

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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## Statement to Public Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> November Grizebeck Village Hall

The Parish Council recognise that the A595 is an important strategic route through the Furness Peninsular but its condition is very poor.

It is substandard for the 5 miles from Askam-in-Furness to Grizebeck due to its alignment vertically, horizontally and especially with regard to width.

In the words of one Parishioner it was made for horse and cart and nothing has changed.

The problems with access for emergency vehicles and the fact that many areas need attention and not just at Grizebeck is recognised by the Council.

There are at least six places that are so narrow it is only wide enough for safe single file traffic. These being:

- a) The bend at the top of the hill leaving Paradise where the wall has been knocked down.
  - b) The junction with the minor road at 'Mere Beck Farm'.
  - c) The bends at 'Muirlands' just before the minor improvements carried out in 2001.
  - d) The 50 yard stretch from north of 'Gargrave Farm' to 'Longhead Bridge'
  - e) The 100 yard stretch from 'Longhead Bridge' to Soutergate although this has been widened recently.
- And of course
- f) The ½ mile stretch of very substandard road passing between farm buildings at Dove Ford and through Grizebeck village.

A bypass at Grizebeck was planned at one time, the land being made available, but the money for it has not been forthcoming.

The Council believes that the land is still available but have been told not the money.

In 2004 the Council submitted a report of how they viewed the condition of the road and their suggestions for improvement to the Local Committee of South Lakeland District Council.

Because of the subsequent lack of progress a Public Meeting was held on 14th April 2005.

It was attended by our then County Councillor Mr. O. Pearson, Dist Councillor J. Curwen, seven Parish Councillors and seventeen members of the Public.

Various suggestions were made and put to the authorities but sadly the reply always came back

“There is no money available for improvements let alone a bypass for Grizebeck”.

But since then money has been spent on roads elsewhere in the County and it is time now for some to be spent here.

Parish Councillors are very concerned about the deteriorating quality of life of their parishioners due to the state of the road, and want to improve that quality for the betterment of all.