

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. M. McPherson, 1 Combe Crescent, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 at Grizebeck Hall, Grizebeck

### 1. Apologies for Absence:

Cllrs. Todd, Byrne, Winstanley, Jackson, County Cllr. Brereton

### Present:

M. McPherson, (Chairman) H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, B. Copley, R. Morrish,  
F. Wayles, G. Grieve  
District Cllr. J Curwen, D. Anderson

### 2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

### 3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. McPherson declared an interest in Item 14(d) and 14(e) on the Agenda.

### 4. Chairman's Remarks

There was no Chairman's report.

### 5. Open Forum

No comments received.

### 6. Matters for Any Other Business

- Pylon sign
- Marsh Garth
- Road side

### 7. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017 were approved and signed.

### 8. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- The Clerk had written to the quarry regarding the issue of the convoy of lorries through the village.
- The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Brereton outlining the problems with speeding vehicles through the village and surrounding areas.
- Clerk had provided the information on the Street to Mr. Vickers. Mr. Vickers had replied and asked if there were any problems with the lights.  
Cllr. Irving reported that the light at Grizebeck is currently not working. Clerk will report this to Mr. Vickers.

#### *Action: Clerk to report light at Grizebeck to Mr. Vickers*

- The Clerk had completed and forwarded to SLDC the annual report on the community structure levy. The report had also been posted on the Parish Website, as required.
- The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Brereton a map of the footpath between Herschell Terrace and Sandside.
- The Clerk had reported on the portal the damage to Wreaks Bridge.
- The Clerk had revised the list of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and provided Cllr. Morrish with an updated copy. It was noted that there are vacancies in some areas. Cllr. McPherson will advertise the vacancies in the Parish Council report, which is now placed in the Kirkby Caller.

**Action: Cllr. McPherson to advertise vacancies of Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators**

- Cllr. Byrne was not in attendance at the meeting so it was not known if she had contacted Mrs. Frost with regard to the signage for Grizebeck Community Hall.
  - **Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Mrs. Frost with regard to signage at Grizebeck Community Hall**
- Cllr. Grieve had drafted the letter to Holker Estates regarding the impact of the proposed housing development on Kirkby Hall Farm. The Clerk will now forward this to Holker Estates.

**Clerk to forward letter to Holker Estates**
- As Cllr Grieve is now the Councils representative for flooding, he had emailed Cllr. Brereton advising of the areas that are at risk of flooding.
- Cllr. Todd was not in attendance at the meeting, no update was available on the work required on the road between Beckside and High Ghyll.

**9. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**

A police report from PCSO Harris had been received. This was read out and placed in the folder for circulation.

**a) A595 matters**

None.

**b) Hotline Reports**

It was reported that there were potholes at the following areas:-

- Bank End Road – along verge on eastern side of the road.
- West View, Sandside

**Action: Clerk to report**

**c) Hotline Progress**

It was reported that the pothole at Beckside, near St. Cuthberts, had been repaired.

**10. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan**

**a) Reports**

**Burlington School**

Cllr. Wayles had attended the School's Nativity Play and reported that it was excellent.

**Community Facility**

Cllr. Irving reported that a fire alarm had been accidentally set off at Grizebeck Hall, during a function.

**b) Actions**

No actions reported.

**11. Current Matters**

**a) National Grid's Proposals**

In light of the recent developments regarding funding for the Moorside project, it was agreed to keep this item on the Agenda.

**b) Maintenance of Street Lighting**

A request for a street light at Soutergate car park had been received from a resident at Soutergate. It was agreed to pass the request on to Cllr. Jackson to progress.

**Action: Cllr. Jackson to progress request for light at Soutergate car park**

**c) Watery Lane**

Work has been carried out on Watery Lane. A replacement pipe has now been fitted as the old pipe was clogged up. It appears to have rectified the problem.

**d) Renewal of Kirkby Wind Farm**

Cllr. McPherson advised that the application to renew the Wind Farm had been unsuccessful. Both Cllr. Winstanley and himself had addressed the Planning Authority meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Cllr. McPherson informed that the vote had been 5 to 4 against. District Cllr. Curwen had voted in favour of the

renewal and explained that he had done so after taking on board the comments made by the Commonners, who were in favour of the licence renewal.

e) **Grizebeck Community Hall – signage on A595**

No report.

f) **Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595 at Marshside**

No report.

g) **Proposed Housing Development**

Cllr. Saunders raised the point that the access road to the proposed development must be sufficiently wide as not to cause congestion on the A595. Cllr. McPherson reported that this comment has already been made to the Developer.

h) **Flooding**

A meeting arranged by MP John Woodcock had been held at the Coronation Hall, Ulverston, regarding flooding in the Furness area. This had been attended by some members of the Parish Council. Cllr. McPherson said thanks must be given to Mr. Woodcock as he did emphasise the flooding problems being experienced in Kirkby. Cllr. Jackson had prepared a report on the meeting, which was read out by Cllr. Grieve. Cllr. McPherson reported that it is possible to have sandbags delivered to strategic points around the village. A proposal was made that storage facilities be purchased to house the sand bags and that there could be custodians at each of the points, who would be able to monitor the number of sandbags so more could be delivered if necessary and check their state of repair to ensure they would be fit for purpose. Cllr. Grieve is to look into costing for the purchase of storage facilities.

**Action: Cllr. Grieve to obtain costing for storage facilities for sandbags**

Concern was expressed that the sandbags may be taken from people outside the area or for other reasons beside protection from flooding. It was suggested that the sandbags could be placed discreetly. The following areas were identified for the storage points:-

- Grizebeck – CPG/Greyhound car park
- Marshside – Bustop
- Beckside – Community Centre car park
- Soutergate – car park

**Action: Clerk to contact SLDC Ulverston Depot to arrange delivery of sandbags.**

Cllr. Irving reported that River Trust Authority have not yet contacted him with regard to meeting with himself and the residents at Grizebeck. However, SLDC are currently investigating the matter and it was agreed that the Council should await the result of the enquiries before chasing the River Trust Authority about a meeting. Cllr. Grieve reported that he has spoken with residents who are at threat of flooding at Chapels, Marsh Garth and Marshside and visited the areas. He informed that he has emailed Cllr. Brereton detailing the areas at risk and asked him to forward his email to the relevant person at Cumbria County Council, or provide details to Cllr. Grieve of who he can contact with regard to the flooding. He awaits a response. Cllr. Grieve has also contacted the Quarry but has not managed to identify a person with whom he can discuss the issue with. Cllr. Grieve outlined what he believes to be the problems which lead to flooding, and identified the following areas as those most at risk:

- Marsh Garth
- Marshside
- Chapels
- A595 – at Gargreave
- A595 – at Muirlands
- School Road/Herschel Terrace
- Grizebeck – the Bridge

He suggested that he compile a more comprehensive report on the flooding issues that can then be presented to the relevant people at County and the Quarry. He also suggested that a site meeting with a representative from Cumbria County Council may be advantageous. Cllr. Grieve hopes that he will have compiled the report for

the next parish meeting in January. The Chairman thanked Cllr. Grieve for all his work.

i) **SMART Metering Mast**

The Chairman reported that an application for a SMART metering mast at the BT sub-station next to Burlington Inn has been granted by SLDC. The Chairman informed the meeting that application had been a “without notice” application. This means that no notification of the application is given to anyone. He advised that following the application being granted, the Clerk had spoke to Mr. Hoar at SLDC Planning, he had informed that the Planning Department does not pass the application in the sense of the word as it is a permitted build. All Planning do is make sure that the application adheres to the relevant legislation, which he advised this one did. If it does the Planning Department do not have the authority to reject it. The Clerk had asked Mr. Hoar in the event that the Parish Council had been given the opportunity to comment on the application would these comments have been taken onboard. Mr. Hoar advised that any comments would have been noted and then passed to the Company who submitted the application. He advised any comments would not have changed the outcome. Cllr. McPherson explained to the meeting that he has tried to speak with the Company on numerous occasions and is awaiting a call back from them. It was noted that the Parish Council have done all they can with regard to this application.

j) **Buckhorn Lane**

It was reported that the work to the give ways signs has now been carried out on Buckhorn Lane.

k) **School Road**

No update.

l) **Footpath – Soutergate to Beckside**

Holker Estates are meeting with the District Council in January regarding the current state of the path and to discuss a possible remedy.

m) **Dog fouling**

It was reported that dog fouling is becoming a problem in the village. Cllr. McPherson to highlight the problem in the Parish newsletter.

*Action: Cllr. McPherson to put issue of dog fouling in Parish Newsletter*

n) **Grass verges**

A series of incidents of damage to the grass verges has been experienced of late, one of which involved an Asda delivery lorry. Cllr. McPherson contacted Asda and they have offered to repair the damage. Cllr. McPherson reported that the damage caused by Cleartrack, as mentioned at the meeting in October, is still to be repaired as Cleartrack have now gone into liquidation. Cllr. McPherson stated that any ideas would be welcomed on how this problem can be addressed.

## 12. Statutory Requirements

None

## 13. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

The following grants had been awarded the December meeting:

- Kirkby Youth Club - £200.00 for new Air Hockey Table and £300.00 for their annual Christmas Party.
- St Cuthbert’s PCC - £102.98 for replacement lights outside Beckside Rooms
- Grizebeck Village Hall - £290.00 for the Annual Christmas Party
- Community Centre - £600.00 towards drainage works.
- Footpath Group £117.60 for insurance, £150.00 for ongoing maintenance and £270.00 for repairs in Watery Lane.

The Trust has now awarded £152,000 to 295 applications.

#### 14. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for the month of November 2017 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £132 was approved for the month of December.
- c) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017, was approved.
- d) The payment of £45.00 to Cllr. McPherson being the running costs for the Parish Council website was approved. Clerk to look into grants from NALC with regard to these costs.

*Action: Clerk to look at funding from NALC for website running costs*

- e) The payment of £20.00 to Cllr. McPherson being the costs of the Welcome to Kirkby Pamphlet was approved.
- f) A meeting was arranged for the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018 for the Finance Sub Committee to meet to determine the precept.
- g) The payment of £19.00 for the hire of the Grizebeck Community Hall was approved.
- h) It was agreed that the SLDC Remuneration Panel's recommendations would be considered at the Finance Sub Committee Meeting.
- i) The repayment of £510 to SLDC was approved. SLDC had made this payment in error, it should have been made to the Parochial Church Council

#### 15. Planning

The following planning applications had been received:

- SL/2017/0949 – Dove Ford Farm, Grizebeck. The Parish Council had supported this application and a response had been submitted to the Planning Authority at SLDC.
- SL/2017/1064 – Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre. The Councillors considered this application and agreed to support it. A response will be sent to the Planning Authority at SLDC.

#### 16. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received and was placed in the folder for circulation:-

- Mitchells Land Agency – Establishment at Ashlack Hall, Grizebeck  
An email had been received from Mitchells Land Agency reporting that they had carried out an landscape assessment, on behalf of their Clients, and had concluded there was no significant effect on the landscape value in the area. A response had been sent setting out once again the objections the Parish Council have to the willow crop being planted.
- SLDC – Publication of the Register of Electors 2017/18  
It was confirmed that the Parish Council do not request an updated Register of Electors unless there is a specific reason for doing so.
- CALC – Circulator – January 2018
- SLDC – LIPs Funding 2018/19
- NALC – LCR Winter 2017

#### 17. Any Other Business

- **Pylons sign**  
A member of the community had asked when the giant pylon sign between Chapels and Marshside was to be taken down. Mr. Anderson and Cllr. Grieve agreed to take the sign down once the weather improves.
- **Road side pavement**  
It was reported that the condition of the pavement between Chapels to Dove Bank has deteriorated. Also the pavement from Marshside to Wallend is overgrown and need addressing. The Finance sub-committee will consider the likely costings of these at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- **High Ghyll**  
Cllr. Curwen reported he is pursuing Highways to sweep and grit the road at High Ghyll.

**18. Deferred Actions Review**  
Affordable Homes

**19. Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00 pm**  
**Beckside Rooms, Beckside**

**Alison Field**  
**Clerk to the Parish Council**