

# 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> March 2021

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

District Cllrs. I. Wharton

#### Present:

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

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

None.

### 4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman reported that Council will continue to follow Government advice with regard to how meetings are held. He noted that there were a number of residents in attendance at the meeting who had attended with regard to Agenda Item No. 17 - Planning - (a) (ii) and (iii). The Chairman proposed that the agenda item be brought forward in the meeting to be discussed after Agenda Item 6 – Open Forum. This was agreed.

### 5. Reports from District and County Councillors

#### *District Cllr. Coward provided the following report:*

**Discretionary grants** – These are still available from SLDC

**Local Government Review** – Cllr. Coward advised that there is a great deal of information on-line about the 4 different options and reminded the meeting that SLDC favour the Bay Option.

Cllr. Jackson took issue with Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council being noted as in Coniston and Broughton Ward by SLDC. Cllr. Coward explained that this was a district boundary and not a parish boundary and advised that she was not aware of how the district boundary names had been decided. He also pointed out that Kirkby Ireleth Parish was not being mentioned on documents produced by SLDC with regard to the proposal of the Bay Authority. Cllr. Coward said that she is sure that this must have been done inadvertently. Cllr. McPherson stated that the Parish Council is to meet with the Deputy Leader of SLDC in the near future and this can be raised with him.

Cllr. McPherson asked if it would be possible for SLDC to arrange a litter collection. Cllr. Coward reported that she was not too sure if SLDC carried out litter collection themselves but they could assist the Parish Council in arranging one. Cllr. Coward will link AMF to Sue Warner, Locality Team Leader. The Clerk reported that following the reporting of litter on Tippins Lane, SLDC have informed they have picked up the litter in this area, as far as was safely possible to do so.

#### *Cllr. Brereton provided the following report:*

**A5092/A595** – Grizebeck - Cllr. Brereton reported on the speeding measures which are to be funded  
**Highways** – all issues reported to him at the last meeting have been reported to Highways.

**Beanthwaite Drains** – No update on this

**B4RN** – B4RN have appointed a representative for the Furness area, this is Mr. Dan Robinson.

**A595 bypass** – Cllr. Brereton reported that an environmental survey is currently being carried out.

**Walking/cycling Groups** – Cllr. Brereton informed that development of footpaths and cycling lanes is discussed with Simon Fell MP at the monthly meetings held by the MP.

**Station amenities** – Cllr. Brereton informed that he will be discussing these with Simon Fell MP in a future meeting.

Cllr. Winstanley noted that a new footpath has been created by CGP at Broughton. Cllr. Brereton advised that this is something they have done on their own land. However, it is hoped that if funding can be secured to develop the footpaths/bridleways then the work may be able to be contracted out to CGP to develop these.

## 6. Open Forum

A number of residents from Soutergate had attended the meeting in relation to the planning applications for Cross Beck Farm, Soutergate, for a covered midden and covered silage. The residents were concerned about a number of things relating to these applications, including, the proximity to their dwellings, the increased traffic load and waterway and environmental issues. Cllr. McPherson informed the residents that the Parish Council do not make the decisions with regard to applications and can only comment on them. He stressed the importance of them individually making SLDC aware of their views.

## 17. Planning

### a) Applications received:

- i. SL/2021/0091 – Ghyll Beck Farm, Chapels, Kirkby-in-Furness – There were no comments or objections to this application.
- ii. SL/2021/0105 – This was discussed as length, together with the application at Item 17(a)(iii). A response to this application and (iii) below, will be submitted setting out the concerns of the residents and a suggestion made that SLDC Planning attend a site visit before making a decision.
- iii. SL/2021/0106 – See Agenda Item 17(a)(ii) above.

## 7. Matters for Any Other Business

- SLDC Rates
- Nets over hedges
- Blocked drains Low/High Ghyll
- Road sweeping
- Mud on Fell road
- Community Centre
- PC Logo

## 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 had forward to the Parish Council information on carbon footprint/bio-diversity. This had been forwarded to Cllr. Scott.
- b) Cllr. Grieve had contacted the contractors who had provided quotes for the replacement bridge at Marsh Garth. They are both to revisit the site and update their quotes.
- c) Cllr. Grieve had prepared a letter seeking permission from Holker Estates for the replacement bridge, this had been forwarded to them by the Clerk.
- d) Cllr. Jackson had investigated the issue with a parked car in a passing place at Soutergate. It was noted that this is not a dedicated passing place and therefore it is not possible to stop cars from parking at this location. This issue is to be monitored.

- e) Cllr. Grieve had placed the repair of the damaged verges on the Lengthsman's job sheet.
- f) The Clerk had reported faults on the portal, except for the mud on the Moor Road will she will now report.
- g) Cllr. McPherson had contacted the Head of the School for suggestions as to how support families within the Village who need assistance, due to covid19. As a result of this, Kirkby Charities have put a system in place to assist.
- h) Cllr. Byrne had contacted Elizabeth Clark at Network Rail regarding the development of the land adjacent to the station and will discuss this at Item 12(d) on the Agenda.
- i) Cllr. Grieve had looked into the SLDC planning applications reported in the Evening Mail that the Parish Council had not been informed of. He noted that the Council had in fact received notification of the applications following the last meeting and concluded that at the time they had appeared in the evening mail SLDC had obviously received them but had not processed them.
- j) The Clerk had written to Woodland Rooms regarding financial assistance with the fencing. The Woodland Rooms Committee had advised that they have put in place fencing and this is costing £12 per week and that any donation to assist with this would be greatly appreciated.

## 10. Police, Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

### a) Police Report

It was noted that the police reports going forward will most probably be in the form of a Newsletter from Cumbria Constabulary and this will be distributed to Councillors when received.

### b) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

- A5092 – Beanthwaite – blocked drains. Cllr. Byrne reported that she has been advised by Highways that the gully wagon had attended this location and reported that a number of drains are blocked and could not be cleared and therefore further investigation into this matter will be required.
- A595 By-pass – Cllr. Irving reported that a geomatics firm have attended the site to take the levels. In addition, four firms, who are to provide tenders have attended the site. It was noted that there is a traditional milestone at Chapels and this will need to be preserved.

### c) Hotline Reports

The following faults to be reported to Highways:

- Pothole – Gargreave
- Pothole A595 – Herschel Terrace
- Pothole Sandside (in front of Tethers End)
- Pothole – Beckside – by Churchyard
- Mud on Moor Road
- Blocked drains – Low Ghyll. Cllr. Todd will forward a map to the Clerk with the locations highlighted.

**Action: Cllr. Todd to forward map of locations of blocked drains at Low Ghyll to the Clerk**

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

### d) Hotline Progress

None.

## 11. Parish Plan

### a) Reports

No reports.

b) **Actions**

None

12. **Current Matters**

a) **Flooding**

Nothing to report.

b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

Permission had been obtained from Kirkby Hall Farm for the replacement bridge. As noted above, a letter has been forward to Holker seeking their permission for the replacement bridge and a response is awaited.

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

Nothing to report on this.

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

Cllr. Byrne is to meet with Elizabeth Clark, Network Rail regarding the Parish Council developing this area. It was noted that the residents in this location will need to be made aware of the plans to develop this area.

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

No update on this.

f) **Storage Units**

Cllr. Grieve reported that he is to meet with a new contractor who will hopefully be able to carry out this work.

g) **Councillors Surgeries**

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

h) **SLDC Greening Campaign**

The Greening Campaign is an initiative that SLDC is supporting and promoting. It is a community-based activity aiming at reducing CO2 emissions. Cllr. Scott had prepared a short report summarising the campaign which had been distributed to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed to sign up to Phase 1 of the Campaign at a cost of £25.00. The Clerk to arrange payment.

**Action: Clerk to forward payment for Phase 1 of the Campaign**

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**

The Lengthsman does not start work until April 2021.

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

- Repair to damaged grass verges

An email had been received from a Grizebeck resident requesting that the Lengthsman stop cutting the grass verges by the seat at Grizebeck. In addition they had reported, what they see as, an issue with stones being placed on grass verges by residents alongside the highway. This was discussed. The Clerk to forward the Council's response, advising that the Lengthsman does not cut any of the verges around the Parish and that the cutting of the verge at the seat is nothing to do with the Parish Council. In addition advise the resident to contact Highways at CCC with regard to any issues he has verges alongside highways as they are responsible for these.

**Action: Clerk to respond to resident at Grizebeck regarding cutting of 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) A financial statement for February 2021 was presented to the Council.
- b) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £26.00 for March 2021 were approved.
- c) The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 was approved.
- d) The payment of £31.91 to Holker, being the annual rental charge for Soutergate car park was approved.
- e) The payment of £40.00 to ICO being the annual Data Protection Fee was approved.

## 17. Planning

### b) Planning Notifications

PN/2021/0002 – Groundwell Farm – Land off Sandside Lane – Erection of agricultural general storage building & hard standing. – Withdrawn.

SL/2018/0364 – Land adjacent to Burlington Primary School – New development – This had been granted with conditions.

### c) Planning Enforcement Issues

- i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – No further update available. The Clerk to email SLDC chasing update.

**Action: Clerk to email SLDC Planning re update on Ginnyring Cottage**

## 18. Correspondence

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

- a) LCR Magazine
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct
- c) Email from Grizebeck Resident – re cutting of verges/stones on verges – this had been discussed at Agenda Item 15.

## 19. Any Other Business

- a) **SLDC Rates** – Cllr. Grieve reported that SLDC are proposing that the 100% discount applied to household rates, for an unoccupied house, will no longer be available. There is currently a consultation on this. Cllr. Grieve to prepare a letter to SDLC raising the Parish Council's objections to this proposal

**Action: Cllr. Grieve to draft a letter to SLDC regarding proposal to withdraw 100% discount for unoccupied premises**

- b) **Nets on Hedges** – It has been reported to a number of Parish Councillors that nets have been put over hedges on a piece of land off the A595. Councillors were informed that the land owner, Mr. Charnley, wishes to meet with the Council to discuss his plans for development of this land. Cllr. Grieve to arrange the meeting.

**Action: Cllr. Grieve to arrange a meeting for Councillors with the Land Owner – Mr. Charnley**

- c) **Road sweeping - Low/High Ghyll** – Cllr. Todd reported that road sweeping needs to be carried out at Low High Ghyll. The Clerk to report this on the SLDC portal.

**Action: Clerk to report road sweeping at High/Low Ghyll on SLDC portal**

- d) **Community Centre** – Cllr. McPherson informed that Cllr. Rhodes will now be the Councils representative on the Community Centre Committee.

- e) **PC Logo** – Cllr. Rhodes will view the logos prepared by the School children.
- f) **Planning** – A Sub-committee meeting will be held with regard to Planning to discuss a way forward with the Parish Council’s comments on planning applications. The following will form the Sub-committee and Cllr. Grieve will arrange a meeting:-  
Cllrs. Saunders, Grieve, Rhodes, Scott, Todd and Byrne.

***Action: Cllr. Grieve to arrange meeting of Sub-Committee to discuss Planning***

**20. Deferred Actions Review**

Affordable Housing – It was noted that planning has been granted for the development adjacent to the School and that this will comprise of some affordable housing units.

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 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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