

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 22nd July 2021 at 7.00 pm at Grizebeck Community Centre

1. Apologies for Absence:

District Cllrs. I. Wharton, T. Coward

Present:

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

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

None.

4. Chairman's Remarks

There were no Chairman's remarks. The Chairman proposed Item 13(a) Councillor Vacancy be brought forward on the Agenda and now be discussed after Item 6. This was agreed.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillors:

No District Councillors were present at the meeting but Cllr. Wharton had forwarded a Newsletter to the Clerk. This will be placed in the correspondence pack.

6. Open Forum

A member of the public addressed the Chairman and reported that, with regard to the enforcement issue they had raised with SLDC in relation to Planning application PN/2020/0064 - Land off A595, School Road, they had been advised that they will not be informed of the outcome of the site visit carried out by an Enforcement Officer at SLDC. The member of public advised that they had submitted an application under the freedom of information request for this information but this had been refused. The residents and the Parish Council have been advised by SLDC Planning that they will be informed of the decision of the Planning Authority once the matter has reached a conclusion.

It was agreed by the Parish Councillors to once again ask Cllr. Coward to request that the second application in relation to this site (SL/2021/0492) be decided by the full SLDC Planning Committee and not just a Planning Officer.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr. Coward to ask her to request SLDC that the planning application goes before the full Planning Committee.

13. Statutory Requirements

a) Councillor Vacancy

Two candidates had put themselves forward for the position. Each candidate had submitted a statement to the Council prior to the meeting. The candidates and the general public were asked to leave the room whilst the Parish Council voted on the vacancy. It was noted that both candidates were highly suitable for the position, which made the decision difficult.

After discussion, a proposal was made by Cllr. McPherson to elect David Wilson. This was seconded by Cllr. Winstanley. This was agreed by all. The Chairman left the meeting to speak with both candidates to inform them of the decision.

7. **Matters for Any Other Business**

- Height of Quarry tip
- Road leading to Low Ghyll
- Drains
- Hedge cutting/verges
- Pavements – Soutergate to Four Lane Ends
- Beathwaite Barn
- Parking on verges
- Stone Arthur, School Road, Airbnb
- B4RN

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. Coward was to report to SLDC the inappropriate parking of Contractors across the Bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels – As Cllr. Coward was not in attendance this action will be put on to the next meeting.
Action: Cllr. Coward to report to SLDC THE inappropriate parking of Contractors across Bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels
- b) The Clerk had submitted the response on Planning Application SL/2021/0492 to SLDC Planning and forwarded a copy of this to Cllr. Coward.
- c) Cllr. Brereton was to raise the issue of land belonging to CCC which had been included in Planning application SL/2021/0492 with CCC. As Cllr. Brereton was not at the meeting this action will be put on to the next meeting.
Action: Cllr. Brereton to raise the issue of land belonging to CCC which had been included in the Planning Application
- d) The Clerk was to write to SLDC Planning Enforcement re land off A595 School Road. The Clerk had been informed that when a decision was made on this enforcement issue the Parish Council would be informed.
- e) Cllr. Todd had spoken with the tradesman regarding work at the land adjacent to the station and he is to provide a quote for the work.
- f) The Clerk had written to the police regarding speeding on School Road.
- g) The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Brereton regarding the progress on placement of speeding signs in the village. Cllr. Brereton is in the process of obtaining an update on this.
- h) The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Coward who had then provided contact details to report illegal campers. These had been forwarded to Cllr. Saunders. It was also noted that contact details are available in the recent Newsletter provided by Cllr. Wharton.
- i) Cllr. Grieve, Byrne and McPherson had drafted a response on the A595 Grizebeck consultation. This had been distributed to Councillors for comments. This has now been submitted. The Clerk to forward a copy of the submitted response to Councillors.
Action: The Clerk to forward a copy of the submitted response on the A595 Grizebeck consultation to Councillors.
- j) The Clerk had submitted the response to A595 Grizebeck consultation.
- k) The Clerk had reported the faults on the portal.

- l) The Clerk had contacted Mr. O'Neill regarding the restocking of sandbags.
- m) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of arranging collection of sandbags from the depot.
Action: Cllr. Grieve to arrange collection of sandbags from the depot at Ulverston
- n) The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Wharton the chronology of the Ginnyring enforcement issue. Cllr. Wharton had chased progress with SLDC Planning and a response was received, this will be discussed under the relevant item on the agenda.
- o) The Clerk had written to the Lake District National Planning Authority requesting they respond to the resident who had raised the enforcement issue with regard to School House, Grizebeck. She had also informed the resident that she had done so.
- p) Cllr. McPherson has started to place the dates/times of meetings on the Village facebook page.

10. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

A595 – Cllr. Byrne reported that the yellow arrows drawn on the A595 by the School, were to mark the drainage connections and had been placed there as part of the work to establish what the problem is with the drains at the School.

The new system, HIMS, for reporting problems within the parish to CCC was discussed. It was noted that this system is easy to use. Councillors were encouraged to report any problems around the Parish that they either see or reported to them using this system. The Clerk is to forward the information and link to the system to Councillors.

Action: Clerk to forward email to Councillors containing information and link to HIMS

b) A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme

The response to the consultation had been submitted. A copy is to be forwarded to Councillors.

Action: Clerk to forward a copy of the A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme to Councillors

Cllr. Irving reported that CAPITA are in the process of inspecting drilling holes which had been made during investigatory work by contractors, following a complaint made by a local resident. Cllr. Irving informed that he believed this issue will be resolved.

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:

- Bank End Lane – potholes at junction with A595
- Verge cutting required on A5092
- Environmental Health issue – noise of vehicles going over potholes on A595 at Dove Ford Farm

Action: Clerk to reports fault on the portal

It was reported that the grass banking at the CGP car park also needs to be cut back as this is restricting site lines for vehicles using the A595. The Clerk to write to CGP.

Action: Clerk to write to CGP requesting grass bank at car park be cut back

d) **Hotline Progress**

None.

11. Parish Plan

a) **Reports**

Community Facilities – Cllr. Irving reported that it is the 10th Anniversary for Grizebeck Community Centre this September.

Burlington School – Cllr. McPherson gave a report from the School. They have not had to close this year due to covid-19, however, activities such as sports day, school trips have been unable to take place due the current situation. The School continues to take part in the voucher scheme, which is to assist families within the parish who are struggling due to the impact of covid 19.

Neighbourhood Watch – It was agreed that this will be removed from the Parish Plan as the initiative does not appear to be supported by the authorities and interest seems to have waned within the parish.

b) **Actions**

None

12. Current Matters

a) **Flooding**

No updates.

b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

Still awaiting confirmation from Holker that bridge can be replaced and the Environmental Agency that the water course can be widened. There had been confirmation from CCC that the grant can fund the full amount of the costs for the replacement bridge but the Council will of course need to return the remainder to SLDC. It was noted that the quote for the bridge (i.e. widening of water course and relaying of slabs) is £990 (inclusive of VAT). Cllr. Grieve proposed a second hand rail be put on the bridge for safety and a quote be obtained for this. This was seconded and agreed by all.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to chase Environmental Agency for response on widening water course

Action: Cllr. McPherson to chase Holker for a response to our letter asking for permission to install a new footbridge

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

Nothing to report on this.

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

Cllr. Byrne reported that the Parish contact at Network Rail, Elizabeth Clark is moving jobs. Advice on who will replace her and their contact details are awaited.

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

No update on this. Cllr. Grieve is to contact the Probation Service to see if there is a date for them to restart.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact the Probation Service to see if there is a date for them to restart cutting back of hedges/verges

f) **Councillors Surgeries**

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

g) **Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation**

This was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council object to the proposals which would mean Kirkby-in-Furness would come under Copeland and Western Lakes constituency. The Chairman will submit the response.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to submit response to Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation.

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

The Clerk to email Cllr. Brereton to ask for an update on this.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Brereton requesting an update on progress with the issue of road/wall subsidence at Marshside

- i) **Village Celebration Event**
Cllr. Grieve informed that the Event has been postponed due to a rise in cases and will now take place in 2022.
- j) **SLDC – Local Plan Review**
It was noted that any comments Councillors may have on this should be forwarded to the Clerk.
- k) **SLDC rates**
A response is still awaited from SLDC.

13. Statutory Requirements

- b) **Dates of Meetings**
The Clerk had prepared a calendar of meetings with venues. Copies will be placed in the correspondence pack for Councillors.

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

No meeting of the Trust Fund has been held since the last Parish Council Meeting. The Trustees have met with Officials from CGP who have advised that they are happy with the work carried out by the Trust.

15. Lengthsman

- a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**
There was no report as the Lengthsman has only begun working again following time off for a personal matter.
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**
 - i. Drain needs unblocking at Beckside

16. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for June 2021 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £16.88 for July 2021 were approved.
- c) The payment to HMRC of £48.20, being PAYE to 5th July 2021 was approved.
- d) The payment of £20.00 for the Hire of the Grizebeck Community Hall was approved.
- e) The payment of £300 to Mr. J. Metcalfe, being the second payment for the cutting of the grass verges, was approved.
- f) The payment to EON of £84.23 for the period 1st April to 30th June 2021, was approved.
- g) It was noted that the payment of £700 + VAT, approved at the last meeting, had been made to Mr. Armistead for the installation of bases for the storage unit.

17. Planning

- a) **Applications received:**
 - i. SL/2021/0635 – Dove Ford Farm, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness - Conversion of a derelict barn into a single dwelling house – No objections or comments had been submitted.
- b) **Planning Notifications**
 - i. SL/2021/0347 – 3 Burlington Close, Kirkby-in-Furness – Erection of fence above garden wall to a maximum height of 1.86 meters (part retrospective) – withdrawn
 - ii. SL/2021/ - Meadowbank Farm, Chapels – Two steel fabricated buildings – Granted with conditions.
- c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

- i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – A letter had been received from SLDC Enforcement. This was read out to the meeting. An enforcement notice had been issued against the Owners of the property, seeking the removal of the unauthorised hardstanding and to permanently close the access and restore the land to its original state. However, the resident of the property had appealed this decision and the Parish Council had been asked if it wished to make representations in this appeal. This was discussed. It was agreed to submit a representation setting out that the Councils objection remains the same, that they are of the view that the access to the property from the A595 was too near a blind bend and therefore posed a safety hazard.

Action: Clerk to forward letter to the Appeal Planning Inspector

- ii. Land of A595 – School Road – It was noted that this had been discussed under Agenda Item 6 above.

d) Sub Committee Meeting

A meeting is to be arranged with a representative from SLDC Planning to discuss consideration of planning applications in general. In attendance at the meeting will be Cllrs. Todd, Rhodes, McPherson, Winstanley and Grieve.

18. Correspondence

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

- a) FLAG Newsletter
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct
- c) The Clerk had received a telephone call from SLDC, Mr. Ged Finch informing that a vehicle had been abandoned at Soutergate car park. He reported that SLDC had investigated this and found this not to be the case as they had contacted the Owner of the vehicle. The Owner had advised Mr. Finch that the vehicle had been SORN and he had the Parish Councils permission for it to remain there. This was discussed. It was noted that the Parish Council had not given their permission for the vehicle to remain there and it was agreed by the Parish Council that the Owner will be contacted and asked to remove his vehicle as it was felt it was not appropriate for it to remain on the car park if it is not in use. It was noted that another resident had asked previously to store a trailer at the site and this had been refused. Cllr. Winstanley offered to speak with the Owner of the vehicle.

Action: Cllr. Winstanley to contact the Owner of the vehicle that is parked in Soutergate car park

19. Any Other Business

- a) **Quarry tip height** – Cllr. Saunders reported that the height of the Quarry tip at Beanthwaite has been increased and limestone has been put on it, which looks out of place. The Clerk to write to the Quarry about this.

Action: Clerk to write to Quarry regarding the increased height of the tip and the limestone

- b) **Road to Low Ghyll** – The road that has been resurfaced at Low Ghyll is crumbling away. Cllr. Todd to take photographs of this and forward to Cllr. Byrne while will report it on HIMS.

Action: Cllr. Todd to take photographs of road surface at Low Ghyll

Action: Cllr. Byrne to report problems with road surface at Low Ghyll on HIMS

- c) **Stone Arthur, School Road – Airbnb** - Cllr. McPherson reported that Stone Arthur is now Airbnb holiday rental. The property holds up to 12 people and the behaviour of some of the people renting the property is causing considerable distress to the residents of the

neighbouring properties. There is continuous noise in the garden, loud music from the building, ball games between adults with balls going over neighbouring fences, inconsiderate parking, filthy conditions to the side of the property because of the amount of rubbish, use of hot tub and fire pit until late in the night, 1.30 am on one occasion. Partying going on throughout the night. Local residents have been in touch with the Owner but he has taken no action to address the issues. These have also been reported to various agencies/SLDC departments by the residents. Cllr. McPherson asked that the Parish Council write a letter to the owner setting out the problems and asking him to address them. This was proposed and seconded and agreed by all. A letter is to be sent to the Owner of Stone Arthur, School Road and copied to County Councillor Brereton and District Councillor Coward, SLDC Planning Enforcement, SLDC Environmental Health, Simon Fell MP, Cumbria Police and Airbnb. The issue of properties in the Parish becoming Airbnb rentals was discussed and a suggestion to ask Simon Fell MP to lobby for legislation with regard to this was made. It was reported that Coniston had a problem with holiday lettings. Cllr. Grieve will contact Cllr. Coward to ask how/if they have been able to deal with the issue of holiday lets.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to Owner of Stone Arthur, School Road

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Cllr. Coward with regard to the issue of holiday lettings

- d) ***B4RN*** – An email had been received from Mike Hooper who informed that 140 people have to-date registered an interest for B4RN but at least 270 were needed. He had therefore asked if the Parish Council could promote B4RN further. It was agreed that it would be promoted in the Newsletter and Parish website.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to promote registering an interest for B4RN in the Newsletter and on the Parish website

20. Deferred Actions Review

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

21. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 19th August 2021 at Grizebeck Village Hall

**Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council**