

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7.00 pm at Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre, Beckside

### 1. Apologies for Absence (received in writing):

District Cllrs. I. Wharton, County Councillor Brereton

#### Present:

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

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Irving Item 10(b)

Cllr. McPherson Item 16(i).

### 4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that all comments he has to make will be raised under the relevant items on the agenda.

### 5. Reports from District and County Councillors

#### *District Councillor Coward*

Unitary Authorities – Councillor Coward reported on the proposed implementation/timetable for this.

Planning Application – Land off School Road – Cllr. Coward reported that she understands that SLDC Planning are awaiting a response from Natural England before the decision is made on this application.

Cllr. McPherson asked the Councillor whether she had any influence with the closure of the post office. The Parish Council informed that they would be grateful for any support with this.

### 6. Open Forum

A member of the public, Mr. Anderson reported/requested the following:-

- Natural England – cutting down of trees – Cllr. Grieve informed that this will be discussed later in the minute and that Cllr. Todd will be providing a report.
- Community Centre – Mr. Anderson informed that the Community Centre Committee are considering having floodlights fitted around the tennis courts. Mr. Anderson explained what is proposed in detail and asked for feedback from the Council as to their opinion on this. This was discussed. The Parish Councillors agreed that it was a good idea, however, there would need to be certain restrictions on their operation, including time of use.
- Damage to the grass verges on School Road was discussed. The Parish Council are to send a letter to Mr. Groundwell asking him to repair the grass verges opposite Sandside Lane which have been damaged by vehicles using his site.

**Action: Chair to write to Mr. Groundwell requesting repair of grass verges on Sandside Lane**

### 7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Becksides guttering
- Litter Picking
- Becksides – Road sweeping – Low Ghyll
- Tree felling by Natural England - Flooding of the Mosses
- Handyperson scheme
- Soutergate car park

#### 8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved with a one amendment at Item 10(b) it should read “County Officials” not County Councillors. The amendment was made and the minutes signed.

#### 9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. Brereton was to contact Seamus Giles to chase progress on flooding measures. As he was not in attendance at the meeting this will be put forward to the next meeting.  
**Action: Cllr. Brereton to contact Seamus Giles to chase progress on flooding measures**
- b) Cllr. Brereton to email Cllr. Grieve the times of the visits of the Mobile Speeding Unit. This will be put forward to the next meeting.  
**Action: Cllr. Brereton to email Cllr. Grieve the times of the visits of the mobile speeding unit**
- c) The Clerk had email Cllr. Coward regarding the inappropriate parking of contractors of the bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels. Cllr. Coward informed that she had not chased this as did not know if this was still ongoing. Whilst the matter is not ongoing, Cllr. Coward was asked to raise this with SLDC for future reference.  
**Action: Cllr. Coward to raise the issue of inappropriate parking of contractors across the bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels**
- d) Cllr. Grieve has collected the sandbags for the storage units and will arrange distribution of these.  
**Action: Cllr Grieve to arrange distribution of sandbags to storage units**
- e) Cllr. Grieve had written to Seamus Giles to request an update of progress regarding road/wall subsidence at Marshside.
- f) Cllr. Grieve was to submit the application to CCC regarding the installation of the new footbridge at Marshgarth and change to waterway. He has now completed the application and requires a £50 cheque for the application fee. Cllr. Grieve will chase response from Holker, regarding the permission to install the new bridge in due course.  
**Action: Cllr. Grieve to chase Holker for their permission to install new footbridge at Marshgarth in due course**
- g) The Clerk had forwarded a copy of Cllr. McPherson’s letter to the Chancellor of Exchequer to all Councillors.
- h) Cllr. Grieve had raised the issues being experienced by the neighbours of Stone Arthur with the Leader of the SLDC.
- i) The Clerk is in the process of writing to the Lake District National Park Authority regarding Beanthwaite Barn.
- j) Cllr. Byrne had created a list of all the public benches around the Parish.
- k) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of arranging a meeting with Mr. Page, Managing Director of Burlington Stone to discuss work at the quarry.
- l) Cllr. Grieve has provided Mr. Brook, the Leader of the SLDC, feedback following the meeting with him and Cllr. Byrne and other SLDC members.
- m) The Clerk had forwarded to Cllr. Byrne the contact details of Mr. Spencer, Haverigg Prison.

- n) Cllr. Byrne had contacted Mr. Spencer and will provide feedback on this later in the meeting under the relevant item on the agenda.
- o) The Clerk had a copy of the Code of Conduct for each Councillor and will distribute these at the end of the meeting.
- p) The Clerk did advise Cllr. Grieve how much was left in the budget for the Lengthsman.
- q) Cllr. Grieve wrote a letter of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for the cutting of the grass verges.
- r) The Clerk had written to Tom Whitehead, Brookhouse Group regarding the damage to grass verge on School Road. Mr. Whitehead had responded informing that neither they nor the contractors had caused any damage. Following his response Cllr. Grieve had visited the site and could not see any damage to the grass verges.
- s) The Clerk had informed SLDC Planning that there was no need for a meeting with them regarding planning as a meeting is to be held with Emma Shields, Locality Officer, where this will be discussed.
- t) The Clerk had written to the Community Centre regarding the locked toilet during match days. A response had been received and this was read out to the meeting. To summarise, they informed that at the current time it will continue to be closed during match days due to the enhanced cleaning that is required due to covid. They had advised however, that this will be kept under review.
- u) Cllr. Saunders informed which hedge is causing an obstruction at Marshgarth.
- v) Cllr. Grieve will now write to the resident asking for the hedge to be cut back. Cllr. Grieve also informed that the Lengthsman has been unable to contact the owners of the property on School Road where the hedge is obstructing the footpath. He informed that he will now also write to them requesting the hedge be cut back as well.

**Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to owner of property of Marshgarth and owner of property on School Road, requesting hedges be cut back**

- w) The Clerk had emailed Sue Warner regarding recycling at Dove Ford Farm. She had responded advising that they had had no report of this and that the residents need to report this to them so it can be addressed. Her response had been forwarded to Cllr. Irving when received. However, Cllr. Irving had not had sight of this. Clerk to resend the response to Cllr. Irving.

**Action: Clerk to resend email response re collection of recycling at Dove Ford Farm to Cllr. Irving**

- x) The Clerk had written to the Head of School regarding the issue of cars parking too close to the traffic islands and causing an obstruction.
- y) Cllr. McPherson had reported back to the resident with regard to the issue they had raised with the domestic water supply and advised them to contact United Utilities.
- z) Cllr. Grieve had written letter of thanks to the Post Mistress and Assistant.
- aa) Cllr. McPherson had represented the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day services.

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

- a) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**  
Nothing to report.
- b) **A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme**  
Nothing to report.
  - 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:

- A van was in an accident on Bank End Lane on the 11<sup>th</sup> November and the van is on the side of the road. This to be reported to SLDC.

**Action: Clerk to report abandoned van on Bank Lane to SLDC**

d) **Hotline Progress**

- A5092 Grizebeck – Cutting back of verge to reveal barrier - Report No. 19832. It was noted that we have had no notification from Highways as to present situation. This to be raised with Cllr. Brereton.

**Action: Clerk to ask Cllr. Brereton to raise this reported fault with regard to cutting back of hedges/verges to reveal barrier with Highways**

## 11. Parish Plan

a) **Reports**

**Community Facilities** – Cllr Irving reported that Grizebeck Community Centre will lose the bottom bit of the car park to the new road scheme. However, Highways have said that they will level up car park. One of the ponds will also border the centre and Highways have said they will develop the area for use by the Community Centre.

b) **Actions**

None

c) **Emergency Plan**

It was agreed that this should be considered and approved yearly. This will be put on the agenda for the October meetings going forward. Cllr. Rhodes will revise the plan for this year and report back to the next meeting.

**Action: Cllr. Rhodes to revise Emergency Plan**

## 12. Current Matters

a) **Flooding**

No updates.

b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

Cllr. Grieve reported that the application to obtain permission from CCC for changing the watercourse is completed and will be sent to CCC with the application fee of £50.00.

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

Nothing to report on this.

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

Cllr. Byrne had contacted Mr. Spencer from Haverigg regarding litter picking, following his email to the Parish Council regarding this. The Prison will need to carry out a risk assessment before any work can be undertaken. Councillors provided Cllr. Byrne with areas that need attention. Cllr. Byrne will pass this to Michael McCann at Haverigg Prison.

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to inform Michael McCann at Haverigg Prison of areas in need of litter picking**

e) **Councillors Surgeries**

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

f) **Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation**

This item is to be left on the agenda and a submission made when the consultation opens again.

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

Cllr. Grieve had written to Seamus Giles who had advised that the Structure and Network Officer was aware of this and he is awaiting a response from him.

- h) **SLDC rates**  
Cllr. Grieve had met with residents of the Village who have been impacted by the new policy on rates, with regard to empty properties. This was discussed at length. Cllr. Grieve had written to Cllr. Brooks regarding this issue.
- i) **Holiday Lets**  
Nothing to report.
- j) **Beanthwaite Barn**  
The Clerk is in the process of writing to the Lake District National Park Authority regarding the possible breach of planning.  
**Action: Clerk to write to the Lake District National Park Authority, Planning**
- k) **Village Benches**  
Cllr. Byrne had prepared a list of benches in the Village. This will be put in the pack for Councillors to consider and add comments/any other seats that may have been missed from the list.
- l) **Burlington Stone – tipping of material on tips**  
It was noted that this was discussed under Item 9(k) on the agenda.
- m) **Closure of Post Office**  
The Post Office had forwarded an email to the Parish Council, officially notifying of the closure of the post office. The email stated that it was hoped the closure would be temporary and alternative premises found from which the Post Office would be able to operate. It was agreed to send a response to the Post Office offering full support in trying to reinstate a post office service to the local community.  
**Action: Clerk to email Post Office offering support in trying to reinstate a post office service to the local community**

### 13. Statutory Requirements

None

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

Cllr. McPherson reported that the following awards have been granted:-  
Kirkby Community Centre - £2,000 towards the costs of new hcairs.  
Kirkby United Football Club £900 towards the costs of repairing the dugout.  
Grizebeck Village Hall £336 for the Children’s Christmas Treat  
Grizebeck Village Hall - £88.88 for replacement pads for the defibrillator  
Fuel costs for 4 Parishioners - £30 each

### 15. Lengthsman

Cllr. Grieve informed that the Lengthsman has now finished work for the Winter and will return in April.

- a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**
  - i. Kirkby Crossroads – Painting remainder of verge stones with white paint.
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**  
None

### 16. Accounts

- a) The financial statement for October 2021 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £25.59 for November 2021 were approved.
- c) The payment to HMRC of £48.00, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 was approved.
- d) The payment to the Community Centre for the hire of the Hall was approved.

- e) A payment of £32.00 had been made to the Lengthsman in respect of his invoice dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.
- f) The payment of £10.00 for the annual subscription for the FLAG annual for 2022 was approved.
- g) Notification had just been received from E-ON that charges will be increased from the 1<sup>st</sup> December. It is believed that this will mean an increase of approximately £130 per annum. The Clerk to provide accurate figures to the Finance Sub-committee at the meeting in January 2022.
- h) A payment of £34.00 was on the agenda for approval for the wreaths for Remembrance Day, however, it was reported that the Royal British Legion had not purchased wreaths and previous ones had been reused. It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson that a donation of the £34.00 be made to the local branch of the British Legion instead. This was seconded by Cllr. Jackson and agreed by all.
- i) The payment of £46.48 in relation to the Annual Fee for the Parish Website was approved.
- j) The payment of £50.00 to CCC in relation to the application fee for the consent to adapt watercourse for the replacement bridge at Marshgarth was approved.

## 17. Planning

### a) Applications received

- i. SL/2021/1067 – Burberry Cottage, Soutergate – Variation of Conditions 2 and 3 attached to planning permission SL/2020/0447 (Single storey extensions) – No objections or comments with regard to this application.

### b) Planning Notifications

- i. PN/2021/0089 – Land adjacent Viewpoint & The Hermitage, Chapels, Kirkby-in-Furness, Installation 2 x 9 meter medium wooden BT poles – PNL TEL PA not required
- ii. SL/2021/0635 – Dove Ford Farm, Grizebeck – Conversion of a derelict barn into a single dwelling house – Granted with conditions.
- i. SL/2021/0578 – Banke End, Grizebeck – Discharge of conditions - approved
- ii. PN/2021/0092 – Cross Beck Farm, Soutergate – New agricultural access track – PN AGRO PA not required.

### c) Planning Enforcement Issues

- i. **Ginnyring Cottage**  
The outcome of the Appeal by the Owner of the property is awaited.
- ii. **Land off A595 School Road**  
This had already been reported on by Cllr. Coward under Item 5 on the agenda.

## 18. Correspondence

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

- a) Keswick2Barrow Committee
- b) Communicorp – The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – commemorative mugs – this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- c) FLAG Newsletter
- d) Clerks and Council Direct Magazine
- e) Friends of the X112 – Newsletter and Request for support towards the running of the local bus services – The request for support towards the running of the local bus services will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

- f) HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria – The Queen’s Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee – this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

#### 19. Any Other Business

- a) **Beckside** – It was reported that HGV’s have been using Beckside and causing damage to properties. Cllr. Wilson to check to see if there is signage in place at Four Lane Ends stating route is unsuitable for HGVs. If not, the Council will write to Victoria Upton requesting a sign be erected.

**Action: Cllr. Wilson to check signage at Four Lane Ends in relation to HGVs**

**Action: Clerk to email Victoria Upton requesting a sign be erected in the event no sign is currently in place.**

- b) **Salt Bins** – The lids of the salt bins at the Church and Soutergate are damaged and need replacing, also the bin at the Church needs refilling.

**Action: The Clerk to write to Emma Shields to enquire which department are responsible for the salt bins, then report the bins**

- c) **Litter Pickers** – Cllr. McPherson will place a thank you in the Newsletter to the members of the Parish who collect litter.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to place a thank in the Newsletter to litter pickers**

- d) **Road Sweep – Beckside to High Ghyll** – Cllr. Todd reported that the road between Beckside and High Ghyll needs sweeping. The Clerk to email Emma Shields, Locality Officer, to ask for this to be done.

**Action: Clerk to email Emma Shields to request the road between Beckside and High Ghyll be swept**

- e) **Flooding of Mosses** – It was reported that Natural England intend to flood the mosses. Issues with regard to flooding, if this goes ahead, was discussed. The Chairman will write to Natural England objecting to the proposed works and the fact the Parish Council were not informed/consulted on this. It was agreed to ask Natural England to meet with members of the Council to discuss this. The Parish Council members will be Cllrs. Grieve, Saunders and McPherson.

- f) **Handy Person Scheme** – This is a scheme being run by County Council. It was agreed to post flyers about this on the notice boards.

- g) **Soutergate Car Park** – It was noted that the Owner of the Van reported at the meeting in July, has not been removed it from Soutergate car park, as he indicated he would. In addition, there now appears to be abandoned car on the car park. Cllr. McPherson will place a reminder in the Newsletter that the car park is not for long stays.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to place notice about Soutergate car park in the Newsletter**

#### 20. Deferred Actions Review

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

#### 21. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Grizebeck Community Centre

Alison Field  
Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council