr. I. Wharton

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson, (Chair) M. Jackson, M. Irving, W. Todd, R. Saunders, R. Morrish,
G. Grieve, B. Copley, Mr. A. Workman, Lengthsman, County Cllr. Brereton

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reminded the meeting of CALC's advice with regard to attending meetings in light of Covid 19. He stated that if Councillors did decide not to attend meetings because of the risk of exposure to the virus then this is acceptable as the normal rules to attendance do not apply at the current time.

5. Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Wagons – Burlington slate to Station
- Bus collecting school children

7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. McPherson is in the process of arranging the meeting of the sub-committee to revise the Parish Emergency Plan.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to arrange a meeting of the sub-committee to revise the Parish
Emergency Plan**

- b) The Clerk had forwarded the email from Karen Dockery regarding the stones on Tippins Lane to Cllr. Brereton.
- c) Cllr. Brereton advised that it has now been confirmed that the closure of the A595 between Askam and Kirkby will be 3 nights and he advised that he has emailed, Seamus Giles, Peter Hoskins and Kare Dockery and ask them to look at the issues of the stones and the standing water on Tippins Lane and the drains on School Road.
- d) Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance so the action for her to contact Karen Dockery with regard to Tippins Lane at Pear Tree Beck will be placed on the next agenda.
- e) Cllr. McPherson did contact the electrician about the light at Beckside Rooms and he is going to provide a quote to repair it.

- f) Cllr. Scott did place a reminder in the Newsletter about dog fouling.
- g) Cllr. McPherson will take a picture of the loose sign at Chapels and forward it to the Clerk to report.
Action: Cllr. McPherson to take a picture of the loose sign at Chapels and forward it to the Clerk for her to report it.
- h) Cllr. Todd to forward photographs of the road surface between Friars Ground to High Ghyll to the Clerk for her to report it on the portal.
Action: Cllr. Todd to forward photographs of the road surface between Friars Ground to High Ghyll to the Clerk for her to report it on the portal.
- i) The Clerk had reported the faults on the portal.
- j) The Clerk is to write to SLDC Planning to remind them about the restrictions on the granted application with regard to traffic during school start and finish times.
Action: Clerk to write to SLDC Planning regarding land adjacent to the school.
- k) Cllr. Grieve advised that his action to contact Seumas Giles with regard to measures for flooding and the issue of blocked drains in the parish is in progress.
- l) The Clerk was to write to Electricity North West regarding problem with water pooling at Incline Foot as road surface has sunk. However, Cllr. Grieve advised that notification had been received from ENW that they would be carrying out work to the substation in that area and he has brought the problem with the road outside the substation to their attention. No further action to be taken at the present time.
- m) The Clerk and Cllr. Byrne prepared an amended map showing the proposed site for a car park at the station and resubmitted it to Network Rail.
- n) The Clerk sent a list of properties with street lights to Cllr. Byrne
- o) The Clerk forwarded a copy of the letterhead to Cllr. Scott for her to design a leaflet advertising the surgeries
- p) Cllr. Scott was to arrange Councillors surgeries, however, it was agreed that due to the current situation COVID-19, that this matter should be put on hold.
- q) Cllr. McPherson had contacted SLDC Planning Authority regarding the status of planning application SL/2020/0096, St. Marys Well, Buckhorn Lane. They had advised that this is an outline application requesting permission to build of a property on the land and the Parish Council can comment on this. If it is passed, then the next step would be for the owners of the land to submit plans for their build and the Parish Council would also be allowed to comment on this.
- r) The Clerk had contacted SLDC chasing an update on the enforcement issue at Ginnyring Cottage and their response will be provided below at Item 16(c).
- s) As the Clerk had been unsure the exact location of the collapsing wall and road subsidence at Marshside, she had emailed the member of the public who had reported it and they have said they will take photographs and forward to the Clerk in order she can report it.
- t) Cllr. McPherson reported that he did not contact Story, the engineers carrying out work to the rail bridge, regarding the traffic problems, however, other people have.
- u) Cllr. Saunders had spoken with Furness Plastics to obtain a quote for a green signage for the A5092. They had advised the cost would possibly be about £130, they are however, going to look at it in more detail and get back to Cllr. Saunders.

9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

- a) **Police Report**
There was no police report.
- b) **A595/A5092 matters**
- c) **Hotline Reports**
The following faults were reported to the Council:

- Tree roots exposed on the pavement between Soutergate and Four Lane Ends.
- Pothole at Sandside
- A595 – road sign indicating bend (just before the quarry) is sticking out into the road.
- A595 – road sign between Buckhorn Land and Grizebeck blown down
- Gully – Tippins Lane

Action: Clerk to report faults on the portal

It was reported that due to accident on the A590 at Lindal traffic had been diverted via the A5092/A595 which had caused chaos and long delays due to the bottleneck at Grizebeck. Cllr. Brereton had reported the problem to the police.

Cllr. Brereton reported that he has requested CCC to chase progress of the proposed by-pass with the Transport Ministry.

Cllr. Brereton also reported the hopefully the proposed speed reduction at Grizebeck is progressing. He informed that he has asked the Police Commissioner, Peter McCall to arrange for the speed van to be placed at Grizebeck.

d) **Hotline Progress**

Highways have looked at the poor road surface at Beckside between St. Cuthberts church and Beckside Rooms and reported that further work is required.

14. Lengthsman

The Chairman brought this item on the agenda forward as the Lengthsman was in attendance at the meeting.

a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**

It was noted that the Lengthsman will not begin work again until April 2020.

b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**

The Lengthsman addressed the meeting with regard to work he has carried out and work to be carried out. With regard to the extra hours the Parish Council would like him to work, he advised that he does hope that he will be able to work some. It was agreed that the Lengthsman is to be paid as soon as his invoice is received and there is no need to wait for the next council meeting, as the money to be paid to the Lengthsman has already been agreed when the budget was set.

Cllr. Grieve reported that Probation have been returning on a weekly basis to clear the footpaths on School Road. It was noted that the work they are doing is good.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) **Reports**

Flooding – It was noted that there have recently been high tides with the potential risk for floods. However, as far as the Council were aware no properties had been affected.

b) **Actions**

None

c) **Emergency Plan**

This was covered under Item 8(a) on the agenda.

11. Current Matters

a) **Flooding**

No updated to report. Cllr. Grieve did inform the Council that thanks had been received from a local resident for the steps the Council have taken with flooding.

- b) **Footpath 53907 - Soutergate to Beckside**
Rachael Bagshaw, Holker has advised that a fence will be re-erected on the footpath by mid April.
- c) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**
Cllr. Grieve and the Clerk are in the process of completing the community grant application and this will be forwarded to CCC before the end of March.
Action: Clerk to forward community grant application to CCC
- d) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**
Nothing to report at the moment.
- e) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**
This had already been covered under Item 8(m) on the agenda.
- f) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
This had already been covered under Item 14 on the agenda.
- g) **Storage Units**
Cllr. McPherson advised that Holker have now agreed for the storage unit to be placed at Chapels and they will forward a licence for this to the Clerk.
- h) **Lights on Residents properties**
Cllr. Byrne and Cllr. McPherson met with an electrician to discuss the possibility/costings of the purchase and installation of sensor lights on the properties. The electrician will forward a quote to the Council for this work.
- i) **Councillors Surgeries**
This had been covered under item 8 (p) on the agenda.
- j) **Grit Bin – Moor Road**
Karen Dockery, CCC had responded to the request for a grit bin on the Moor Road. They had advised that as a rule they only place grit bins in urban areas and grit piles are provided in rural roads, they have however, said they will look at this and assess it to see if it meets their criteria.

12. Statutory Requirements

None

13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

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

15. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for February 2020 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £150.00 and expenses of £16.88 for March 2020 were approved.
- c) The payment of £37.40 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th April 2020 was approved.
- d) The payment of £90 for the hire of Beckside Rooms for the parish meetings between April 2019 and March 2020 was approved.
- e) The payment of £31.19 to Holker Estates, being the annual rental charge for Soutergate car park was approved.
- f) The payment of £40 to ICO being the annual Data Protection Fee was approved, if required. The Clerk to look into this.

Action: Clerk to research whether Data Protection Fee is applicable to the parish council

- g) The possibility of making a donation to Kirkby-in-Furness Community building project was discussed at length. The Clerk to check to see what funds were donated to Grizebeck Community Centre when that was built and this to be matched. It is to be recorded that Cllrs. Irving and Morrish do not agree to this donation. This item to be brought back to the next meeting.

16. Planning

a) Applications received:

- i. **SL/2019/0096** – Garden of 2 St. Mary’s Well, Buckhorn Lane – This was discussed at length and a vote taken. It was agreed that the Parish Council will support this application. It is to be recorded that Cllrs. Jackson and Scott are not in agreement as the build would be outside the planning development area as agreed by SLDC.
- ii. **SL/2020/0151** – Cockfish Hall, Sandside – Extension to dwelling house to create entrance and utility room – No objections or comments.

b) Planning Notifications:

- i. **SL/2019/0869** – Askew Oak, Sandside – granted.

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

- i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – SLDC Planning have advised that they had been in contact with the site owner regarding the breach of planning and the next stage is to carry out another site visit to confirm that the breach of planning is still in place. They had advised that the enforcement process can unfortunately take a period of time to resolve and they are working as quickly and efficiently to solve this matter.

17. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and was placed in the pack:-

- a) North West Coastal Access Monthly Update – February 2020
- b) Clerks and Council Direct
- c) SLDC – Local Plan Review – Early Engagement Parish
- d) CALC – Campaign for the Local Electricity Bill – This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- e) Kirkby Gala Committee – The Clerk to notify the committee that the Parish Council would like a display at the Gala.

18. Any Other Business

- A resident has raised an issue with school buses blocking the exit/entrance to the slip road on School Road when they are picking children up in a morning. As Cllr. Byrne has contacted Highways previously with regard to the white lines, it was agreed it would be best for Cllr. Byrne to be asked at the next meeting to request the extension of the white lines.

Action: At the next meeting Cllr. Byrne is to be asked to request the extension of the white lines.

19. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Housing – Nothing to report.

Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck – This has been covered under Item 8 (u) on the agenda.

Grizebeck Hall signage – Nothing to report.

20. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th April 2020
Marshside Methodist Church

Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council