

# 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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00 pm at Kirkby Community Centre

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

Cllr. R. Morrish,  
District Cllr. I. Wharton, County Councillor M. Brereton

#### **Present:**

Cllrs. G. Grieve (Chairman), J. Byrne, M. McPherson, M. Jackson, R. Saunders, S. Rhodes, I. Winstanley, M. Irving, D. Wilson  
3 Members of the Public

### 2. **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

### 3. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. Irving Item 10(b)

### 4. **Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman noted that at the present time covid-19 is still having an impact but hopefully things have started to ease. The Chairman informed that a letter of resignation has been received from Cllr. Morrish. He noted his commitment to the Parish Council over a number of years including his role as a Clerk and a Councillor. Cllr. McPherson also gave a speech recognising Cllr. Morrish's contribution to the Parish Council firstly in his role as Clerk and then laterally as a Councillor. The Chairman to write a letter of thanks to be sent to Cllr. Morrish.

**Action: Chairman to write a letter of thanks to Cllr. Morrish upon his retirement**

### 5. **Reports from District and County Councillors**

#### **County Councillor Brereton**

Cllr. Brereton was not in attendance but had emailed a report. The Chairman read out the salient points from the report including:-

- Ongoing consultation open regarding reducing speed limits on A595 and A5092
- Friends of X112/X7 group struggling to keep going in face of covid and reduced funding, therefore any assistance of funding would be appreciated and/or promoting the bus routes, opportunities to volunteer or raise funds with the Friends of the Group.

### 6. **Open Forum**

Two members of the public had comments in relation to items on the agenda and it was agreed that they could raise these at the relevant time.

Another Member of the public reported that he is meeting with OFGEM on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022, following the loss of power and issues with this that were experienced by Chapels following Storm Arwen. The Member of the public was seeking other people's experiences/views in order that he could include these with his talks with OFGEM and informed that he would be grateful for any assistance the Parish Council could give with advertising this within the Community. It was agreed for the Member of the public to email Cllr. McPherson the required information and he will place it on the facebook page and the Newsletter.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to place on facebook and in the Newsletter the form/request for information from members of public, in relation to issues with Storm Arwen**

7. **Matters for Any Other Business**

- Burney
- Willow
- Ivy
- Residents stepping out into the road
- Road sign
- Dark clothing at night
- Caravan deliveries

8. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and the minutes signed.

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

- a) Cllr. Brereton was to pass on thanks to Highway Team for new speed indicators and it is believed that he has done so.
- b) Cllr. Grieve had asked the Lengthsman to repair the lid on the storage unit at Marshside and he has done so.
- c) Cllr. Grieve was to write to the owner of the property at Marshgarth regarding the overgrown hedge and he has done so.
- d) Cllr. McPherson has spoken to the resident of School Road regarding the overgrown hedge and the hedge has now been cut.
- e) Cllr. Brereton was to contact Highways regarding the cutting back of hedges/verges at Grizebeck to reveal the crash barrier. This to be on to next meeting.  
**Action: Cllr. Brereton to contact Highways regarding the cutting back of hedges/verges at Grizebeck to reveal the crash barrier**
- f) Cllr. Wilson had checked the signage at Four Lane Ends in relation to HGVs and reported that whilst there is signage there it is not correctly placed to be of use. Cllr. Byrne to contact Highways to raise this and advise that there needs to be clear signage.  
**Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Highways regarding signage at Four Lane Ends regarding HGVs**
- g) It was noted there is now no need for the Clerk to contact Highways with regard to the signage, as set out above.
- h) It was noted that item (h) on the agenda was a duplicate of item (e) and was therefore removed.
- i) The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Coward twice requesting a copy of the Coniston Emergency Plan but has yet not received a response.
- j) The Clerk had written to the Lake District National Park Authority, Planning regarding the work being carried out at Beanthwaite Barn.
- k) The Clerk has written to Natural England requesting a meeting with the Parish Council. No response received to date.
- l) Cllr. Grieve had written to the Royal Mail to raise the issue of erratic deliveries.
- m) Cllr. Byrne was to obtain a quote from Tony Brown Aggregates for repairing/resurfacing of Soutergate car park. However, repair work has now been carried out by T. Armistead & Sons.



## 10. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

### a) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

Cllr. Saunders reported that there is water on road surface on A5092 as the drains have still not been fixed. Cllr. Byrne to chase this up with Highways and Cllr. Brereton. It was also agreed to raise this on HIMS.

**Action: Cllr. Byrne to chase Highways about drains on A5092 and also write to Cllr. Brereton about this ongoing problem.**

**Action: Clerk to report Drains on A5092 on HIMS.**

A request was made for the speed van to be placed in other areas of the Village e.g. Dove Bank, as opposed to being present at the same location each time. This is to be raised with Cllr. Brereton.

**Action: The Clerk to raise speed van locations with Cllr. Brereton**

### b) A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme

Nothing to report at moment.

#### 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:

- Drains on A5092, as set out in 10(a) above.
- Pothole Dove Ford Bank
- Pothole Bank End Road

**Action: Road faults to be raised on HIMS portal**

### d) Hotline Progress

None.

## 11. Parish Plan

### a) Reports

**School** – Cllr. McPherson reported that the school is experiencing difficulties with staff shortages and school children off with covid. It was noted that the building work next to the school is due to get underway. The CIL money ring fenced for the school to use to offset noise disturbance from the works will now be forwarded to the School.

**Action: Clerk to forward CIL money to School**

**Community Facilities** – Cllr. Irving reported that some events at the Hall have been cancelled due to covid, however, a few events have taken place.

### b) Actions

None

### c) Emergency Plan

It was agreed to form a committee to discuss the Emergency Plan. This Committee will consist of Cllrs. Byrne, Winstanley, Irving and Rhodes.

The clerk to write to Coniston Parish Council asking if it would be possible for the Parish Council to have a copy of their plan.

**Action: Clerk to write to Coniston Parish Council to ask, if possible, to have a copy of their plan**

## 12. Current Matters

- a) **Flooding**  
Nothing to report.
- b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**  
It was noted that this matter is proving difficult. Permission with regard to altering the waterway is still awaited from CCC. There is still no response from Holker. Cllr. Grieve will now write to someone more senior at Holker Estates.  
**Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to Holker regarding replacement bridge at Marsh Garth**
- c) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**  
Nothing to report on this.
- d) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**  
Cllr. Grieve has contacted the Probation Service and is awaiting a further response from them on this.
- e) **Councillors Surgeries**  
The coffee morning which had been arranged for January 2021 at the Kirkby Community Centre had been cancelled. If this is rescheduled for the future a representative from the Parish Council will attend.
- f) **Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation**  
Nothing to report.
- g) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**  
Cllr. Grieve will contact Seamus Giles about this.  
**Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Seamus Giles regarding road/wall subsidence at Marshside**
- h) **Beanthwaite Barn**  
The possible enforcement issue has been reported to the Lake District National Park Authority and reported on HIMS.
- i) **Village Benches**  
Not all Councillors had, as yet, reviewed/commented on the list of benches prepared by Cllr. Byrne.
- j) **Burlington Stone – tipping of material on tips**  
A meeting had been held with the Quarry which Cllr. Grieve reported was successful. The issue of tipping material on tips had been resolved. The state of some of the footpaths around the quarry had also been raised. The Quarry have offered to give a presentation to the Parish Council regarding further work that is proposed at the site.
- k) **Flooding of the Mosses**  
A response from Natural England with regarding to meeting with the Parish Council is awaited.
- l) **Soutergate car park – Abandoned vehicles**  
The two vehicles on Soutergate car park which had been reported to the parish council will now be reported to SLDC.  
**Action: Clerk to report abandoned vehicles at Soutergate car park to SLDC**
- m) **Friends of X112 – Request for support towards the funding of the local bus services.**  
It was agreed that a donation of £300 will be made to Friends of X112 to assist in the running of the bus service. This is made under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- n) **HM Lord-Lieutenant of Cumbria – The Queen’s Green Canopy – Plant a Tree for the Jubilee**  
This letter to put placed in the caller.
- o) **Post Office Counters – Outreach post offices services will be available at the Community Centre between 10 am and 12 pm on Thursdays. It is believed that this will start mid February. It was noted that the day/time is dictated by the individual who runs this service. It was agreed that the Council would send a letter to PO Counters supporting this service.**  
**Action: Clerk to write to PO Counter Services giving Parish Council support to the Outreach**

- p) **Queens Jubilee Celebrations** – Possible Village celebrations for the Queens Jubilee Celebrations were discussed, National celebrations will run from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed to place an article in the Parish Newsletter to ascertain if there is local interest in celebrating the Jubilee.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to place article in Parish Newsletter regarding Queens Jubilee Celebrations**

### 13. Statutory Requirements

The Clerk to notify SLDC of resignation of Cllr. Morrish.

**Action: Clerk to notify SLDC of resignation of Cllr. Morrish**

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

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

### 15. Lengthsman

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

Cutting back hedge on main road pavement

Fitting hasp on sand bag box

Removing vegetation from two Victorian road signs to restore

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

None – The Lengthsman does not start work until April 2022.

### 16. Accounts

- a) The financial statement for December 2021 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £16.88 for January 2022 were approved.
- c) The payment to HMRC of £48.20, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2022 was approved.
- d) The payment of £20.00 to Kirkby Community for the hire of the Hall was approved.
- e) A report was received from the Finance Subcommittee with regard to the proposed Budget and the Precept for the financial year 2022/23.
- i. The proposed budget for 2021/22, as agreed by the Finance Subcommittee was presented to the full meeting. A proposal to accept the budget was received and this was seconded and agreed by all.
  - ii. The proposed precept for 2021/22, as agreed by the Finance Subcommittee was presented to the full meeting. A proposal to accept the budget was received and this was seconded and agreed by all.
- f) The payment of £40.00 to each of the residents in relation to the Parish Council's yearly contribution to electricity streetlights was agreed.
- g) The payment of £66.25 to the Lengthsman in relation to his invoice dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 was approved.
- h) The payment of £342.74 to T. Armistead & Sons for material and work to carry out repairs to Soutergate car park was approved.
- i) A donation had been received by the Parish Council from a Parish Resident in relation to the cutting of hedges on School Road, which had been carried out by the Lengthsman.

### 17. Planning

a) **Applications received**

None

b) **Planning Notifications**

- i. SL/2021/0105 – Cross Beck Farm – covered silage clamp – Granted with conditions
  - ii. SL/2021/1067 – Burberry Cottage, Soutergate – Variation of conditions – Granted with conditions
- c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**
- i. **Ginnyring Cottage**  
The outcome of the Appeal by the Owner of the property is awaited. However, Cllr. Grieve informed that on the SLDC portal it is showing that the appeal has been refused, the Parish Council have not yet been notified of this.
  - 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) Clerks & Councils Direct
- b) Letter from Parish Resident – damage to roadside verges – A letter had been received from a resident in response to the Parish Council’s letter about damage to roadside verges. The resident informed that they are not aware that damage has been caused by work they are having carried out. However, as a goodwill gesture they have offered to fix the damaged verge. In addition the resident informed that he has had damage done to his property. The Chairman to write to the Resident  
**Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to resident regarding damaged verge**
- c) The Queens Jubilee Beacons

## 19. Any Other Business

- a) **Illegal Motorcycle Trailing** – It was reported that there has been increased activity around Burney and that they are causing a nuisance to local residents and damage to the area. The Clerk to write to police highlighting this issue.  
**Action: Clerk to write to police regarding illegal motorcycle trailing around Burney area**
- b) **Willow** – Cllr. Saunders reported the willow harvest at Ashlack Hall is now about 2 meters and looks good, however, he is aware it will most probably now be harvested.
- c) **Ivy** – Cllr. Saunders reported that ivy needs removing from the trees on School Road. Cllr. Grieve will ask the Lengthsman to do this.  
**Action: Cllr. Grieve to ask Lengthsman to cut ivy from trees on School Road**
- d) **Residents stepping out into the road** – A problem has been experienced with individuals stepping out onto the road when there are oncoming cars. It is believed they are doing this on purpose. It was suggested that the drivers should report these incidents to the police who have the authority to deal with them.
- e) **Dark clothing at Night** – It has been reported to the Parish Council that there is an issue with local people walking at night in dark clothing and therefore difficult for drivers to see. A reminder to make oneself visible whilst walking at night will be placed in the Newsletter.  
**Action: Cllr. McPherson to place a reminder to people to make themselves visible whilst walking at night.**
- f) **Caravan deliveries** – Cllr. Irving reported that recently there have been a few deliveries of caravans to the Holker site which have come via Dove Ford Farm. These are causing traffic congestion. Cllr. Winstanley advised that wide loads such as these have to contact the police before travelling and are told which route to take. Therefore these loads will have been directed by the police to take this route.

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 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.
- b) Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

**21. Date of next Meeting**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – to be held at the Methodist Church, Marshside**

**Alison Field**

**Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council**