

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 15th October 2020

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. R. Morrish, M. Irving

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chair), M. Jackson, W. Todd, R. Saunders, G. Grieve, G. Scott, J. Byrne, I. Winstanley

District Cllrs. I. Wharton, T. Coward, County Cllr. M. Brereton

Member of the Public

The Chairman advised that a letter of resignation has been received from Cllr. Copley. A letter of thanks and flowers are to be sent to Cllr. Copley. The Clerk to arrange this.

Action: Clerk to arrange flowers and send letter to Mrs. Copley

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Coward reported that the proposal from Government to move to a Unitary Authority was discussed at the full District Council Meeting. This would effectively include all the areas covered by the Morecambe Bay Health Trust. A recommendation was made at the SLDC meeting to explore this. This will be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Meeting.

Cllr. Wharton reported that Barrow now in Tier 2 covid restrictions and that SLDC, on the last report, had the second highest rate of infections recorded in the County.

Cllr. Brereton reported on the following:-

Broadband Rural North (B3RN) are continuing to improve and extend their service.

School Railings – Cllr. Brereton confirmed that these are to be repaired.

Road Safety Report Grizebeck – Cllr. Brereton has continued to chase Highways for a copy of the road safety report on Grizebeck.

Speed signs – He is still waiting for a response from Highways with regard to the replacement of speed signs.

5. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that due to the present situation with the covid-19 pandemic, meetings will be held remotely for the foreseeable future.

He informed that we have received an email from Holker estates identifying areas of land in the parish which could be used for residential development. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. Open Forum

There were no remarks from member of the public.

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Grass cutting
- Dog fouling bin – Bell Hall Farm
- Road closure Beckside
- Allotments

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed.

9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. McPherson has re-drafted the Parish Emergency Plan
- b) Cllr. McPherson had forwarded the information to the School with regard to a Parish Crest and informed that the children were working on designs for this.
- c) The Clerk had forwarded to other parish councils in the district a copy of the Parish letter to Mr. Conway, Chief Executive SLDC, regarding local authority electoral arrangements. A response had been received from Cllr. Jonathon Brook. It was agreed for Cllr. McPherson to contact him to discuss his response with him.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Cllr. Brook regarding local authority electoral arrangements following his reply to the Parish Council regarding this issue

- d) Cllr. Byrne reported the drains but asked for clarification from Cllr. Saunders with regard to the exact location as she intends to take photographs and forward to Highways. Cllr. Brereton said he would raise the issue of the drains with Karen Dockery and ask her to contact Cllr. Saunders to discuss the problems and try to arrange a site visit.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to raise issue of drains on A5092 which are not draining water away with Karen Dockery

Action: Cllr. Byrne to take photographs of drain and forward to Highways

- e) Cllr. Byrne has had no further up-date from Karen Dockery with regard to the road at Pear Tree and reported that she had also emailed Victoria Upton about this.
- f) The Clerk reported the faults on the portal.
- g) The Clerk had forwarded to Cllr. Byrne the correspondence between herself and Karen Dockery regarding the stones on Tippins Lane.
- h) Cllr. Byrne had contacted Karen Dockery with regard to the stones on Tippins Lane, who had responded with the same reply as she had given the Clerk in February 2020. She had advised there is no quick fix for the problem and any work undertaken would cause massive disruption and have cost implications for businesses due to the road closure.
- i) Cllr. Byrne had written to Simon Fell to advise him of the proposal to develop the site adjacent to the railway station as a car park and informed him of Network Rails response. He had responded to thank Cllr. Byrne for keeping him informed.
- j) Cllr. Byrne had chased the electrical for an estimate for work for the lights on resident's properties. He is currently on leave and will get back to her when he returns.
- k) The Clerk submitted the response to SLDC about removal of the BT payphone at Marshside.
- l) The Clerk had researched the Local Electricity Bill and reported back to Councillors.
- m) Clerk had submitted the certificate of exemption to the external auditor.
- n) Cllr. McPherson had placed the relevant accountancy documents on the parish website.
- o) Cllr. Scott had drafted a response to the planning application SL/2020/0524 and the Clerk had forwarded this to the SLDC Planning Department.
- p) Cllr. Scott had raised the issue with dog fouling and barking in the Newsletter.

10. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

a) **Police Report**

There was no police report.

b) **A595/A5092 matters**

Cllr. Brereton advised that he had received an email from a resident at Soutergate regarding how dangerous it was crossing the A595 at Soutergate due to increase in traffic, its speed and visibility of the traffic. This was discussed. Cllr. Brereton suggested to the Parish Council writing to Highways listing all the areas of concern within the Parish and possible suggestions of how these could be addressed.

The A595 bypass Group had met with Simon Fell MP to raise some issue with regard to the bypass. Mr. Fell's response to the questions raised by the Group at the meeting was read out to the Council.

c) **Hotline Reports**

The following faults were reported to the Council:

- A5092 – grass on verges needs cutting
- Potholes – Low Ghyll, half way up hill at Grizbeck
- Blocked Drains – Low Ghyll
- Issue with resurfacing work carried out at High Ghyll

Action: clerk to reports faults on the portal

d) **Hotline Progress**

None.

11. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

a) **Reports**

Community Facility – A Kirkby Community Centre committee member gave an update on the progress of the build.

Youth Club – This has now been disbanded and the unused donation from CGP Trust Fund for the Youth has been returned to the Trust Fund.

b) **Actions**

None

c) **Emergency Plan**

Cllr. McPherson had amended the plan. This had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. McPherson went through the plan. The plan was approved and it was agreed by all to adopt the amended plan. Cllr. McPherson will now have the plan printed to distribute.

12. Current Matters

a) **Flooding**

Cllr. Grieve has still not received response from Seamus Giles regarding the time frame for the flooding prevention work at Marshside.

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

The Farmer has now carried out work to the footpath. He has reinstated some of the bank in order to try to alleviate a further problem and erected a new section of fence.

- **Consider additional donation to Low Hall Farm towards cost of fencing.**

Cllr. Grieve proposed that a further donation of £100 be made to the Farmer for his work as the work he had carried out was more than initially planned. This was voted on and agreed by the majority (7 for and 1 against).

c) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

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

- d) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**
Cllr. Todd reported that the Friends of the Lake District have again put forward their case for extending the Southern boundary to Natural England. Cllr. Jackson noted that a decision on whether or not the Parish Council support this has not yet been made.
- e) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**
A decision/response from Network Rail is awaited.
- 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**
This was reported on under Item 9(j) on the agenda.
- i) **Councillors Surgeries**
These are in abeyance due to the current situation with covid-19.
- j) **The Local Electricity Bill**
The Clerk gave a report to the Councillors on this. It was proposed and agreed by all to support this Bill. The Clerk will notify Power for People.
Action: Clerk to notify Power for People that the Council support the Bill
- k) **District Councillor arrangements**
It was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.
- l) **SLDC Customer Connect**
This was discussed. It was noted that not all Councillors had been able to access the portal due to low broadband speeds.

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.

15. Lengthsman

- a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**
The following work had been carried out by the Lengthsman in September 2020:
 - Soutergate – Strimming back overgrown verges on road up to Longlands. Cutting in drains and clearing drain covers and tidying the junction with the main road.
Filling in holes in car park and strimming edges and weeds
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**
It was noted that the Lengthsman is to carry on work in October.

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 August/September 2020 was presented to the Council.
- b) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £16.88 for September 2020 were approved.
- c) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £16.88 for October 2020 were approved.

- d) The payment of £46.00 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th November 2020 was approved.
- e) A payment of £128.00 had been made to the Lengthsman in respect of his invoice dated 1st October 2020 for work carried out in September 2020.
- f) The payment of £12.00 being the annual subscription for Clerks and Councils Direct was approved.
- g) The payment to Cllr. Scott for costs related to the display boards was approved.
- h) The payment of £273.00 to Mr. Metcalfe being the third payment for the cutting of the grass was approved.
- i) The payment of £85.17 to EON for the period 1st July to 30th September 2020 was approved.

17. Planning

a) Applications received:

- i. SL/2020/0585 – Foxcroft, Sandside, Kirkby-in-Furness – Extension to existing rear dormer to create space for an en-suite and single storey rear kitchen extension - No Objections or comments.
- ii. 7/2020/5515 – Knott end Farm, Grizebeck – Conversion of barn into holiday letting accommodation, comprising of two, three bed properties, including rebuild and extension of leanto – No objections or comments.
- iii. SL/2020/0690 – Shepherds Cottage, Sandside – single storey rear extension at first floor level, decked roof area with glazed balustrade – No objections or comments.

b) Planning Notifications:

- i. SL/2020/0548 – Burberry Cottage, Soutergate – Non-material amended – Granted with conditions
- ii. SL/2020/0481 – Burberry Cottage, Soutergate – discharge of condition – Approved.
- iii. PA/2020/0001 - Ghyll Beck Farm, Chapels – Building to provide storage for manure to prevent leakage – Withdrawn

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

- i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – No further update available.

18. Correspondence

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

- a) Clerks and Council Direct
- b) Great North Air Ambulance Service
- c) Letter from resident - The Clerk read this letter out. A problem with motorcycle trailing is being experienced on Great Burney and surrounding area. This has been reported to the police who had advised to get Parish Council to write to the Chief of Police about this issue. It was agreed for the clerk to do this and notify resident.

Action: Clerk to write to Chief and Police regarding issue with motorcycles on Great Burney and notify resident when she has done so

19. Any Other Business

- a) **Grass cutting** – It was reported that weeds need attending to at Soutergate car park. Cllr. McPherson to arrange for a local resident to carry out the work.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to ask local resident to treat weeds at Soutergate car park

- b) **Dog Fouling Bin** – The resident of Bell Hall Farm has asked for a dog fouling litter bin to be placed with his bins on School Road as people are using his private bins to put dog bags in which is causing an issue when he puts his rubbish in as they are splitting. The Clerk to contact SLDC and ask for dog fouling bin to be placed in the area.

Action: Clerk to contact SLDC for dog fouling bin at Bell Hall Farm

- c) **Road closure at Beckside** – It was noted that the Parish Council were not informed of the recent road closure at Beckside. The Clerk to write to Highways and request that they are informed of future closures within the parish.

Action: Clerk to write to Highways and request the Council be kept of informed of planned road closures.

- d) **Allotments** – A local resident had contacted Cllr. Scott with regard to the possibility of having allotments in the area. This has been raised with Rachael Bagshaw of Holker Estates. A response from her is awaited. It was noted that the Parish Council will not be responsible for any allotments that may be permitted. They have simply raised the issue with Holker on behalf of the member of the public.

20. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Housing – Nothing to report.

Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck – No update.

Grizebeck Hall signage – No update.

21. Date of Next Meeting

A change of date for the next meeting was agreed this will now be held on:-

Thursday 12th November 2020

Alison Field

Clerk to the Parish Council