

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 18th February 2021

1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllr. R. Morrish District Cllrs. I. Wharton, T. Coward

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chair), M. Jackson, W. Todd, R. Saunders, G. Grieve, G. Scott, I. Winstanley, M. Irving, S. Rhodes, J. Byrne
County Cllr. M. Brereton

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that at the present time face to face meetings must resume from May 2021, when current legislation with regard to remote meetings ceases. However, in his opinion, this may be reviewed nearer the time. He noted how successful the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Councils Zoom meeting are. The Chairman advised that he is currently in the process of distributing the Emergency Plans.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Cllrs. Wharton and Coward had been unable to attend the meeting but had provided a Newsletter which had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Cllr. Brereton provided the following report:

A5092/A595 – Grizebeck - Cllr. Brereton reported on the speeding measures which are to be funded at Grizebeck. A 50 mile an hour speed limit will be implemented between Wreaks Causeway and Lowick. The exception being Grizebeck Hill will have a restriction of 40 miles an hour and the same for Bank End Lane.

A595 bypass – - Cllr. Brereton reported that this is now with Alistair Dunn of the Capital Works Team and that the next step is for a public consultation to be carried out. Cllr. McPherson advised that Alistair Dunn has contacted him and is going to arrange a Zoom meeting with Councillors to report on this.

Drains – Cllr. Brereton noted that during the recent wet and cold spell there has been frozen water on numerous roads due to problem with drains. He reported that he has doubled his efforts to get Highways to work together to address issues with road surfaces.

B4RN – Cllr. Brereton reported that conversations with B4RN to install it in this area are going well. He informed that Mike Hooper from Kirkby is very pro-active on this and has produced a flyer for distribution. Cllr. Brereton stated that he is hoping to organise a presentation from B4RN.

Local Buses – Cllr. Brereton reported that the County Council are considering investing on a bus route between Millom-Broughton-Grizebeck. This is being referred to by CCC as Community transport.

Cycle/walking Bridleway – Cllr. Brereton advised that he is trying to source funding for a cycle/walking bridleway between Marshside and Broughton. He said there are stretches in places at the moment but the route needs extending/improving.

A5092 – Cllr. Saunders asked Cllr. Brereton if he knew why they have been drilling holes on the A5092 at Beanthwaite. Cllr. Brereton did not know but will check this with Karen Dockery.

Tippins Lane - Cllr. Winstanley reported that Highways have tarmacked the problematic grid on Tippins Lane and asked Cllr. Brereton if he knew why they have done this. Cllr. Brereton did not but stated he believes they will have done this for a specific reason.

6. Open Forum

There were no comments.

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Low Hall Wood
- Buildings in fields
- Pollution
- Width restriction on road
- Mud on road to Low Hall Farm
- Mud/Water on Fell Road
- Woodland Parish Room

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved. The minutes will be signed when possible.

9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. Coward will be asked to forward to the Parish Council information on carbon footprint/bio-diversity.

Action: Cllr. Coward to forward information on carbon footprint/biodiversity to Clerk

- b) Cllr. Byrne had contacted Karen Dockery with regard to the drain on the A5092 at Beanthwaite, who has asked for further information on the specific problems. She informed she would arrange for the gully wagon to visit. Cllrs. Saunders and Byrne had prepared a list of the problems being experienced on this road and forwarded this to Karen Dockery. Cllr. Byrne has also asked Karen Dockery about the drilling holes on the A5092.

- c) The Clerk had reported the faults on the portal.

- d) Cllr. Grieve will be contacting the Contractors who provided a quotation for the bridge at Marsh Garth for updated quotes.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Contractors who provided a quotation for the bridge to obtain updated quotes.

- e) Cllr. Grieve is to prepare a letter to Holker Estates seeking permission for the replacement bridge at Marsh Garth.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to prepare a letter to Holker seeking permission for the replacement bridge at Marsh Garth

- f) The Clerk had contacted Mr. O'Neill to ask for sandbags to be delivered to the Village. He had advised that he will do this but cannot guarantee when this will be due to the current situation with staff shortages due to covid and bad weather.

- g) The Clerk reported the litter on the A595 at Pear Tree Farm to SLDC.

- h) Cllr. Scott had prepared a report on Electric charging stations and this had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

- i) Cllr. Scott had put a reminder about dog fouling in the Newsletter.

10. Police, Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) Police Report

No police report had been received.

b) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

- Pear Tree Layby - Cllr. Byrne informed that Karen Dockery has advised her that work to patch the layby at Pear Tree will be carried out in the next financial year.
- Tara House – A traffic incident has occurred on Soutergate Road near Tara House. A residents vehicle was parked in a passing place and cars were struggling to get past. The possibility of erecting a “passing place” sign was discussed. Cllr. Jackson will make enquiries to see if this issue can be resolved. This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
 - **Action: Cllr. Jackson to investigate issue with parked car in passing place at Soutergate to see if this can resolved**
- Cllr. Saunders reported that there had been an accident at Beanthwaite during the snow and ice but did not know if this was a result of the icy road conditions.

c) Hotline Reports

The damage caused to various verges around the Village was raised. Cllr. Grieve will place them on the job sheet for the Lengthsman. Councillors were asked to report the locations of the damaged verges to Cllr. Grieve. The possibility of highlighting the issue on the facebook page was also discussed.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to place repair of damaged verges on Lengthsman job sheet.

The following faults to be reported to Highways:

- Fence down at Muirlands
- Water and mud on Moor Road

Action: clerk to reports faults on the portal

d) Hotline Progress

None.

11. Parish Plan

a) Reports

- Burlington School – Cllr. Scott presented the following report:
Thirty four children are registered to attend School during the current lockdown. The School is looking to install showers in the toilets. Due to the current covid-19 situation the school’s revenue is less. There are 8 children enrolled so far for the intake in September 2021. The School still does not have a date for when work will start on the development adjacent to the School. The flashing lights continue to be a problem. It was noted that the Headteacher has a contact number to report the problem and this could be put in the Newsletter, so members of the public could also report them. The Head had informed that some of the families in the Village are in need of support during this unprecedented time. It was agreed for Cllr. Scott to ask the Head for suggestions on how the Parish Council could assist with this.

Action: Cllr. Scott to ask the Head for suggestions as to how the Parish Council can support families within the Village who need assistance.

b) Actions

None

12. Current Matters

a) Flooding

Nothing to report.

b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

No update on this. See Agenda Items 9(d) and (e) above.

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

Nothing to report on this.

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

Northern would not develop the land themselves but have expressed that they would support the Parish Council developing it. It was agreed that the process for doing this, the costs involved and the possibility of obtaining grants need to be looked into. Cllr. Byrne to contact Elizabeth Clark, Property Services Surveyor for North West & Central Network Rail and also raise this with Simon Fell MP and Cllr. Ben Shirley.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Elizabeth Clark, Network Rail, Simon Fell MP and Cllr. Ben Shirley, CCC regarding the development of the land adjacent to the station

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

No update on this.

f) **Storage Units**

Cllr. Grieve reported that he is in the process of finding a new contractor for this work.

g) **Councillors Surgeries**

These are in abeyance due to the current situation with covid-19.

h) **B4RN**

This had been discussed by Cllr. Brereton under Item 5 on the Agenda. Cllr. Todd advised that Skynet will also be up and running in this area in the near future.

i) **Local Government Reform**

Cllr. McPherson had attended a meeting on the Local Government Reform given by SLDC, Barrow-in-Furness Borough Council and Lancaster City Council setting out their proposals in regard to The Bay unitary proposal. He had provided a report on this which had been forwarded to Cllrs prior to the meeting. He commented that the proposal seemed to be very positive.

Cllr. Brereton reported that a public consultation on this is expected to be announced in the next few days. He did report however, that the Bay Unitary Authority seemed unlikely to succeed in its bid as it did not meet all the necessary criteria.

j) **Electric Charging Stations**

Cllr. Scott had prepared a short report on possible locations for electric charging stations in the Parish. This had been distributed to Councillors prior to the meeting. However, it was noted that the problem the Village is going to have with regard to providing electric charging stations is that they require 3 phase electric power, which the Village does not have. It was noted that if the area adjacent to the Railway Station was developed the possibility of having electric charging stations at the car park could be explored with Network Rail.

13. **Statutory Requirements**

None

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

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

15. **Lengthsman**

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

Lady Moyra Incline – clearing drains, cutting back verges to allow water to run into drains.
Digging out blocked drain by rose Villas.

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

- Repair to damaged grass verges

16. Accounts

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

- A financial statement for January 2021 was presented to the Council.
- The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £16.88 for February 2021 were approved.
- The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th March 2021 was approved.
- A payment of £64.00 to the Lengthsman had been made in respect of his invoice dated 30th January 2021.

The Clerk advised the Council that the grant of £1500 for the Bridge at Marsh Garth has been received from CCC and that a tax refund of £101.11 Has been received.

17. Planning

a) Applications received:

None received.

Cllr. Saunders reported that the evening mail had published applications received by SLDC and some of those listed had been for this area, yet the Parish Council had not received them. Cllr. Grieve reported that it could be to do with the type of applications they are, but would look into this.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to look into SLDC planning applications

b) Planning Notifications

None.

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

- 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.

- Letter from Kirkby Gala Committee. They had advised that they have decided to plan the Gala, in the event that circumstances due to covid-19 will allow it to take place, and asked if the Council wanted a display at the Gala. This was agreed. The Clerk to write and advise.

19. Any Other Business

- Buildings in fields** – Cllr. Irving noted the amount of buildings which were being erected in fields around the Parish. This was discussed and noted that the Parish Council cannot do anything about this in the event that the applicants had received the relevant authority to do so.
- Pollution** – Cllr. Irving reported that Farmers have been notified that new regulations are to be introduced to cover pollution.
- Low Hall Wood** – It was agreed that the work carried out on the Wood had been carried out responsibly and the contractor had done a good job. A letter is to be sent to Holker from the Parish Council stating this.
- Width restriction sign** – Soutergate - Cllr. Winstanley had received a request from a resident of Soutergate asking about the possibility of having width restriction signs at the entrances to Soutergate. This was discussed. It was noted however, that certain larger vehicles do need to access Soutergate and that these tend to be the only larger vehicles that access it any event.

- e) **Mud on the Road to Bank House** – It was noted that there is mud down the centre of the road that runs from A595 to Low Hall Wood. This has been created by the lorries that had been used in the tree felling. It was agreed to ask Holker, in the letter mentioned above, if it would be possible for the road to be cleared as there is concern that grass and other vegetation will seed in the mud which will eventually make it difficult for residents to access their properties in vehicles.
- f) **Woodland Parish Rooms** – A response had been received from Woodland Parish Rooms. They had advised that they have been experiencing problems with litter etc. from visitors who are parking their cars at the Rooms. However, they are in the process of erecting fence to prohibit parking at the Rooms and are hoping this alleviates the problem. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to Woodland Rooms to see if a donation from the Parish Council would assist with cost of erecting the fence.

Action: Clerk to write to Woodland Rooms – re financial input for fencing

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

The next meeting will be held on:-

Thursday 18th March 2021

Alison Field

Clerk to the Parish Council