

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> August 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  
District Cllrs. I. Wharton, T. Coward

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

None.

### 4. Reports from District and County Councillors

A change to the Agenda was noted. The reports from District and County Councillors will now come before Chairman's remarks, as agreed at the last meeting.

District Cllr. Coward - Business Grants application deadline is 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Cllr. Coward advised that this grant has assisted businesses in the area, including Community Halls, self-catering businesses. It was reiterated that these were grants and therefore did not need to be paid back. Customer Connect Programme is currently being rolled out. Sue Warner, is the Locality Team Leader for this area. Cllr. Coward explained that this is a website driven programme for people to report problems etc. to SLDC.

District Cllr. Wharton – Reiterated points made by Cllr. Coward.

### 5. Chairman's Remarks

No remarks.

### 6. Open Forum

Mr. Anderson gave an update on the progress of the building work at the Community Centre, he reported that the work is in final stages of completion now and will be ready for its first meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020. He informed that the builder has donated a plaque, made from kirkby stone, which has been placed on the building. It was noted that Cllr. Coward pledged £250 from her locality budget to the Community Centre.

### 7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Light at the Community Centre
- Dogs
- October Meeting

### 8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed.

## 9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) With regard to the issue of bin collection at Low/High Ghyll. Cllr. Wharton had referred the matter to Sue Warner, Locality Team Leader, and asked her to contact the Clerk.
- b) It was noted that SLDC did not grant a licence for the work at Low Hall Wood as this is not in their remit. Any work to be carried out on this would be carried out by agreement between Forest England and Holker.
- c) Cllr. Coward had obtained an update from SLDC on the housing development adjacent to the School. She provided the report to the Council. She explained that when the application had been submitted it was for 50 units, 17 of them being affordable homes. However, developers try to reduce the figure to maximise profits. The NPPF recommended target for a developer's profit margin is between 15 and 20% on each development. What developers do is to provide the Local Planning Authority with a Financial Viability Assessment (FVA) that demonstrates that they can't hit that profit target if they provide the 35% affordable units. Cllr. Coward explained that it happens all the time to the great frustration of SLDC planning committee. In this case, after negotiation between LSH and Holbeck Homes a figure of 9 affordable units was agreed – 19.57%.
- d) 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**

- e) The Clerk had drafted a letter to Highways regarding inadequate signage on road closures, this will be sent in due course.
- f) The Clerk had reported the use of Bank end Lane by HGVs to the police. Cllr. Harris had responded advising that it will be brought up at the next CRASH meeting, however, as there is a problem with signage at both ends, burrowed deep in the hedge/faded it is difficult to be enforced. He did advise that Highways attend the CRASH meeting though, so they will become aware of it.
- g) The Clerk had reported the faults on the portal.
- h) The repainting of the keep clear signs opposite the junction to Fairview has now been done.
- i) Cllr. McPherson reported that he is going to forward information on a possible Parish Crest to the Head of School once terms resumes.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to forward information on parish crest to Headteacher at  
Burlington School**

- j) Cllr. Grieve wrote to Cllr. Little regarding funding for flooding prevention measures. He reported that we have received notification from Shamus Giles that CCC have secured £80,000 from the DFT fund towards the Marshside scheme. Cllr. Grieve to ask Shamus Giles what the timeframe is for the work to commence.
- k) Cllr. McPherson wrote to SLDC, on behalf of the Council raising the Parish Councils dissatisfaction with regard to the current local authority electoral arrangements. It was agreed that a copy of the letter will go to other parish councils in the district.

**Action: Clerk to forward letter regarding local authority electoral arrangements to other  
parish councils in the district.**

- l) Clerk had emailed Cllr. Wharton with regard to cutting of hedgerows at Low/High Ghyll and he had referred the matter to Sue Warner, Locality Team Leader, and asked her to contact the Clerk.

## 10. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

- a) **Police Report**  
There was no police report.
- b) **A595/A5092 matters**

Cllr. McPherson reported that there has been no grass cutting carried out on the A5092 this year and this is needed.

**Action: Clerk to report grass cutting on A5092 on portal**

Cllr. Saunders reported that the two drains on the A5092, by the Quarry are still not draining water away, even after the resurfacing of the road. Cllr. Byrne to report this to Highways.

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to report two drains on A5092, by Quarry, to Highways**

Cllr. Byrne advised that she will also chase a response in respect of the road at Pear Tree.

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to chase Highways for response in respect of the road at Pear Tree**

c) **Hotline Reports**

The following faults were reported to the Council:

- A5092 – pothole 50 meters after the junction at Grizebeck
- A595 – pothole – south of Wallend

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

It was noted that problems are still being experienced with the loose on Tippins Lane. The Clerk to forward the correspondence between herself and Karen Dockery to Cllr. Byrne who will then contact Karen Dockery with regard to this.

**Action: Clerk to forward correspondence between herself and Karen Dockery to Cllr. Byrne**

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Karen Dockery with regard to stones on Tippins Lane**

d) **Hotline Progress**

None.

## 11. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) **Reports**

**Community Facility** – Cllr. Irving reported that Grizebeck Community Centre will open from the 7<sup>th</sup> September. It has social distancing capacity for meeting up to 19 people. It is 1 chair per table and a “Fogger” machine has been purchased.

**Pylons** – Cllr. Todd reported that there is movement with regard to a power plant at Moorside. However, it appears at the moment that the preferred option is to take power cables offshore.

b) **Actions**

None

c) **Emergency Plan**

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

## 12. Current Matters

a) **Flooding**

It was noted that flooding had already been discussed at Item 8(j).

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

It was reported that the Farmer at Low Hall Farm will be erecting the fence imminently.

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**

Cllr. Byrne reported the Mr. Curtis Hines has stated there are no issues with the proposed entrance and that the application will now go through to Network Rail for them to review. The cost of the application will be £1000 + VAT. The possibility of government funding to develop this area was raised. Cllr. Byrne to contact Simon Fell, MP to advise him of the proposal to develop the site as a car park and Network Rails response.

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Simon Fell, MP to advise him of the proposal to develop the site as a car park and Network Rails response**

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

Cllr. Grieve reported that Probation Service have not started back working yet and do not know when this will resume.

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. Byrne to chase electrician for an estimate for the lights.

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to chase the electrician for estimate for work for the lights on residents properties**

i) **BT payphone Removal Consultation 2020**

The Clerk is to submit the response to SLDC that the Council have no objection to the removal of the payphone on the A595 at Kirkby Hall Farm. A report had been provided by BT that showed no calls had been made from this phone over the space of the last few months.

**Action: clerk to submit response to SLDC regarding BT payphone removal**

j) **The Local Electricity Bill**

A letter had been received from Power for the People asking that the Parish Council pledge their support for this. The Clerk to research this and present findings at the next meeting.

**Action: Clerk to research the Local Electricity Bill and report back to Council at the meeting in October 2020**

k) **Youth Club Leader**

There had been no success in finding someone to run the Youth Club. It was agreed to remove this from the agenda.

### 13. Statutory Requirements

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

It was proposed to accept the draft Website Accessibility Regulations prepared by Cllr. McPherson. This was agreed by all.

### 14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There had been no meeting of the Trust Fund since the last Parish Meeting due to current covid-19 situation. Cllr. McPherson advised that applications have been dealt with remotely as they have been received. He reported that following had been awarded:-

Community Centre - £3500 for railing and support trusses for the porch  
- £300 for sanitisers

### 15. Lengthsman

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

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

- Becksides – Strimming back of long grass on dangerous bends into Village, cutting back verge to allow water to run into drain, digging out blocked drain chamber, cleaning signs at cattle grid, removed vegetation obscuring 20 mph sign.
- A593 – School Road to Wallend – Strimming back hedges, briars and nettles on both sides of the road.
- Chapels - Strimming around bus shelter, cleaning out shelter

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

It was noted that the Lengthsman still had a list of work to carry out.

16. **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 July 2020 was presented to the Council.
- b) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £16.88 for August 2020 were approved.
- c) The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020 was approved.
- d) The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 was approved.
- e) A payment of £144.00 had been made to the Lengthsman in respect of his invoice dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 for work carried out in July 2020.
- f) Annual Governance and Account Return
  - i. The Clerk presented the Auditors report – Hornbys and carried out an internal audit on the accounts and found everything to be in order
  - ii. A resolution was made and accepted that the Parish Council meets the criteria to be an exempt authority and therefore are not subject to the limit assurance review by the External Auditor. The exemption certificate to be submitted to the external auditor and the relevant documents to be placed on the website.

**Action: Clerk to submit exemption certificate to external auditor**

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to place relevant documents on parish website**

17. **Planning**

a) **Applications received:**

- i. SL/2020/0524 – Bank End, Grizebeck – Demolish existing house & outbuildings and replace with 8 bedroom holiday home/residential house – It was agreed to support this application. There will be a comment/suggestion with regard to loss of potential of habitat for wildlife. It was agreed for Cllr. Scott to draft the response and forward to the Clerk.

**Action: Cllr. Scott to draft response to application and forward to Clerk**

- i. SL/2020/0548 – Burberry Cottage Soutergate – Application for non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission SL/2020/0047 (single storey front extensions). – It was noted that this is an application for a non-material amendment on existing application and no comments required in this instance.

b) **Planning Notifications:**

None.

c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

- i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – No further update available. It was agreed to chase progress of this following October 2020 meeting.

18. **Correspondence**

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

- a) FLAG Newsletter – August 2020

19. **Any Other Business**

- a) Dog Fouling has been reported as being an issue once again. A reminder for people to clear up after their dogs to be placed in the Parish Newsletter. In addition it was reported that a

problem is being experienced with dogs barking that have been left on their own whilst owners are at work. This too will be highlighted in the Newsletter.

**Action: Cllr. Scott to place issues with dog fouling and barking in Newsletter**

- b) October meeting – It was agreed that this will be held face to face providing Government regulations allow.
- c) Seat at Kirkby Moor – the seat at Kirkby Moor has been removed due to wear and tear and is to be replaced by the family who donated the original seat.

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

#### **20. Deferred Actions Review**

Affordable Housing – It was noted that affordable housing had been discussed under Item 9 (c) on the agenda.

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.

#### **21. Date of Next Meeting**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

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