

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 February 17th February 2022 at 7.00 pm at the Methodist Church, Marshside

1. Apologies for Absence (received in writing):

Cllrs. R. Saunders, J. Byrne

Present:

Cllrs. G. Grieve (Chairman), M. McPherson, M. Jackson, S. Rhodes, I. Winstanley, M. Irving, D. Wilson, W. Todd

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

1 member of the public

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Irving Item 10(b)

Cllr. McPherson Item 17(a)

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman proposed that Item 13 - Statutory Requirements be brought forward on the agenda in order that the vacant position on the Council could be dealt with. This was agreed. He also proposed the following changes to the Agenda, but this will not take effect until the next meeting:-

Item 4 – Minutes from the previous meeting

Item 5 – Chairman's remarks

Item 6 – Matters for Any Other Business

Item 7 – Open Forum

Item 8 – Reports from District and County Councillors

13. Statutory Requirements

The Chairman reported that the 14 day notice period has ended and no election has been called and therefore the parish council can now co-opt a member. He informed that only one member of the parish has put himself forward for the position, Doug Mackay, although there had been interest shown from other parties. Mr. Mackay was asked to leave the room whilst the vacancy was discussed. A proposal was put forward by Cllr. Grieve to co-opt Mr. Mackay onto the Council, this was seconded by Cllr. Winstanley and agreed by all. Mr. Mackay was asked to return to the meeting. Cllr. Grieve informed him of the Council's decision and welcomed him on to the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

Cllr. Wharton gave the following report:-

Business Grants – Grants for assistance with the impact of covid are still available.

Locality Allowance – From April 2022 Cllr. Wharton will have a £1000 locality allowance to spend and is seeking to allocate £500 of this for emergency funds.

Emergency Plan – Cllr. Wharton had forwarded the Clerk the proforma forms and documentation in relation to Emergency Plans.

Burney Fell – SLDC are teaming up with the local police and other organisations to carry out an operation in the local area on 6th March 2022 in attempt to catch/dissuade illegal motorcycle trailers.

Land on A595 off School Road - Planning Application – Cllr. Wharton informed this application is now going to the Planning Committee and he can attend this meeting if the Parish Council would like him to. Cllr. Grieve informed that this item is listed for discussion under 17 (c) (ii) on the Agenda.

Boundary Review – This area would become part of High Furness in boundary review

Stone Arthur Planning Application - Cllr. McPherson asked if Cllr. Wharton was aware of the issues surrounding a recent planning application on Stone Arthur which is to come before the Parish Council at this meeting. Cllr. Wharton informed he did not but asked for a link to the application to be forwarded to him.

Action: Clerk to forward the link to the Stone Arthur planning application to Cllr. Wharton
Council Tax Rates – Cllr. Wharton informed that unfortunately he has done all he can with regard to the issue with council tax rates on empty homes and has been informed that this is a statutory condition and therefore must be implemented.

County Councillor Brereton gave the following report:

Grizebeck Improvement Scheme - It is hoped the application in relation to the Grizebeck Improvement Scheme will be submitted at the end of April 2022.

Road Speed Measures A595/A5092 – The speed measures proposed between Wreaks Causeway and Lowick are due to go to the Committee at the end of March 2022.

Roadworks – Cllr. Brereton reported Highways in process of looking at roadworks needing done in County. He has asked for roadworks arounds this area to be considered, including Tippins Lane.

Marshside Wall – Cllr. Brereton informed he will chase progress on this.

Buses X7 – Cllr. Brereton Reminded Councillors this is now running 2 days a week. There is still an issue with funding. Funding activities were hit by covid.

Storm Arwen – Cllr. Brereton reported that Karen Johnson co-ordinator at the Blue Hub in Ulverston is looking for feedback on how emergency services did in the area following Storm Arwen.

Cllr. Irving highlighted the issue with traffic through Grizebeck, when there was a diversion in place from A590 due to the roadworks at Cross-a-Moor, Swarthmoor. Traffic lights were put in place to control movement through the pinch point at Grizebeck but these were in wrong place and did not stop congestion. Cllr. Brereton will feed this back.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to feedback to Highways issue with traffic lights at Grizebeck during diversion from A590 due to work at Cross-A-Moor.

Cllr. Winstanley raised the issue of Tippin Lane stones and reported that yet more cars have been damaged by loose stones. Cllr. Brereton said he would flag Tippins Lane up as a priority.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to flag up Tippins Lane as a priority for repairs with Highways

6. Open Forum

No members of the public were in attendance.

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Woodland
- School Road
- Dog fouling
- Private Road signs – Soutergate
- Website
- Correspondence

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

Cllr. Todd had been present at the last meeting but had been marked as giving apologies. Minutes were corrected, approved and signed.

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

- a) The Chairman had written a letter of thanks to Mr. Morrish upon his retirement and a gift from the Councillors had been delivered to him. Thanks from Mr. Morrish was passed on to the Councillors.
- b) Cllr. McPherson had placed on facebook and in the Newsletter the form/request for information from members of public in relation to issues with Storm Arwen.
- c) Cllr. Brereton is in the process of contacting Highways regarding the cutting back of hedges/verges at Grizebeck to reveal the crash barrier.
- d) Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance at the meeting so Item (d) for her to contact Highways regarding signage at Four Lane Ends regarding HGVs will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Highways regarding signage at Four Lane Ends regarding HGVs

- e) As Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance the action for her to chase Highways with regard to drains on A5092 and also write to Cllr. Brereton about this issue will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Highways and Cllr. Brereton with regard to the drains on the A5092.

- f) The Clerk had reported the drains on the A5092 on HIMS.
- g) The Clerk had raised the request for speed vans in different places around the Village with Cllr. Brereton for him to pass on the police. Cllr. Brereton advised that he did pass this request on.
- h) The Clerk had raised the road faults on the portal.
- i) The Clerk had forwarded the CIL money to the School.
- j) The Clerk had written to Coniston Parish Council to request a copy of their Emergency Plan. This had now been received from Cllr. Coward.
- k) Cllr. Grieve has written to Holker requesting seeking their permission for the replacement bridge at Marsh Garth.
- l) Cllr. Grieve was to contact Seamus Giles regarding road/wall subsidence at Marshside. Cllr. Brereton is now going to contact Seamus Giles regarding this.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to contact Seamus Giles regarding road/wall subsidence at Marshside.

- m) The Clerk had reported one of the vehicles, the campervan to SLDC as an abandoned vehicle. This will be discussed under the relevant item on the agenda.
- n) The Clerk had written to PO Counter Services giving Parish Council support to the Outreach.
- o) Cllr. McPherson had placed an article in the Parish Newsletter regarding the Queens Jubilee Celebrations.
- p) The Clerk had notified SLDC of the resignation of Cllr. Morrish.
- q) Cllr. Grieve and written to the resident regarding the damage to his verge.
- r) The Clerk had written to the police regarding illegal motorcycle trailing around Burney Fell and had received a response informing of the operation as already discussed by Cllr. Wharton at Item 5 above.
- s) Cllr. Grieve had asked the Lengthsman to cut ivy from trees on School Road.
- t) Cllr. McPherson had placed a safety reminder in the Newsletter for people to wear high visibility clothes when walking at night.

10. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

- a) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**
Nothing to report.
- 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**
None.
- d) **Hotline Progress**
Potholes at Dove Ford and Bank End Lane repaired temporarily.

11. Parish Plan

- a) **Reports**
School – Cllr. McPherson reported that the school is concerned about the upkeep of the boundary wall with the land adjacent to the school which is now being developed. This wall has always been maintained by Holker and now the land has been sold and is being developed there is concern that the School will have to bear the cost of this. He reported that the School is experiencing difficulties with noise from the site.
- b) **Actions**
None
- c) **Emergency Plan**
Cllr. Grieve suggested that the Emergency Plan is withdrawn in its current form to save causing confusion, whilst the Plan is redrawn. This was discussed. It was agreed that the Plan would be withdrawn, however, the section on flooding will remain on the website in light of the flooding forecast for the local area in the coming days.

12. Current Matters

- a) **Flooding**
Nothing to report.
- b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**
Cllr. Grieve has written again to Holker seeking permission for the replacement bridge at Marsh Garth. A questionnaire has been received from CCC with regard to alteration of the watercourse. Cllr. Grieve advised that the type of information requested is specialised and therefore the Parish Council may need to instruct a Consultant to complete the questionnaire. He has asked the builder who is to carry out the work if would be possible for him to complete it and awaits a response.
- c) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**
Nothing to report on this.
- d) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
Nothing to report on this
- e) **Councillors Surgeries**
Cllr. McPherson reported that it is hoped that it will be possible to plan something in respect of this in the near future.

- f) **Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation**
Nothing to report.
- g) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**
It was noted that this was covered under Item 9 (I) on the agenda.
- h) **Village Benches**
No report available.
- i) **Flooding of the Mosses**
Cllrs are to meet with Natural England. Cllr. Todd to co-ordinate this and report back to the Clerk who will arrange Natural England. Cllr. Brereton to be invited to the meeting.
Action: Cllr. Todd to co-ordinate with Councillors for date to meet Natural England
Action: Clerk to set up meeting for Councillors and Natural England
- j) **Soutergate car park – Abandoned vehicles**
One of the vehicles that had been abandoned has since been moved. The other had been reported to SLDC who had contacted the Clerk and advised that the vehicle has not been abandoned and they had contacted the Owner who had told them he had permission to park at the site. It was agreed for Cllr. Grieve to write to the Owner of the vehicle to ask him to remove it within 14 days of the date of the letter.
Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to the Owner of the vehicle parked on Soutergate car park
- k) **Queens Jubilee Celebrations** – A committee has been formed and an outside event has been arranged for 5th June. An evening celebration event will also be held on Saturday 25th June, following the Gala Day.

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**
None – The Lengthsman is only carrying out emergency work during the Winter months.
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**
None – The Lengthsman does not start work until April 2022.

16. Accounts

- a) The financial statement for January 2022 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £27.08 for February 2022 were approved.
- c) The payment to HMRC of £48.00, being PAYE to 5th March 2022 was approved.
- d) The payment of £24.00 to the Methodist Church for the hire of the Hall was approved.
- e) A donation of £300 under Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 to the Friends of the X112 to assist with funding of the local bus services was approved.
- f) The donation from the Parish resident had been paid into the Parish Council account. It was agreed that this should be donated to the Kirkby Ireleth Charities.
- g) It was agreed to hold back the contribution to Becksides Rooms, in respect of electricity for the outside light as the light is currently not in use.

17. Planning

- a) **Applications received**
 - i. SL/2022/0040 – Marsh Cote, Kirkby-in-Furness – Two storey front porch extension & single storey rear kitchen extension – No objections or comments.

- ii. SL/2022/0097 – Stone Arthur, School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness – Change of use from dwelling to holiday let – retrospective. A number of letters had been received from the public voicing their objections to this application. The application was discussed at length. It was agreed to object to this application.

b) Planning Notifications

- i. 7/2021/5873 – Thornthwaite, Woodland – Change of use of land for the siting of a lodge with associated operations including the formation of a parking and turning area, the installation of a package treatment plant, the installation of a soakaway and the installation of ground source heat pump loops - granted

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

i. Ginnyring Cottage

Notification of the outcome of the Appeal by the Owner of the property is still awaited.

ii. Land off A595 School Road

There was nothing to report on the enforcement issue, however, it was reported that the second planning application in respect of the Land off A595 School Road, Planning Application No. SL/2021/0492 is to go before the Planning Committee. Cllr. McPherson will attend this meeting.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to attend Planning Committee Meeting in respect of the application relating to the Land off A595 School Road

iii. Beanthwaite Barn

Nothing to report.

18. Correspondence

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

- a) Friends of the X112 – Bus services update
- b) Natural England – North West Coastal Access Update – 10 February

A letter from the Gala Committee had been received asking if the Parish Council would like a place at the Gala on the 25th June 2022. This will be placed on the Agenda for the meeting.

Cllr. Grieve reported that he had received a letter which was not signed. It was noted that if someone wished to raise an issue with the Council they would need to identify themselves so the Parish Council can respond to their request/issue raised. If parties wish to remain anonymous at the meeting this can be accommodated. Cllr. McPherson to report this in the Newsletter.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to raise in the Newsletter that all correspondence to the Parish Council must be signed

19. Any Other Business

- a) **Woodland – fencing Parish Room** – A query was raised with regard to the fencing at Woodland for which the Parish Council had made a donation, as the fence is no longer in place. However, it was confirmed that the donation made to Woodland Parish Room was to assist in paying for temporary fencing, which was erected to alleviate the issues that had arisen during the pandemic.
- b) **School Road** – The close proximity of the 30 mph speed sign to the new entry to the building site adjacent to the school was raised and a suggestion made that this now should be moved. In addition, it was reported the zig zag lines approaching the school have faded and need redoing and the pedestrian Island by the development is now in a precarious

position. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Mr. Whitehead, Group Town Planning Manger, Brookhouse Group to arrange a meeting to discuss the work on the development. Cllrs. Wilson and McPherson to attend any meeting.

Action: Clerk to contact Mr. Whitehead to arrange meeting with Councillors regarding work on the development

- c) **Dog Fouling** – A member of the parish had requested for there to be more dog fouling notices in Soutergate. The Clerk to contact the Locality Team to request these.

Action: Clerk to contact SLDC Locality Team to request dog fouling notices

- d) **Private Road sign** – Soutergate. It was reported that a resident has erected a private road sign at the entrance to a road in Soutergate which is not private. It was agreed that this was not an issue that the Parish Council could deal with and needs reporting to the relevant authority.

- e) **Website** – This is to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

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 – Nothing to report.
- b) Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

21. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 17th March 2022 – to be held at the Kirkby Community Centre, Beckside

Alison Field

Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council