

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Remotely via Zoom on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. B. Copley

#### Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chair), M. Jackson, W. Todd, R. Saunders, R. Morrish, G. Grieve, I. Winstanley, G. Scott, J. Byrne, M. Irving  
County Cllr. Brereton, District Cllrs. I. Wharton T. Coward

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

None.

### 4. Chairman's Remarks

There were no Chairman's remarks.

### 5. Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

### 6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Issue with motorcycles
- Cutting of grass at Soutergate Beck
- Display Boards
- Facebook posting
- Churchyard

As County Cllr. Brereton, District Cllr. Wharton and District Cllr. Coward were also attending another Parish Meeting, they provided the Council with updates on various matters as follows:

Cllr. Brereton – advised that he had chased all matters up that he had been actioned to at the last meeting.

- A5092 at Beanthwaite, work is to be carried out on the surface on the 6<sup>th</sup> July. He had stressed to Highways that the drains also needed to be looked further up the A5092.
- Speed Indicating devices – Highways have committed to reinstate two speed activation signs at Kirkby they will in due course advise on the siting and type of signs these will be. Cllr. Brereton said he will suggest to them that the signs should be at the uttermost points of the Village and ask them to consult with the Parish Council and School on this.
- Stones on Tippins Lane – Karen Dockery has advised that the issue with the stones will be assessed and a tidy up carried out when the upcoming closure of the A595 takes place.
- Drains on School Road – with regard to the drain that has been filled in between the Village and Soutergate, Seamus Giles has advised that they are looking to see how best to resite this drain.

- Cllr. Brereton said he is aware of that local media reports have suggested that there is a delay in the decision with regard to the by-pass at Grizebeck. He advised that as far as he is aware there is no suggestion it is not going to be signed-off by Government.

Cllr. Coward provided an update on SLDC matters:

- She informed that recently, as people will be aware, they have been promoting the opening of the High Streets. She said that, in general, people have been adhering to social distancing.
- Business Grants – She advised that whilst the discretionary grants have now closed, there is other grants still available.
- SLDC offices at Kendal are now open, as from 15<sup>th</sup> June, but are still carrying out the majority of work on-line.
- Green Bin collections are up and running again and these should be collected at least once a month.
- She reported that the working together of the various agencies in response to the covid-19 issue has been very positive.
- She advised that there has been significant problems with visitors to the area since the easing of certain lockdown restrictions, with regard to the rubbish and damage they have done, one particular problem has been disposal bbqs.
- Emergency Plan – Cllr. Coward had noted that the review of the Emergency Plan was on the agenda and advised that she has worked on this at Coniston Parish Council so if they Council needed any assistance she would be happy to help.

Cllr. Wharton provided an updated with regard to the National Park Authority:

- He informed there has been no recent movement on the Southern Boundary proposal.
- He re-iterated what Cllr. Coward had said with regard to the issues arising from visitors to the area. He said one area in particular which had experienced difficulties was around Coniston Water, particularly the east side of the lake. He advised that the authorities are addressing this and that this coming weekend access to the East side of the lake will be restricted.

## 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. Grieve had asked the Lengthsman to cut back the trees between Soutergate and Four Lane Ends and this had been carried this out. It was noted however that some of the trees could do with cutting back further. Cllr. Grieve to ask the Lengthsman to do this.  
**Action: Cllr. Grieve to ask Lengthsman to cut trees back further**
- b) 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**
- c) Cllr. Byrne advised that she has corresponded with Victoria Upton on the issue of speeding on Tippins Lane and she is going to liaise with Karen Dockery regarding this issue and possibly look at signage which could be installed, warning drivers of vehicles coming onto the road.
- d) Cllr. Brereton had been actioned to chase feedback from Highways regarding Tippins Lane and the drains on School road, which he had covered in his report earlier in the meeting.

- e) Cllr. McPherson advised that he has spoken with the resident who reported the loose sign at Chapels and they have informed that it now seems to be fine.
- f) Cllr. Byrne had contacted the School regarding extending the white lines outside school and reported that the Head isn't aware of any problems with regard to this. In addition, the Head had informed that when Highways were carrying out the work in front of the school, she had asked if the double yellow lines could be extended, as exiting the school car park can be difficult if cars are parked on the road, and they had refused to do this.
- g) Cllr. Brereton had been actioned to contact Peter Hoskins regarding the re-surfacing work that is needed to the A5092 and his report on this is set out in his comments above.
- h) Cllr. Brereton had contacted Seamus Giles about flooding at Kirkby and who advised that there is a plan in place for Marshside/Marsh Garth and this will be implemented 2022/23.
- i) Cllr. Grieve advised that the erection of the fence on the footpath 53907 between Soutergate and Becksid will be carried out in due course.
- j) The Clerk prepared a letter of thanks to the Resident of Grizebeck who had cut back verges/hedges and Cllr. Irving had delivered this to him.
- k) Cllr. Todd had contacted the South Lakes Red Squirrel Group regarding the cutting down of the wood at Low Hall Farm and they had contacted Holker, who have agreed to consider leaving as many smaller trees as possible of those that are not commercially viable and would not be susceptible to windblow, especially in the wooded ghyll above and around the edges of the woodland and the replanting of certain species of trees which would be beneficial for red squirrels.
- l) The Clerk had submitted the accounts to the internal auditors, Hornbys.
- m) The Clerk had contacted SLDC regarding the proposed agricultural storage building at Fair View, who had confirmed that prior notification for the development was not required as the building is not to be used for the accommodation of livestock, storing slurry or sewage sludge.
- n) Cllr. Grieve had contacted Kirkby Hall Farm regarding bags of stones on the Marsh who advised they will be moved in due course.

## 9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

### a) Police Report

There was no police report. It was noted that the mobile speeding unit has recently visited the Village.

### b) A595/A5092 matters

Cllr. Saunders said he believes the Parish Council should write a strong letter to CCC to ensure that the consideration of the by-pass is not further delayed.

**Action: Clerk to write CCC regarding by-pass**

Cllr. Irving reported that during the recent works at Chapels, a diversion had been in place up Buckhorn Lane, which did not seem to make sense.

Cllr. Irving said that he believes the closure on the A595 had been advertised as from 8.00 pm, however, they had closed it at 6.00 pm. Cllr. Grieve informed that his business had been informed, prior to the closure, that it was 6.00 pm.

### c) Hotline Reports

The following faults were reported to the Council:

- Ghyll End to Moor – a tree across the road
- Stop sign at Four Lane Ends need replacing
- Blocked drain on School Road – after Hershel Terrace on right hand side
- School Road just past Four Lane Ends – potholes. Cllr. Scott advised that she has already reported this on the portal.

**Action: clerk to reports faults on the portal**

d) **Hotline Progress**

Notification had been received that the road between Friars Ground and High Ghyll has been looked at and it is considered that no further work needs to be undertaken at this time.

10. **Parish Plan/Community Led Plan**

a) **Reports**

**Burlington School** – Cllr. Scott reported that Reception, Years 1 and 6 are now back at school. The Headteacher had written to Highways with regard to fixing the railings outside the school, as they cause a hazard for young children. Highways had responded advising that this was not considered urgent. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to both Armstrongs, who caused the damage, and Highways requesting the work be carried out as soon as possible.

**Action: Clerk to write to Armstrongs and Highways regarding the railings**

**Community Facility** – Grizebeck Community Centre had received a grant of £10,000 through a covid-19 grant. It was reported that the building work to the Kirkby Community Centre continues to progress.

**Youth Activities** - Cllr. Winstanley informed that he is currently corresponding with an individual who has offered to assist in setting up a youth club at Kirkby but is unable to take on the role as leader, so a leader would need to be found. Cllr. Scott to raise this in the Parish Council Newsletter

**Action: Cllr. Scott to place the need for a Youth Club Leader in Parish Newsletter**

**Footpaths and Cycleways** - Cllr. Winstanley advised that Geoff Fewkes is going to review the bridleway at Highbridge Lodge. It was reported that the footpath between Chapels and Grizebeck has now been cut back.

b) **Actions**

None

c) **Emergency Plan**

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

11. **Current Matters**

a) **Flooding**

This had already been covered under Cllr. Brereton's report, as set out above.

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

This had been covered by Agenda Item 8 (i).

c) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

The outcome of the application for the Community Grant is awaited.

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

Nothing to report at the moment.

e) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**

No response has yet been received from Network Rail. Cllr. Byrne will chase an update on this.

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Network Rail for response to Parish Council email**

f) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**

It was noted that the cutting back of the hedges and verges by the Probation Service is in abeyance at the moment due to covid-19.

g) **Storage Units**

Cllr. Grieve reported that the bases for the storage unit will hopefully be fitted sometime in July.

h) **Lights on Residents properties**

Cllr. McPherson reported that the position is the same as at the last meeting, he is still awaiting a quote from the electrician with regard to the purchase and installation of sensor lights on the properties and believes the delay may be to the current situation with COVID-19. When the situation is over Cllr. McPherson will contact the electrician.

i) **Councillors Surgeries**

Surgeries are currently suspended due to the current situation with COVID-19.

j) **Holker Estates – Wood harvesting**

This was reported under Agenda Item 8(k).

## 12. Statutory Requirements

a) **Website Accessibility Regulations – Review of website and preparation of Accessibility Statement**

A statement with regard to the above needs to be in place by September 2020. Cllr. McPherson to review the website and prepare the statement.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to review website and prepare Accessibility Statement**

b) **Local Government Association – Consultation on Model Member Code of Conduct**

It was noted that the above consultation is now taking place if Councillors wish to take part.

## 13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There had been no meeting of the Trust Fund since the last Parish Meeting due to current situation, however, an award of £2500 had been made to Kirkby Cricket Club for a new mower and a donation had been made to restock the planters which are in place around the Village.

## 14. Lengthsman

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

The following work had been carried out by the Lengthsman in May 2020:

- Low to High Ghyll Farm Road – digging out collapsed ditch and culvert to take running water off road. Sweeping mud and growth off road and edging verges.
- Grizebeck – Painting of Victorian Sign

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

It was noted that the Lengthsman currently has a comprehensive list of work to carry out.

## 15. Accounts

It was noted that all Councillors had received copies of any relevant documentation with regard to Accounts prior to the meeting.

a) A financial statement for May 2020 was presented to the Council.

b) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £26.00 for June 2020 were approved.

c) The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 was approved.

d) A payment of £144.00 had been made to the Lengthsman for work carried out in May 2020.

e) A proposal was made to take ownership of the wooden planters that are situated around the Village, this was seconded and agreed by all apart from Cllr. Morrish who objected.

**Action: Clerk to add the planters to the insurance policy**

f) The payment of £50.00 to Mr. Cooper for treatment to the wooden planters was approved.

g) The payment of £130 to SLDC being the cost of the 2019 elections was approved.

h) The SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel report for 2020/21 was accepted by the Parish Council.

## 16. Planning

a) **Applications received:**

None

- b) **Planning Notifications:**  
None
- c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**
  - i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – No further update.

#### 17. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received. Due to the current situation the correspondence pack will not be distributed.

- a) LCR

#### 18. **Any Other Business**

- a) Motorcycles – It was reported that there has recently been an issue with youths on motorcycles around the Village, particularly at the Station. The Clerk to raise this with Community Police Officer. Cllr. Scott to raise the issue in the Newsletter.  
**Action: Clerk to raise with Community Police Officer**  
**Action: Cllr. Scott to raise issue in Newsletter**
- b) The Environmental Agency has cut the grass back at parts along the beck at Soutergate.
- c) Display Boards – Cllr. Scott raised the topic of a Parish Council Crest. It was agreed for Cllr. Scott is to speak with the School about designing a crest.
- d) Cllr. Irving raised an issue about misinformation being posted on facebook about the speed of tractors along the A595 during the recent silage cutting.
- e) A member of the public had raised the issue of flooding in the Churchyard with Cllr. McPherson and asked if this is something the Parish could assist with. It was noted that this has been discussed with various parties in the past and it was concluded that the Parish Council are not in a position to assist with this.

#### 19. **Deferred Actions Review**

Affordable Housing – Cllr. McPherson reported that Holker are waiting for a date for the building to commence.

Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck – It was noted that nothing will be done with the signage until decision with by-pass is made.

Grizebeck Hall signage – As above.

#### 20. **Date of Next Meeting (virtual)**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

**Via Zoom**

**Alison Field**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**