

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 15th December 2022 at 7.00 pm at Grizebeck Community Centre

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

Cllrs. S. Rhodes, D. Mackay, A. Pye
District Cllr. I. Wharton, County Cllr. Brereton

Present:

Cllr. G. Grieve (Chairman), M. Irving, W. Todd, R. Saunders, J. Byrne, R. Bennett, D. Wilson
1 member of the public (arrived 7.30 pm)

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 last meeting were approved and signed.

5. **Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman informed that he currently prepares the Parish Council Newsletter for the Kirkby Caller and will be looking for another Councillor to volunteer to take this over at the January 2023 meeting.

6. **Open Forum**

At the time of this item no members of the public were present.

7. **Reports from District and County Councillors**

District Councillor

Cllr. Wharton had emailed his apologies and provided a report. He advised that he had sent his comments to SLDC Planning Authority on both the Stone Arthur, School Road and Moorland Cottage, School Road planning applications. He asked for feedback from the Council with regard to Stone Arthur, following their discussions at this meeting on the new application in relation to this property. Clerk to email Cllr. Wharton.

Action: Clerk to provide feedback to Cllr. Wharton re Stone Arthur

County Councillor

Cllr. Brereton had emailed his apologies and provided a report. He informed that he is following up on the give way signs on road at Woodland and the wall that is collapsing at Marshside. He also reported that Officers of the Council had been made aware in the Summer of the issue of planting trees at Merebeck. He also informed that he has received many complaints about the poor standard of gritting and has been liaising with the local media on the issue. He also advised that he has been advising Kirkby Community Centre about options for funding from CCC to assist with the refurbishment of the Community Centre children's playground.

8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. Byrne has made enquiries with Highways about the possibility of having traffic calming measures placed at Soutergate. However, she has not received a response to date.
- b) The barbed wire fence between Wall End and Marshside was reported on the portal.
- c) The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Brereton a list of all the outstanding issues in the area.
- d) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of letting residents of Marsh Garth know the project to replace the bridge is not continuing.
- e) Cllr. Bennett had contacted Network Rail asking them to remove the debris on the Estuary.
- f) The Clerk had submitted the Parish Council's response to the CALC survey.
- g) Cllr. Bennett has been trying to contact Rev. Tudway to discuss funding for the extension of the graveyard, without success. It was noted that his tenure as Vicar finishes at the end of the month and Linda Dean should now be contacted in relation to this.

The Clerk noted that in addition to the above she was to respond to residents at Chapels and provide them with the link to the HIMS website in order they can report parking issues at Chapels. She reported that this had been done.

9. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

Nothing to report.

b) A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme

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

iv. *Email from CCC – Notifying of work to be carried out – trial holes and ground investigation works*

Cllr. Irving informed that this work has commenced.

c) Hotline Reports

- Pothole on A595 at Dove Bank
- Soutergate car park – pot holes at entrance
- Substandard tarmac used to resurface Dove Ford – crumbling away
- Grizebeck grit bin needs refilling. It was noted that most of the grit bins in the area need to be refilled.

d) Hotline Progress

None

10. Parish Plan

a) Reports

None. It was agreed to remove Youth Activities from the Parish Plan Groups. It was also noted that following the retirement of Ian Winstanley from the Council, a volunteer is needed to liaise with the Footpath Group. This will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

b) Actions

None

c) Emergency Plan

Consideration of Emergency Plan is in progress. Cllr. Rhodes will lead on this.

11. Current Matters

a) Local Flooding Matters

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 reported that the Probation Service are continuing with this work and doing a good job.

d) Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside

Nothing to report.

e) Village Benches

Cllr. Byrne and Clerk are to assess ownership of benches around the Village

f) Website

Cllr. Grieve informed this is progressing.

g) Development adjacent to the School

Cllr. Wilson provided an update on work at the site. He informed that 35 bases have now been installed.

h) Dog Fouling Bins

It was noted that Cllr. Wharton had asked whether the Parish Council would like a full size bin (as dog fouling bins no longer available). This was discussed, however, it was agreed that the Council need to know the route of the bin men before deciding where any such bin could be placed. The Clerk to contact Cllr. Wharton about this.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr. Wharton regarding route of bin men (for dog fouling bin)

i) St. Cuthberts Graveyard – water issue

Cllr. Byrne advised that she is meeting with Linda Dean at the beginning of January. She suggested, if suitable, that Cllr. Bennett also attend the meeting in order that funding for the water issue at the graveyard can be discussed. Cllr. Bennett agreed with this.

j) Potential power outages

Nothing to report.

k) Lights on Residents Properties

Following the letter to the resident advising the Parish Council will no longer maintain these lights, the Resident had contacted the Chairman and asked for the Parish Council to fund removal of the light. Cllr. Grieve suggested that a donation of £100 towards the removal of the light be made. This was agreed by all. Cllr. Grieve to contact the residents to advise of this.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact residents at Soutergate regarding the contribution to remove the light on their property

l) Portacabin Grizebeck

Cllr. Wilson informed that a resident has raised with him the issue of a portacabin at School House at Grizebeck, which it was understood should have been removed from the property once the build was complete. This is to be raised with the National Park Authority.

Action: Clerk to raise the portacabin at School House with National Park Authority

12. Statutory Requirements

- a) It was noted that there had been no interest shown in the vacancy, arising from the resignation of Ian Winstanley.

13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

- a) **Report**
Nothing to report.

14. Lengthsman

- a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**
Wall End - Digging out reported blocked drain and cleaning others in the vicinity
Buckhorn Lane - Fitting white painted cast iron nipple back on signpost
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**
None.

15. Accounts

- a) The financial statement for November 2022 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £200.00 and expenses of £18.88 for December 2022 were approved.
- c) The payment to HMRC of £50.00, being PAYE to 5th January 2023 was approved.
- d) The payment to Grizebeck Community Centre for the hire of the hall for the meeting was approved.
- e) **Community Infrastructure Levy payments** - It was noted that a yearly report needs to be submitted to SLDC on the spending of this. The Clerk to submit this.

Action: Clerk to submit the report to SLDC on the spending of the CIL
- f) The payment of £300 to Mr. J Metcalfe, being the third payment for the cutting of the grass verges was approved.
- g) The payment of £50.00 to the Royal British Legion for 2 wreaths for Remembrance Day was approved. It was noted that the cheque should be made out to Mr. Roger Rushton, a committee member of the Kirkby-in-Furness Royal British Legion, by way of reimbursement, as he paid for the wreaths for the Parish Council.
- h) The payment of £40.00 to the Lengthsman in respect of his invoice 2022/004 dated 2nd December 2022 was approved.
- i) A meeting for the Finance Sub Committee was arranged for 14th January 2023 at 10.00 am at the Community Centre. The Clerk to book the hall and send an email to all members of the finance committee confirming the date and time of the meeting.

Action: The Clerk to book the hall and send an email to all members of the finance committee confirming the date and time of the meeting
- j) The payment of £1500 to CCC was approved. This is the return of the community grant money due to the project to replace the bridge at Marshgarth having to be abandoned.

16. Planning

- a) **Applications Received**
 - i. Appeal of Enforcement Notice/Planning Application 21010 & SL/2022/0453 (Appeal Enforcement Notice – APP/M0933/C/22/3307949) – Land off School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7TL – This was discussed. The Parish Council agreed that their position on this remains the same and their response to the original application (SL/2022/0453) be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and a request made that their representations, as set out in that response, be taken into account by the Planning Inspector when considering this appeal.
 - ii. Appeal Enforcement Notice Notification – 21010 – (Appeal of Enforcement Notice (change of use) – APP/M0933/C/22/3307360) – Land off School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria, LA17 7TL – This was discussed. It was agreed that a response would be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate informing that representations

from members of the public have been made to the Parish Council with regard to the site and as a result of this the Parish Council are concerned that, despite an enforcement notice being in place, there are continuing breaches of planning and development being carried out at the site without the necessary lawful permission.

- iii. SL/2022/1099 – Stone Arthur, School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness Cumbria, LA17 7TF – Change of Use from Residential Dwelling to a holiday let – The Parish Council agreed that their objections as set out in their response to the first application with regard to this property (SL/2022/0097) still stand and therefore these objections will be submitted to this application.

b) Planning Notifications

- i. 7/2022/5509 – Thornthwaite, Woodland, Broughton-in-Furness – Restoration works to lowland raised bog to repair historic damage to peat across the site – Granted

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

i. Land off A595 School Road

It was noted that this was covered by Items 16(a) and (b) on the Agenda.

ii. Beanthwaite Barn

Nothing to report.

iii. Stone Arthur

It was noted that this enforcement issue will now be cancelled as the Owners have submitted a new application with regard to the property. This can now be removed from the Agenda.

17. Correspondence

The following correspondence was received:-

- a) Edwin Thompson, Chartered Surveyors – Kirkby Park Consultation – The email from Edwin Thompson was notifying of a woodland consultation on Kirkby Park and had attached all relevant documentation. Councillors had been forward this correspondence prior to the meeting, for them to consider. It was agreed that no comments are to be made on the consultation.
- b) Simon Fell – Christmas Card – this was placed in the correspondence pack.

18. Parish Councillors Reports

Cllr. Todd had contacted the resident at Marshgarth regarding the upkeep of the flower bed at Marshside. He sought confirmation as to who pays for the plants. Cllr. Grieve informed it is the CGP Trust fund who provide funds for this.

Cllr. Bennett – Residents have contacted Cllr. Bennett with regard to the following issues:-

- Drain blocked near the bus shelter on the main road (A595) causing localised flooding. – Cllr. Grieve has raised this on the portal. It was noted that this has been reported to Highways on numerous occasions.
- A vehicle parked in Soutergate car park preventing a clear view of the road when crossing creating a health & safety concern when crossing the A595. – it was agreed that telling vehicle owners where to park would be difficult to enforce and the point was raised that wherever the vehicle is parked on the site it will probably cause a viewing obstruction.
- Some of the fence posts along the Soutergate Beck footpath are loose raising a safety concern. Cllr. Bennett to contact Geoff Fewkes, Countryside Access Officer, with regard to this.
- The footbridge across the beck at Soutergate (same areas as above) has no lower protection. Cllr. Bennett will contact Geoff Fewkes with regard to this also.

Cllr. Irving provided a report on the Christmas Tractor Run. He informed that approximately £5,000 had been raised for St. Mary's Hospice at this event. Bringing the annual total to approximately £20,000 for the year.

19. Deferred Actions Review

- a) Affordable Housing – Nothing to report.

20. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 19th January 2023 at the Community Centre, Beckside

Alison Field - Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council