

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 21st July 2022 at 7.00 pm at the Parish Rooms, Woodland

1. Apologies for Absence (received in writing):

County Councillor M. Brereton, District Cllrs. I. Wharton & T. Coward

Present:

Cllr. G. Grieve (Chairman), S. Rhodes, D. Wilson, M. Irving, W. Todd, D. Mackay, R. Saunders, I. Winstanley, J. Byrne
2 members of the public

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Irving Item 9(b)

4. Minutes from the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

5. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman proposed that Item 12(a) – Statutory Requirements, Vacancies for Councillors - be brought forward before he continued to give his Chairman's remarks. This was agreed.

12. Statutory Requirements

a) Vacancies

Two members of the public had submitted emails to the Clerk expressing their interest in the two vacant positions and both had submitted a personal statement prior to the meeting. The individuals were present at the meeting and were asked to leave whilst the Councillors discussed the appointments. Cllr. Grieve proposed that Mr. Richie Bennett be co-opted on to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr. Winstanley. Cllr. Wilson proposed that Mr. Andrew Pye be co-opted onto the Parish Council. This was seconded by Cllr. Grieve. Both co-options were approved by all Councillors.

5. Chairman's Remarks (continued)

The Chairman welcomed the two new Councillors to the Team.

The Chairman congratulated the Kirkby-in-Furness Gala Committee for their hard work and dedication in organising the Gala on Saturday 25th June, which had been a wonderful event. The Chairman proposed writing a letter of thanks and congratulations to the Committee. This was agreed.

Cllr. Grieve to write a letter of thanks to the Kirkby-in-Furness Gala Committee

On the evening of the Gala the village celebration event was held in the Gala marquee, this was part of the Queens Jubilee Celebrations organised by a joint Committee comprising of members of the Gala Committee, Community Centre and the Parish Council. This was free to all from within the parish and was supported by the CGP Trust Fund. This had been a great success.

Cllr. Byrne thanked Cllr. Grieve and Rhodes for all their hard work and commitment in organising the Village Celebration Event.

The Chairman reported that due to business commitments his time is becoming very limited and as the work he undertakes for the Parish Council is becoming more demanding, he will be asking for other Councillors to assist with this.

6. Open Forum

No members of the public present.

7. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillors

Cllr. Wharton was not in attendance but had provided an update which will be placed in the correspondence pack.

County Councillor

Cllr. Brereton was not in attendance but had provided an update which Cllr. Grieve read out. Cllr. Brereton had chased up the virtual meeting with Highways to discuss the various issues around the Parish. He continues to push for clearance of the vegetation on the A5092 up to Grizebeck Brow and repair of various potholes and resurfacing works, as raised at previous meetings.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of writing a letter of thanks to CGP for their support for the jubilee events.
- b) The Clerk had written to District Councillors asking for their attendance at Parish Council Meetings.
- c) Cllr. Brereton was to chase Highways to carry out repainting of the white lines at Woodland Junction. As he was not in attendance this will stay on the Agenda.
- d) Cllr. Brereton was to provide Cllr. Byrne with the telephone number for Helen Karaaslan, however, Ms Karaaslan had emailed Cllr. Byrne.
- e) The Clerk had written to Highways regarding the placing of the traffic lights at Grizebeck during road diversions. A response had been received from Amy Gaskell at National Highways who reported this will be shared with other project managers at National Highways for future reference.
- f) The faults had been reported on the portal.
- g) Cllr. Grieve is to write a letter of thanks to David Anderson
- h) The Clerk had written to Burlington School, advising of the retirement of the Parish Representative.
- i) The Clerk wrote to SLDC enforcement – re Stone Arthur, School Road. This will be reported on under the relevant item on the Agenda.
- j) Cllr. Grieve highlighted dog fouling in the Newsletter.

9. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

Cllr. Byrne reported that she has received notification from Helen Karaaslan of Highways that funding has been approved for HGV signage at Four Lane Ends junction. She had also informed that the issues on the A5092 at Moorhouse Farm will be reviewed. Cllr. Byrne to contact Helen Karaaslan about the indents at the side of the road on the A595 at Gargreave.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Helen Karaaslan about indents at side of road on A595 at Gargreave

Cllr. Irving informed that resurfacing work on the A595 at Dove Ford Farm will commence on the 5th September 2022.

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

- Buckhorn Lane – hedge needs cutting
- Becksides to Friars Ground and High Ghyll – hedges need cutting

Action: Faults to reported on the Portal

d) Hotline Progress

As reported by Cllrs. Byrne and Irving at Item 9 (a) on the Agenda.

10. Parish Plan

a) Reports

Footpaths – Cllr. Winstanley reported he had contacted Holker Estates with regard to issues with footpaths on Kirkby Moor and spoke with the Land Agent. The Land Agent has agreed that work to rectify incorrectly positioned footpath signs will be carried out. The Land Agent had informed that Holker are not responsible for the repair of footpaths and can only cut back vegetation which he has advised they will do.

Gate at Soutergate car park – It had been reported that the gate needed attention as metal hinge is wearing. Cllr. Winstanley to inspect the gate to see what work is required.

Action: Cllr. Winstanley to inspect gate at Soutergate car park to see what repair work is required

b) Actions

None

c) Emergency Plan

Consideration of Emergency Plan is in progress.

11. Current Matters

a) Bridge at Marsh Garth

Nothing to report.

b) Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension

Nothing to report.

c) Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service

Cllr. Grieve advised that the Probation Service are ready to carry out the work and will attend the Village once a week for approximately 6 weeks. They will clear the paths between Soutergate and Dove Bank. The need for a skip for the waste was discussed. Cllr. Todd to obtain quotes for a skip. It is believed the cost will be £200-£300.

Action: Cllr. Todd to obtain quotes for a skip for vegetation waste

d) Councillors Surgeries

Councillors Surgeries was discussed. It was agreed that these were proving difficult to arrange and therefore this will not proceed. Item to be taken off the Agenda

e) Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside

Cllr. Grieve reported that he has received an email from the Local Infrastructure Manager regarding a meeting – this will need to be arranged.

f) **Village Benches**

The Clerk has identified the seats that are covered by the insurance. The Clerk and Cllr. Byrne to assess what other seats should be included on the insurance.

Action: Cllr. Byrne and Clerk to assess benches for insurance purposes

g) **Flooding of the Mosses**

An email from Jim Turner of Natural England had been received advising that due to him having covid, the public walks that had been arranged at the Mosses will now be rearranged to Saturday 6th August 14:00 – 16:00 and Tuesday 9th August 10:00 – 12noon.

h) **Queens Jubilee Celebrations**

It was noted that this had been reported on under Item 5 – Chairman's Remarks.

i) **Website**

Cllr. Grieve informed that he has informed the AppOffice, who are setting up the website, to proceed. Cllr. Grieve is to meet with them.

j) **Development adjacent to the School**

Nothing to report.

k) **Stone Arthur**

SLDC had informed that an Enforcement Notice has been issued against the Owners of the property as they continue to let the property as a holiday rental. Therefore this item can now be placed under Planning Enforcement.

l) **Speeding at Beckside**

The Clerk had written to PCSO Harris regarding speeding at Beckside and the possibility of introducing community speed watch to the area. PCSO had informed that 12 volunteers are needed and, ideally, also a Police volunteer Speed Watch Coordinator. He had informed that the lasers cost around £5000 and need recalibrating each year. There is no funding available from PCC for these. He informed that the sites were volunteers stand need to be risk assessed, which he had had suggested may be an issue on Lady Moria incline. His response was discussed. The information is to be placed in the Newsletter to see if there is any public interest in setting up a group.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to provide information in Newsletter about Community Speed Watch Scheme

m) **History of Kirkby Group – Information Board, Sandside**

An email had been received from the History of Kirkby Group advising that they wish to erect a notice board on the side of Mr. Cooper's building adjacent to the entrance to the station. In order to do this they have asked for permission to move the Council board further along. This was agreed by all. Cllr. Grieve to write to the History of Kirkby Group advising of this

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to History of Kirkby Group informing the Parish Council are in agreement to the repositioning of the Parish Noticeboard adjacent to the Station

n) **Welcome Pack**

Cllr. Grieve proposed that information found in the Welcome pack be posted on the new Parish website instead of printed in paper form. This was agreed by all Councillors.

o) **Deliveries of Caravans to Longlands Caravan Park**

A letter of response had been received from Holker regarding the issue with using the A5092 and A595 through Dove Ford to deliver caravans. This was read out to the Council. Holker believe that this is the best route to take but had informed they were willing to meet with the Council to discuss further. Cllr. Todd and Cllr. Irving to meet with Alex Hodgson, from Holker. The Clerk to arrange this.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting between Holker, Cllr. Todd and Cllr. Irving

Action: Cllrs. Todd and Irving to meet with representative from Holker

p) Ireleth Charities Group Annual Report

Cllr. Grieve presented a report from the Kirkby Ireleth Charities for 2021. This will be placed in the correspondence pack.

q) Residents Parking – Burlington Close

This was discussed. The Clerk to contact the District Councillors to ask for the advice as to who the Parish Council would contact regard to resident parking only signs.

Action: Clerk to contact District Cllrs. for advice with regarding to resident parking only signs

r) Footpath 5539056 – kissing gate

A resident has reported that a kissing gate onto a field on School Road had been removed and replaced with a standard gate. This was discussed and it was agreed for Cllr. Byrne to respond to the resident and advise them to raise it through the portal.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to respond to resident regarding the kissing gate on Footpath 5539056

13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Membership of the CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund was discussed. Cllr. Grieve proposed that all Parish Councillors become members and that meetings are held directly following the monthly Parish Council Meeting. The Trust Fund is in need of a new Secretary and Cllr. Grieve proposed Cllr. Mackay. Cllr. Byrne seconded this and it was agreed by all. This will be put forward at the next CPG Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund Meeting, which is to take place on Monday 1st August 2022.

14. Lengthsman

a) Receive a report of work undertaken

Grizebeck - Fitting hasp to sand bag bin, cleaning drains

Chapels - Preparation & painting of Kirkby-in-Furness sign and painting road sign with black & white Hammerite

Soutergate - Fitting hasp to sand bag bin

b) Suggestions for work to be undertaken

None.

The Lengthsman has advised that, due to the increase in fuel charges, his hourly rate will increase from £16 to £20. Cllr. Wilson is to take over as Parish co-ordinator for the Lengthsman.

15. Accounts

a) The financial statement for June 2022 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.

b) The Clerks salary of £200.00 and expenses of £16.88 for July 2022 were approved.

c) The payment to HMRC of £50.00, being PAYE to 5th August 2022 was approved.

d) The payment to Woodland Parish Rooms for the hire of the hall for the meeting was approved.

e) The payment of £300 to Mr. J. Metcalfe being the second payment for the cutting of the grass verges was approved. It was raised that an increase in the amount paid to Mr. Metcalfe may be required due to increased fuel costs. Cllr. Grieve to check whether or not Mr. Metcalfe pays this or whether it is funded from the Charities. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to check who funds the fuel for the grass cutting

f) The payment of £24.00 for the hire of Grizebeck Community Centre for the meeting with Natural England on the 15th June 2022 was approved.

- g) The payment of £101.49 to the Lengthsman in respect of his June invoice was approved.
- h) Quarterly checks on the accounts are to be carried out again. It was noted that this had stopped at the beginning of pandemic. Cllr. Irving will carry out the review and report back to the meeting next time. Cllr. Grieve suggested Cllr. Mackay also be a signatory on the cheques. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Irving to carry out quarterly check of the accounts

- i) **Community Infrastructure Levy payments** – Cllr. Bennett to prepare a report setting out what CIL can be spent on. The Clerk is to email Cllr. Bennett information on CIL.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Bennett information on CIL

Action: Cllr. Bennett to review CIL expenditure requirements

16. Planning

a) Applications received

- i. 7/2022/5432 – White Moss and Heathwaite Moss, Wreaks Causeway, LA20 6BS – Restoration works including regular bunding and re-profiling of damaged peat – This was discussed. The Parish Council objected to this application as they believe the work has already been carried out and therefore the application should have been for Retrospective Planning Permission. This response is to be submitted.

b) Planning Notifications

- i. SL/2022/0594 – Ghyll End, Kirkby-in-Furness, - Application for non-material amendment following a grant of planning permissions SL/2022/0184 (installation of inset matt black solar panel band to existing slate roof) – Granted

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

i. Land off A595 School Road

Nothing to report.

ii. Beanthwaite Barn

This had been reported on the Highways portal as well as to Lake District National Park Authority Planning. A response from Highways advising that following a recent site inspection, they were able to confirm that there is no encroachment onto the public highway and that they are satisfied that the fencing causes no obstruction or nuisance to users of the highway and therefore no further action will be taken.

17. Correspondence

- a) Letter from Resident – maintaining of the flower beds outside Marshside – Correspondence had been received from a resident who maintains the flower bed outside Marshside. The resident has advised that they are no longer able to do this due to work commitments. A notice is to be put in the Newsletter asking if anyone would like to volunteer to carry out this work. A letter of thanks is to be sent to the resident. Cllr. Grieve is to make enquires as to who maintains other flowerbeds around the village.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to place notice in the Newsletter regarding flower beds outside Marshside

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write a letter of thanks to the resident for maintaining the flower

Action: Cllr. Grieve to make enquiries as to who maintains various flowerbeds around the Village.

- b) Letter from resident – dog fouling bins – correspondence had been received from a resident highlighting the lack of dog fouling bins around the Village. This was discussed. The Clerk to reply to the resident and ask for their suggestions as to where they are required. Cllr. Bennett will also review where bins could be placed.

Action: Clerk to write to resident regarding the proposed placing of dog fouling bins.

Action: Cllr. Bennett to review the placement of dog fouling bins.

- c) FLAG Newsletter – this will be placed in the correspondence pack
- d) Clerks and Councils Direct Newsletter – this will be placed in the correspondence pack
- e) CCC – Highways engage with Parish and Town Councillors - my account functionality - The digital team at Cumbria County Council has launched a My Account functionality that will make it easier for Parish and Town councils to report and manage highways problems or enquires. A virtual training session is to be held on Monday 1st August 2022, the Clerk to attend this session.

Action: Clerk to attend virtual training session on HIMS - My Account

18. Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr. Winstanley – reported that the hedges at Marshside need cutting back, however, this will hopefully be carried out by Probation. Cllr. Byrne will also report this to Highways.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to report overgrown hedges at Marshside to Highways

Cllr. Irving – reported that a footpath gate had been left open. A notice is to be placed in the Caller reminding people to close gates on footpaths.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to place a notice in the Newsletter reminding people to close gates on footpaths

19. Deferred Actions Review

- a) Affordable Housing – Nothing to report.

20. Date of next Meeting

The Chairman informed that he is unable to attend the next meeting which is scheduled for Thursday 18th August 2022. It was proposed that the meeting be rearranged for Wednesday 17th August 2022. All Councillors agreed.

Wednesday 17th August 2022 at Grizebeck Village Hall

Alison Field - Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council