

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 16th July 2020

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. B. Copley, I. Winstanley

Present:

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

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

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. Wharton provided the following report:-

- He advised that due to the current situation with the Pandemic and the problems being experienced in the National Park with regards to visitors, it may appear that Kirkby Ireleth Parish are being neglected by the District Councillors. He reassured the Parish Council that this is not the case.
- Green Bins – He advised that as the green had not been emptied in Chapels this week, he has arranged for the bin wagon to return and make a collection on Friday 17th July. Cllr. Todd raised an issue with regard to the bin wagon not emptying bins at Low and High Ghyll. He informed that the bin wagon turned around as it believed it could not access the road due to overgrown hedges. Cllr. Todd said the hedges do need cutting by SLDC and even though they do not do all the hedges, the 1 meter would assist. Cllr. Wharton said he would look into this issue.

Action: Cllr. Wharton to look at issue of bin collection at Low/High Ghyll

- Low Hall Wood – He advised that Cllr. McPherson has emailed him about this and he has provided a response. Cllr. McPherson asked if he would speak with SLDC to ask why they have approved the licence. Cllr. Wharton said he would get back to the Parish Council on this.

Action: Cllr. Wharton to enquire about Low Hall Wood

- Public Toilets – Community Centre – Cllr. McPherson stated that any financial assistance from SLDC to the Community Centre Committee with regard to the public toilets would be appreciated. He explained that the toilets are open to members of the public. Cllr. Wharton said it may be that the locality grant could be looked at to assist with this and suggested that all District Councillors and County Councillors could be asked to assist with the funding. He said he would need to know how much the Committee are asking for.
- Cllr. McPherson reported that SLDC street cleaners had recently attended Kirkby and had made a good job of the cleaning and the driver was extremely polite. He asked Cllr. Wharton to pass on the Parish Councils thanks.

Cllr. Brereton provided the following report:

- A5092 at Beanthwaite, work is nearly finished on the resurfacing of the road. Cllr. Brereton reported he is aware that the gullies have been cleaned.
- The Safety Study on the A595/A5092 at Grizebeck has now been completed and Cllr. Brereton has asked for a copy of the report.
- A595 by-pass – He advised that the bid for funding is to be approved in the next few weeks.
- Tippins Lane – The drain that has been tarmacked over will be replaced.
- Speed signs – Two speed signs to be replaced. Cllr. Brereton suggested the Parish Council consider which type of signs would be best and let him know within the next couple of weeks.
- Cumbria County Council have received confirmation that they have been allocated funding for the development of walking and cycling schemes as part of the Active Travel Fund.
- Duddon Medical Practice – Cllr. Brereton informed that Duddon Medical Practice have been successful in their bid to take over the GP surgery at Askam. This will start end August/September. He advised that it is not anticipated that there will be any loss of service to the other surgeries. In fact it should enhance the service as another full time GP is to be employed and it will mean that patients will be able to use any of the surgeries.
- Cllr. Brereton reported that County have been awarded additional funding from Government of 5 million. It is their intention to spend this on structures that have been damaged due to flooding over the past few Winters.

Cllr. Coward provided an update on SLDC matters:

- Cllr Coward advised that SLDC has recently approved the authority's climate change action plan. She informed that as a result funding will become available for green projects and this may be something that the community centre could benefit from.
- Cllr. Coward offered to seek an update from SLDC with the progress of the housing development adjacent to the School.

Action: Cllr. Coward to obtain update from SLDC on housing development adjacent to the School

Cllr Hall provided a report:-

- Cllr. Hall said she would like to reiterate what Cllr. Wharton had said with regards to the current situation with the Pandemic.
- She advised that SLDC business grants have been very helpful to members of the community.
- Housing – With regard to the development adjacent to the School, her advice would be to monitor the issue with regard to affordable housing, as in her experience developers do try to reduce the number within the building schemes.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman informed that NALC's advice with regard to face to face meetings has been updated. They strongly advise against face to face meetings but if a council wishes to hold them then they must carry out a risk assessment before doing so. The Chairman noted that the parish council will continue to hold meetings by Zoom for the time being.

5. Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Road markings – Askew Gate Brow

- Lack of advance information on diversions for road users
- Hedgerows – High/Low Ghyll

7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- Cllr. Grieve had asked the Lengthsman to cut back the trees between Soutergate and Four Lane Ends and this had been carried this out.
- 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

- It was agreed that it was no longer necessary to write to CCC regarding the Grizebeck by-pass following Cllr. Brereton's update on this.
- The Clerk had reported the faults on the portal.
- The Clerk had written to Armstrongs and Highways regarding the replacement of the damaged school railings.
- Cllr. Scott had advertised the vacancy of a Youth Club Leader in the Parish Magazine. Correspondence had been received from a member of the public who had advised of possible funding for this. However, no-one had come forward offering to run the Youth club. This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Cllr. Byrne had contacted Network Rail chasing a response to the Parish Councils enquiry regarding the leasing of the land adjacent to the station to be used as a car park. She reported that she had received a response from a Mr. Steve Curtis Hines at Network Property North West, advising our request has been passed on the local access team for their opinion.
- Cllr. McPherson has reviewed the website and prepared an Accessibility Statement. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for approval.
- The Clerk had added the planters to the insurance policy. There was no additional charge for this.
- The Clerk had emailed the Community Police Officer with regard to the issue with motorcycles and he had replied advising he would look into this.
- Cllr. Scott raised the issue of the motorcycles in the Newsletter.

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

Sarah Powell, Head of Burlington School had contacted Cllr. Byrne following our enquiry to her of the need to extend the no parking lines. She wondered whether it was the community shopping bus on a Wednesday which may have caused a problem for the resident. Ms. Powell had also reported that Holker had contacted her to say work on the housing development would be starting soon.

Cllr. Byrne raised the issue of road signs alerting drivers to road closures. She reported that on the recent closure of the A5092 for resurfacing at Beanthwaite the signage had been inadequate. She said that signs were not put in the correct place that would allow drivers to take alternative routes and also not enough advance warning was given. The Clerk to write to Highways to report these issues.

Action: Clerk to write to Highways re signs regarding road closures

- c) Cllr. Irving reported a lot of speeding drivers on the A595 around Grizebeck and the problems caused by the use of Bank End Lane by HGVs. The Clerk to report this to the police.

Action: Clerk to report to the police the use of Bank End Lane by HGVs

d) **Hotline Reports**

The following faults were reported to the Council:

- Askew Gate/Sandside - Pot hole
- Woodland - Give ways signs on road. This was reported on the portal in June 2019 and the work has still not be carried out.
- Wreaks Bridge – needs repairing. This too has been reported previously.

Action: clerk to reports faults on the portal

- Keep clear markings need repainting – opposite junction to Fairview. Cllr. Grieve will contact the relevant authorities with regard to this.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Highways with regard to repainting the keep clear signs opposite junction to Fairview

e) **Hotline Progress**

None had been received, but it was noted that the potholes at Tethers End, Sandside have been repaired.

10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) **Reports**

Burlington School – Cllr. Scott reported that school finishes for the summer break on Friday 17th July. As from September 2020 there will be a vacancy for a mid-day supervisor. Sarah Powell has asked the Council re-send her the information regarding the crest. Cllr. McPherson to do this.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to forward information on possible Parish Crest to the Head of School

Community Facility – Grizebeck Community Centre will be closed until at least 1st September 2020 as it is not viable to open it due to the current situation.

Coastal/Land Flooding – Following Cllr. Brereton's report that County are to spend the 5 million additional funding from Government on flood damaged structures, Cllr. Grieve suggested writing to Cllr. Little highlighting the flooding prevention programme at Marshside as being a candidate for the funding. Cllr. Grieve to draft a letter to Cllr. Little.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to Cllr. Little regarding funding for flooding prevention measures

b) **Actions**

None

c) **Emergency Plan**

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

11. Current Matters

a) **Flooding**

Nothing to report on this.

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

It was reported that erection of the fence is imminent.

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**

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

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 no further progress with this at the moment due to the current situation with covid-19.

h) **Lights on Residents properties**

Cllr. McPherson reported that the electrician is now back working and is going to submit a quote for consideration.

i) **Councillors Surgeries**

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

j) **Holker Estates – Wood harvesting**

This had been covered under Cllr. Wharton's report.

12. Statutory Requirements

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

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

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 and no applications had been received. An payment of £250 had been made to the Netball Group but this had been awarded 6 months ago and just recently released.

14. Lengthsman

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

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

- Soutergate to Kirkby A593 – Removing branches over footpaths, Strimming around Bus Shelter, cleaning out Shelter.
- Grizebeck – Painting of Victorian sign

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

- Repair to the Victorian sign at Four Lane Ends.
- Briers need cutting back on pavement opposite to the school.

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 June 2020 was presented to the Council.
- b) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £16.88 for July 2020 were approved.
- c) The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th August 2020 was approved.
- d) A payment of £144.00 had been made to the Lengthsman for work carried out in June 2020.
- e) The payment of £273.00 to Mr. Metcalfe, being the second payment for cutting the grass verges, was approved.
- f) The payment of £84.23 to EON for the period 1st April to 30th June 2020 was approved.

16. Planning

- a) **Applications received:**
SL/2020/0481 – Burberry Cottage, Soutergate – It was noted this was just a discharge of conditions attached to the original planning application and therefore no comment is needed.
- b) **Planning Notifications:**
SL/2020/0352 – Land adjacent to the Knoll School Road – Discharge of condition
SL/2020/0235 – Yew Fold, Sandside – subdivision of dwelling to create a self contained holiday let unit (retrospective) – granted with conditions
SL/2019/0920 – Seattle, Sandside – Notification of an appeal under S78 against Refusal of Planning Application. It was noted that the comments made by the Parish Council on the original application will automatically be submitted to the planning inspectorate.
- 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) Clerks and Councils Direct

18. Any Other Business

- a) SLDC District Council – The current system with regard to local authority electoral arrangements was discussed. It was agreed to write to SLDC to express the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with the current arrangements.

Cllr. McPherson to write to SLDC with regard to local authority electoral arrangements

- b) Hedgerows – High/Low Ghyll – Cllr. Todd reiterated the need for SLDC to cut the hedgerows in this area. The clerk to email Cllr. Wharton with regard to this.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Wharton with regard to cutting of hedgerows at Low/High Ghyll

It was noted that other items for business had been discussed at the relevant points during the meeting.

19. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Housing – No update

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 20th August 2020

Via Zoom

Alison Field

Clerk to the Parish Council