

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. G. Grieve, Estuary Lodge, Askew Gate Brow, Kirkby-in-Furness, LA17 7TE

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at 7.00 pm at Grizebeck Community Centre

1. Apologies for Absence:

District Cllrs. I. Wharton, H. Troughton

Present:

Cllrs. G. Grieve (Chairman), J. Byrne, M. McPherson, M. Jackson, W. Todd, R. Saunders, M. Irving S. Rhodes, R. Morrish, I. Winstanley

County Cllr. M. Brereton,

9 members of the public

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, which was the first face to face meeting since March 2020 and asked that the relevant Government regulations be adhered to and read these out. He thanked everyone for their compliance. He advised that a risk assessment has been carried out and a copy of this is available by request. He stated that he was aware that members of the public have attended the meeting with regard to a specific item on the Agenda, 17(iii) – Planning Application regarding Land off A595, School Road, and therefore intends to bring this item forward and deal with this after Item 5 on the Agenda. This will enable members of the public to leave directly after it has been discussed if they so wish rather than stay for the whole meeting. He explained the procedure to be followed and advised that each individual will be allowed to address the meeting for 4 minutes, in accordance with the Parish Council Standing Orders. He advised that the Parish Council is not the Planning Authority and is only a consultee who can make representations on the application.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Cllr. Coward provided the following report:

Grants - Cllr. Coward reported that Grants were still available from SLDC and all the details are on the website.

Local Government Reform – Information on this is pending.

Boundary Commission Review – Cllr. Coward advised that the consultation on this is now open and would encourage people to look at this.

Cllr. Irving informed that SLDC contractors were parked inappropriately across the bridleway that runs between Grizebeck and Chapels, thereby restricting access. Cllr. Coward advised that she will report this back to SLDC.

Action: Cllr. Coward to report to SLDC THE inappropriate parking of Contractors across Bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels

Cllr. Brereton provided the following report:

Public Consultation A595 – Cllr. Brereton reported that the consultation is now open.

Marshside Wall collapse – An inspection is to take place but Cllr. Brereton did not have a date for this. Cllr. Grieve informed that another section of the wall has fallen.

Broadband – BR4N – Cllr. Brereton informed that leaflets have gone out to residents in the Parish. He advised at the last count 100 out of a possible 600 households within the area had registered an interest. He advised that there will be a stall at the Kirkby Gala offering information on B4RN.

X7 bus route – Cllr. Brereton reaffirmed that this will be recommenced from the 21st June. It will be originating in Coniston and running on a Wednesdays and Fridays.

17. Planning

a) Applications received:

- iii) SL/2021/0492 – Land of A595, School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness – Creation of horticultural nursery, temporary residential dwelling, landscaping works, formation of a revised site access and access track to the nursery buildings.
- The Residents who had attended the meeting with regard to this application gave their representations, highlighting their concerns and objections. Once they had done so, the Chairman addressed the meeting and explained that a response had been drafted based on Councillors’ responses to the application and feedback from Residents received prior to the meeting. He stressed that this was a draft and read it out. The application was then considered by the Councillors and the draft amended to address issues raised by the Residents who had attended the meeting. The Council then agreed the response which will be forward to SLDC. The Clerk to cc in Cllr. Coward when submitting the response.

Action: Clerk to submit response on Planning Application to SLDC Planning and cc Cllr. Coward

District Cllr. Coward advised that she supported the Parish Council’s position on this application and believes it should go before the Planning Committee. She is aware that the timeframe for her to report on this has passed, however, she will go back to them and stress the need for this.

County Councillor Brereton also supported the Parish Council’s position on this application. The application refers to a piece of land which it is believed is owned by CCC and the application does not reflect this. Cllr. Brereton will raise this with CCC.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to raise the issue of land belonging to CCC which had been included in the Planning Application

Following the Clerks email to SLDC Planning with regard to an enforcement issue at the site in relation to the previous application PN/2020/0064, a response had been received from SLDC Planning. They had advised that an enforcement issue had been reported to them and the Parish Councils concerns had been linked to this in order that they will be kept updated with progress. However, the resident who had raised the enforcement issue with SLDC was in attendance at the meeting and informed that she had been told that they had attended the site and were not obliged to report back to her. The Clerk to write to SLDC Planning requesting an update on this.

Action: Clerk to write to SLDC Planning Enforcement re land of A595 School Road

6. Open Forum

No matters raised.

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Social Media
- Welcome to Kirkby Leaflets
- Kirkby Charities
- Kirkby Gala

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed. All minutes from meetings which were held remotely were also signed.

9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. McPherson had put information about B4RN in the Newsletter.
- b) The Clerk had forwarded the draft letter with regard to the withdrawal of 100% discount on council tax on unoccupied premises District and County Councillors for comment. This has now been forwarded to SLDC.
- c) Cllr. Todd is still to provide Cllr. Byrne with the name of tradesman regarding work on land adjacent to the station.
Action: Cllr. Todd to provide Cllr. Byrne with name of tradesman regarding work at land adjacent to the station
- d) Cllr. Byrne had reported back to the resident the response from Kirkby Hall Farm with regard to the barbwire on A595, School Road.
- e) The Clerk is still to write to the police regarding speeding on School Road.
Action: Clerk to write to the police regarding speeding on School Road
- f) Cllr. Brereton had left the meeting and therefore the Clerk will email him for an update on the placement of speeding signs in the Village.
Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Brereton re progress on placement of speeding signs in Village
- g) The Clerk had reported the faults on the portal.
- h) Cllr. Grieve had prepared a letter to Holker regarding the new proposal for the Bridge at Marsh Garth and this had been forwarded to them.
- i) The Clerk had contacted Carol Last, CCC re grant for Marsh Garth Bridge. Carol Last had advised that she will look into this and get back to the Council.
- j) Cllr. Byrne had arranged a site meeting with a representative from Tony Brown Aggregates. This had been held and is reported under Item 12(d) on the Agenda.
- k) The Clerk had forwarded the information on SLDC Greening Campaign to Cllr. Byrne and Cllr. Grieve.
- l) The Clerk had emailed the Prison giving the Parish Council's permission for the litter picking to be carried out in the Parish.
- m) The Clerk had notified SLDC of the Councillor Vacancy.
- n) The Clerk had replied to the resident at Soutergate regarding the greening campaign.
- o) The Clerk is still to provide Cllr. Saunders with details of who to contact to report illegal campers as she was unable to find this information. She will email Cllr. Coward to see if she can advise.
Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Coward asking if possible to provide contact details to report illegal campers

10. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

A5092 – It was reported that holes have been drilled in the A5092 to investigate the foundations.

A595 at Marshside – Two new drains have been installed to try to alleviate the flooding in this area.

It was reported that the gully wagon has been to the Village and cleared drains.

Cllr. Byrne to contact Highways to ask why yellow paint has been applied to parts of A595.

b) A595 Grizebeck By-pass

A meeting had been held between Highways and the Parish Council on Wednesday 16th June to discuss the proposed improvement work. It was felt that this was a positive meeting and the comments the Council had previously made had been taken on-board by Highways. A consultation has now opened on the proposed improvement and a response needs to be submitted by the 11th July 2021. As this is before the next full Council meeting, Cllrs. Byrne, Grieve and McPherson will meet to draft a response from the Parish Council. This will then be sent to Councillors for their comments.

Action: Cllrs. Grieve, Byrne and McPherson to meet and draft response to A595 Grizebeck consultation.

Action: Clerk to submit response

- i. **Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck**
No update on this
 - ii. **Milestones**
No update on this.
 - iii. **Victorian signposts**
No update on this.
- c) **Hotline Reports**
The following faults to be reported to Highways:
- Dove Ford Farm - pothole

Action: Clerk to reports fault on the portal

- d) **Hotline Progress**
None.

11. Parish Plan

- a) **Reports**
Community Facilities – It was reported that Grizebeck Village Hall is now open but not to full capacity as there is a restriction on numbers. An event was held there recently which worked well.
- b) **Actions**
None

12. Current Matters

- a) **Flooding**
Updates already provided on this at Item 10(a) on the Agenda.
- b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**
The contractor can carry out the work in July 2021, however agreement from Holker is still awaited.
- c) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**
Nothing to report on this.
- d) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**
A site meeting had taken place with a representative from Tony Brown Aggregates in attendance. They had now provided a quote to clear the land, £7,000 + VAT. Cllr. Byrne has contacted Cllr. Ben Shirely with regard to potential funding pots for this.
- e) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
No update on this.
- f) **Storage Units**
Cllr. Grieve informed that Mr. T. Armistead will carry out work to install the bases at a cost of £700 + VAT. It was noted that the original contractor who was going to carry out the work had estimated £600 so there is a slight increase. A proposal was made for the work to be

carried out by Mr. Armistead at a cost of £700 + VAT. This was seconded and agreed by all Councillors.

Mr. O'Neill had still not contacted the Clerk with regard to the delivery of additional sandbags. The Clerk to contact Mr. O'Neill again and arrange collection of the sandbags. Cllr. Grieve will organise the collection of the sandbags from the depot.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr. O'Neill regarding replenishment of sandbags.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to arrange collections of sandbags from the depot.

g) **Councillors Surgeries**

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

h) **SLDC Greening Campaign**

It was noted that due to the resignation of Cllr. Scott the Parish Council will not proceed with the campaign at this time.

i) **Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation**

It was noted that a response to this should be prepared. This will remain on the Agenda for the next meeting to discuss this.

j) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**

It was noted that this had been discussed under Item 5 on the Agenda.

k) **Village Celebration Event**

Cllr. Grieve reported that this will take place on Saturday 4th September 2021 and meetings are currently being held to arrange this.

13. Statutory Requirements

a) **Councillor Vacancy**

The notice for Casual Vacancy has been posted on the noticeboard and the 14 day period expires on the 24th June 2021. After this time the vacancy will be able to be filled by election or co-opting. Two candidates to-date have put their names forward for the position.

b) **Dates of Meetings**

Due to the uncertainty of how long covid restrictions will be in place for, it was agreed that at the current time future venues for meetings will be considered at each meeting.

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

No meeting of the Trust Fund has been held since the last Parish Council Meeting.

15. Lengthsman

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

The following work had been undertaken:-

Beckside – Cleaning two 20 mph road signs, digging out culvert, digging out blocked drains and cleaning drain covers.

Beckside to Caravan Park Road – digging out two blocked drains by ruined buildings.

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

- i. Drain unblocking on Coombe Crescent
- ii. Cleaning of give way sign at Dove Ford
- iii. Grass cutting around benches and bus stops

16. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for May 2021 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £17.88 for June 2021 were approved.
- c) The payment to HMRC of £48.00, being PAYE to 5th July 2021 was approved.

- d) Payment to the Lengthsman of £112.00 in respect of his invoice dated 6th June 2021 was approved.
- e) The payment of £20.00 for the Hire of the Grizebeck Community Hall was approved.
- f) Annual Governance and Accountability Return
 - i. The Chairman presented the Auditors report. Hornbys had carried out an internal audit on the account 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 was signed by the RFO and the Chairman and will be submitted to the external auditor and the relevant documents placed on the website.

17. Planning

b) Applications received:

- i. SL/2021/0320 – Meadowbank Farm, Chapels – Two steel fabricated buildings. The Parish Council have no comments or objections.
- ii. SL/2021/0347 – 3 Burlington Close – Erection of fence above garden wall – The Parish Council do not have any objections, only comment that the proposed fence and material may not be in keeping with surrounding properties, therefore suggest consideration given to the use of screen by vegetation.
- iii. SL/2021/0492 – Land of A595, School Road - this item was moved forward on the agenda and has already been discussed.

c) Planning Notifications

- i. SL/2021/0251 – Brookside, Beanthwaite, Kirkby-in-Furness – Extension to existing agricultural building to cover sheep handling area- Granted with conditions.
- ii. SL/2019/0986 – Land adjacent to Estuary Lodge – Erection of house and integral dependent relative accommodation – Refused.

d) Planning Enforcement Issues

- i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – The Clerk is to forward a chronology of this to Cllr. Wharton so he can chase progress of this with SLDC.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Wharton chronology of the Ginnyring enforcement issue to Cllr. Wharton

- ii. Land of A595 – School Road – It was noted that this had been discussed under Agenda Item 17(a) (iii) above.

e) Sub Committee Meeting

A meeting is to be arranged with a representative from SLDC Planning to discuss consideration of planning applications in general.

18. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and was put in the pack for distribution.

- a) Letter of thanks from Woodland Parish Rooms for donation to fencing.
- b) Letter from Residents at Grizebeck regarding possible Planning Enforcement issue regarding School House. – The letter was summarised by the Chairman. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to the Lake District National Park Authority asking them to respond to the residents without further delay.

Action: Clerk to write to Lake District National Planning Authority with regard to the School House enforcement issue that has been raised by a resident

- c) LCR Magazine

- d) Letter from Simon Fell MP – request to put poster on Parish Council Noticeboard – advertising weekly surgeries. As the poster did not contain a political message and only advising constituents of surgeries being held by their local MP, it was agreed that this could go on the Parish Noticeboard.

19. Any Other Business

- a) **Social Media** – The possibility of the Parish Council becoming more active on social media was discussed. Cllr. McPherson to look at this issue.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to look at possible social media interaction by Council

- b) **Welcome to Kirkby Leaflets** – It was reported that the information contained in the leaflet is now on the Kirkby website and therefore no need for paper copies going forward.
- c) **Kirkby Caller** - Linda Dean, who prepares the Kirkby Caller had asked for comments on whether the paper version of the Caller is now outdated and whether or not this should just be posted on-line. This was discussed. It was felt that due to the Village having a predominantly older demographic there is still a place for a paper copy. This will be fed back to Linda Dean.
- d) **Kirkby Gala** – A meeting is to be held on Friday 18th June for the Committee to decide whether the Gala is to go ahead. Councillors who could attend the gala provided their names for the rota.
- e) **Voucher System** – Cllr. McPherson reported that the voucher system initiated by the Kirkby Charities is still in operation within the School and is also now been offered out of the school setting.

20. Deferred Actions Review

- a) Affordable Housing – No update.
- b) Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

21. Date of next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was discussed. It was agreed that as the government restrictions due to covid-19 are possibly going to end on Monday 19th July, the meeting should be set back a week to:-

Thursday 22nd July 2021 at Grizebeck Village Hall

Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council