

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 16th December 2021 at 7.00 pm at Grizebeck Village Hall, Grizebeck

1. Apologies for Absence (received in writing):

Cllrs. Todd, Morrish, Irving, Wilson
District Cllr. I. Wharton

Present:

Cllrs. G. Grieve (Chairman), J. Byrne, M. McPherson, M. Jackson, R. Saunders, S. Rhodes, I. Winstanley
County Councillor Brereton

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Greive Item 16(f)

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman noted that a difficult situation with covid-19 is unfolding again. He informed that at present remote meetings were not permitted and there would need to be a change in the law to accommodate this. With regard to the Parish Council finances, the Chairman reported that there is approximately £4291 in the reserve which the Council should look to allocate for spending.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillor Wharton - Cllr. Wharton had provided a written report which was read to the meeting.

- Elections – Elections to be held in May for the Shadow Council, advising there will be two Councils operating in parallel until April 2023.
- Storm Arwen - Post storm emergency response feedback. In the new year Cllr. Wharton wants to see if it is possible to standardised Emergency plans, customised to each area, with cross- Parish Hubs and communications and response teams.

County Councillor Brereton

- Storm Arwen – Cllr. Brereton reported that he was aware that a number of parishes were affected by power issues following Storm Arwen and that ENW's response had been disappointing.
- Duddon Moss – He reported that 80 people had attended the meeting at Broughton with regard to the flooding of the Mosses and Natural England have said they have scaled back their plans from that originally proposed. scaled back their plans.
- Flooding – Cllr. Brereton reported that he is communicating with Seamus Giles regarding flooding measures and will follow-up with him.
- Speed Indicators – Two new speed indicators have now been installed at either end of the Village. Cllr. Brereton to pass on thanks to the Highway Team for this.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to pass on thanks to Highway Team for new speed indicators.

- Grizebeck – Cllr. Brereton reported he is aware of the concern that residents of Grizebeck have with regard to speed. A resident had raised with him an accident involving a car

turning right into Kiln cottages. Cllr. Brereton has passed this concern on to the Highways Team.

- X112 – Cllr. Brereton advised that the group are at the end of their funding. He informed that he was trying to persuade the County Council to assist with funding and has also advised the group to look for other local funding.

6. **Open Forum**

No members of the public were present.

7. **Matters for Any Other Business**

- Post Office
- Hedges
- Kirkby Charities
- Broadband
- Delivery of post
- Soutergate car park

8. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved with a one amendment at Item 19(e), Cllr. Irving should have been included in the Councillors to attend a meeting with Natural England. The amendment was made and the minutes signed.

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

- a) Cllr. Grieve has written to a resident requesting repair of grass verges on Sandside Lane and this is to be forwarded to him. Cllr. Grieve noted that damage has also been done to the verges in front of his property. He reported that this damage will be put right.
- b) Cllr. Brereton was to contact Seamus Giles re flooding measures. It was noted that this was reported under Agenda Item 5.
- c) Cllr. Brereton was to forward the times of the visits of the mobile speeding unit to Cllr. Grieve. Cllr. Brereton reported that he is in contact with the police regarding the mobile speeding unit and different locations for them to visit.
- d) Cllr. Coward was to raise the issue of inappropriate parking of contractors across the bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels. Cllr. Coward had reported at the last meeting she would do this.
- e) Cllr. Grieve was to arrange distribution of sandbags to the storage containers. He is in the process of doing this. He reported that the two boxes at the Community Centre have been damaged by a vehicle and he is looking to relocate one of them. Also the unit at Marshside has sustained damage to the lid, due to high winds. Cllr. Grieve to ask the Lengthsman to repair this unit.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to ask Lengthsman to repair lid on storage unit at Marshside

- f) Cllr. Grieve had written to Holker again requesting their permission to install new footbridge at Marshgarth and a response is still awaited.
- g) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of writing to the Owner of a property at Marshgarth requesting hedges be cut back from the public footpath. Cllr. McPherson is to speak with the Residents of the property on School regarding the hedge which is obstructing the footpath to see if they wish the Lengthsman to carry out the work.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to the owner of the property at Marshgarth re the overgrown hedge.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to speak with the residents of School Road re the overgrown hedge.

- h) Clerk had resent the email to Cllr. Irving regarding collecting of recycling at Dove Ford Farm.
- i) The Clerk had not needed to report the abandoned van on Bank End Lane as the car had been removed.
- j) The Clerk had emailed to Cllr. Brereton Highways response to the reported fault with regard to cutting back of hedges/verges to reveal barrier at Grizebeck. Highways had reported it was not their responsibility. Cllr. Brereton to contact Highways to discuss this.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to contact Highways regarding the cutting back of hedges/verges at Grizebeck to reveal the crash barrier.

- k) Cllr. Rhodes is in the process of revising the Emergency Plan.
- l) Cllr. Byrne had informed Michael McCann at Haverigg Priory of the areas in need of litter picking within the Parish.
- m) The Clerk is in the process of writing to the Lake District National Park Authority Planning regarding Beanthwaite Barn.
- n) The Clerk responded to the Post Office offering support in trying to reinstate a post office service to the local community.
- o) Cllr. Wilson was to check signage at Four Lane Ends in relation to HGVs, he was not in attendance at the meeting so this will put on to the next meeting.

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

- p) The Clerk was to email Victoria Upton requesting signage at Four Lane Ends with regard to HGVs be erected in the event no sign is currently in place. This too will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to email Victoria Upton requesting a sign be erected at Four Lane Ends re HGVs in the event no sign is currently in place.

- q) The Clerk had written to Emma Shields to enquire which department are responsible for the salt bins, i.e. the replacement and filling of them. She had advised that these need to be reported through CCC portal. This has now been done.
- r) Cllr. McPherson had placed a thank you in the Newsletter to the people who carry out litter picking in the Village.
- s) The Clerk had emailed Emma Shields to request the road between Beckside and High Ghyll be swept. Ms. Shields had advised that she will arrange this.
- t) Cllr. McPherson had placed a notice about the parking of unused vehicles in Soutergate car in the Newsletter.

10. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

- a) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**
Nothing to report.
- b) **A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme**
Cllr. Brereton reported that the improvement scheme was to go before planning in November 2021 and the road could be completed in 2024.
 - 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:
 - Road sign before the quarry pointing the wrong way

- Moorhouse – 2 wall gaps.
- d) **Hotline Progress**
 - A5092 Grizebeck – Cutting back of verge to reveal barrier - Report No. 19832. It was noted that this had been discussed at Item 9 (j) on the agenda.

11. Parish Plan

- a) **Reports**

School – Cllr. McPherson reported that the school had closed early due to covid.

Footpaths – Cllr. Winstanley reported that the Footpaths Team had carried out work to remove fallen trees, following Storm Arwen.
- b) **Actions**

None
- c) **Emergency Plan**

Cllr. McPherson raised, what he believed to be, an issue with the non-implementation of the Emergency Plan following Storm Arwen. It was noted that Chapels, in particular, had suffered with the effects of the storm, being without electricity for a number of days. It was agreed that the plan needs to be revisited in detail. It was noted that Cllr. Wharton had offered his services with regard to drawing up an emergency plan, as set out at Agenda Item 5. A copy of the plan is to be forwarded to County Cllr. Brereton and District Cllrs. Wharton and Coward. Cllr. Brereton reported that Coniston appear to have a working plan. A copy of the Coniston plan to be obtained. This item will stay on the agenda.

Action: Clerk to obtain a copy of Coniston Action Plan

12. Current Matters

- a) **Flooding**

It was noted that an update has been provided on this at Item 5 on the agenda.
- b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

This was covered under Agenda Item 10(f).
- c) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**

Nothing to report on this.
- d) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**

There was no update to this.
- e) **Councillors Surgeries**

A coffee morning has been arranged for January 2021 at the Kirkby Community Centre. A representative of the Parish Council will be in attendance.
- f) **Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation**

It was reported that the proposal is to divide CCC into two smaller divisions. This has yet to be decided.
- g) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**

This had been discussed at Agenda Item 5.
- h) **SLDC rates**

This item is now to be taken off the Agenda.
- i) **Holiday Lets**

This item is now to be taken off the Agenda
- 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**

Not all Councillors had, as yet, reviewed/commented on the list of benches prepared by Cllr. Byrne.

l) **Burlington Stone – tipping of material on tips**

A meeting is to be held with a representative from Burlington Stone on the 21st December 2021. Cllrs. Grieve and Saunders will be attending the meeting.

m) **Flooding of the Mosses**

A response had been received from Natural England explaining their position with regard to the flooding of the mosses. This was read out and will be placed in the correspondence pack. It was agreed to request a meeting with them about this issue. Clerk to contact them.

Action: Clerk to write to Natural England requesting a meeting with the Parish Council

n) **Soutergate car park – Abandoned vehicles**

This item was deferred and will be discussed at the next meeting.

o) **Communicorp – The Queens Platinum Jubilee – commemorative mugs**

It was agreed not to purchase mugs.

p) **Friends of X112 – Request for support towards the funding of the local bus services.**

This item was deferred and will be discussed at the next meeting.

q) **HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria – The Queen’s Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee**

This item was deferred and will be discussed at the next meeting.

13. Statutory Requirements

None

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

The Trust Fund had not met since the last Parish Council Meeting.

15. Lengthsman

A gift will be purchased for the Lengthsman by way of a thank you for the work he does.

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

None.

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

None

16. Accounts

a) The financial statement for November 2021 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.

b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £18.88 for December 2021 were approved.

c) The payment to HMRC of £48.20, being PAYE to 5th January 2022 was approved.

d) The payment of £24.00 to Grizebeck Community Centre for the hire of the Hall was approved.

e) The payment of £64.90 to EON for the period 1st October to 30th November 2021 was approved.

f) A meeting of the Finance Sub Committee was arranged for Saturday 8th December at 10.00 am by Zoom.

g) It was reported that the cost of the signage for the storage units was actually £41.47 not £34.56 as VAT had not been accounted for. It was therefore agreed to rewrite a cheque for the £41.47. The cheque for £34.56 had been returned to the Clerk.

17. Planning

a) **Applications received**

- i. 7/2021/5753 – Land at Bridge End Farm, Broughton-in-Furness – Bungalow with detached garage. There were no objections or comments with regard to this application.

b) **Planning Notifications**

- i. SL/2021/0637 – Land adjacent to Burlington Primary School – discharge of conditions – Partial disc of cond.
- ii. PN/2021/0036 – 9 locations on and around Buckhorn Lane, Chapels – PN for telecommunications – PN TEL PA not required
- iii. SL/2021/0744 – Little Guards, Guards Farm – Single storey front extension and internal alterations – Granted with conditions

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**
Nothing to report.

18. **Correspondence**

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

- a) **Parish Resident – Abandoned Vehicles** – An email has been received from a Parish resident regarding a horsebox at Sandside. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council do not have the authority to deal with this, but it is believed that the horsebox belongs to the owner of the land in any event. A response to the resident is to be sent explaining this and advising them to raise any concerns they have with SLDC.
- b) **LCR Magazine**
- c) **Christmas Card from Simon Fell**

19. **Any Other Business**

- a) **Post Office** – Cllr. McPherson reported that Cllr. Coward has not yet contacted the person who ran the Post Office to see if she could offer any assistance.
- b) **Kirkby Charities** – Cllr. McPherson advised that no new names are to be added to the list of people who receive donations from the Charities, in respect of winter fuel costs. It had been agreed that this money would be put aside to deal with more pressing social problems.
- c) **Broadband** – It was reported that some residents in the parish are still experiencing difficulties with their broadband connection following Storm Arwen. It was noted that the residents would need to take this up with their service providers.
- d) **Royal Mail** – It was reported that some residents in the parish are experiencing erratic postal deliveries. Cllr. Grieve to write to Royal Mail to raise this issue.

Action : Cllr. Grieve to write to Royal Mail to raise issue of erratic deliveries

- e) **Soutergate car park** – A number of Councillors had reported to them the state of the surface of the car park at Soutergate. It was reported that some damage had been sustained to vehicles as a result. Cllr. Byrne to obtain a quote from John Brown Aggregates for the resurfacing of the car park.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to obtain quote from John Brown Aggregates for repairing/resurfacing of Soutergate car park

It was noted that other items raised under items for Any Other Business had already been covered during the meeting.

20. Deferred Actions Review

- a) Affordable Housing – Notification has been received that work is to start on the land adjacent to the School, on School Road, on the 24th January 2022.
- b) Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

21. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 20th January 2022 – to be held at Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre

Alison Field

Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council