

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Newsletter, May 2023

CHAIR: Mr. G. Grieve VICE CHAIR: Mrs. J Byrne

ELECTIONS, 4TH MAY 2023

A poll did not take place in the Parish of Kirkby Ireleth as the number of nominations received did not exceed the number of seats on the Parish Council. Therefore, the election in this Parish was non contested.

PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Council AGM took place on 25 May 23. The positions of Chair and Vice-Chair were voted on, with Mr Gary Grieve and Mrs Jill Byrne being voted in for another term into the respective positions.

PARISH COUNCIL – NEW MEMBER

The Parish Council welcomes Lorraine Walkden who was co-opted onto the council at the last meeting.

HEALTH NOTICE

Director of Public Health has warned Cumbrians of risk of measles. Parents are being asked to make sure children are fully up to date with their MMR vaccinations after cases of Measles were confirmed in the Northwest.

Parents can check their child's vaccine records by looking in their "Red Book" or asking their GP. Measles is a highly infectious disease that can lead to serious problems such as pneumonia, meningitis, and on rare occasions, long-term disability, or death.

Symptoms include a high fever, sore red watery eyes, and a blotchy red brown rash, and it is particularly easy to catch in environments when in close contact with others. Anyone with symptoms is being advised to stay at home and phone their GP or NHS 111 for advice.

PARISH LENGTHSMAN

During the past weeks the Lengthsman has applied wood preserve to the bus shelter at Grizebeck, tidied up the area around the bus shelter at Chapels and completed general maintenance around verges and signposts.

PLANNING

Applications

- No applications were received.

Notifications

- SL/2023/0217 – Cross Beck Farm, Soutergate, Kirkby-in-Furness – New concrete yard – Granted with conditions.

Correction

- Within the April Caller the Parish Council reported in respect of planning application SL/2023/0251 Magnolia House, School Road, Kirkby-In-Furness, Cumbria that it was to object to the application, one of the reasons for this was that the location is outside of permitted development. It has since been noted that this application falls within the permitted development boundary and therefore appropriate corrections have been made.

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)

What is the CIL? The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allows Westmoreland & Furness Council to raise funds from developers and householders undertaking new building projects. 15% of CIL receipts will be passed to Parish/Town Councils from development in their area. As a result of current development in the village, the Parish Council currently holds approximately £16K, due to rise to circa £35K as development progresses.

What can the CIL be spent on? Generally, the definition allows the levy to be used to fund a very broad range of facilities such as play areas, open spaces, parks and green spaces, cultural and sports facilities, healthcare facilities, academies and free schools, district heating schemes, police stations and other

community safety facilities. It can be used to increase the capacity of existing infrastructure or to repair failing existing infrastructure if that is necessary to support development. It may not be used to fund affordable housing.

Residents are invited to submit grant requests for projects that meet these criteria.

CITIZENS ADVICE

Citizens Advice (previously Citizens Advice Bureau) is an independent organisation specialising in confidential information and advice to assist people with legal, debt, consumer, housing and other problems in the UK. One frequent topic they deal with surrounds tradespeople and dealing with substandard work. The following is an example:

“I’ve just had my bathroom re-tiled, but I’m not happy with the work. The tradesperson left to do another job halfway through and I had to chase them to finish the job. The work looks rough around the edges. They also left all the old tiles and plaster for me to dispose of, which I wasn’t expecting. I’ve now got the invoice, but I don’t think the price reflects the work done or the service I got. Can I challenge this?”

If the work looks unfinished or unsafe, you should be able to get the tiler to come back to fix it. You could also suggest that removing the old tiles is part of finishing the job. You are protected by the Consumer Rights Act 2015, which says a tradesperson should have completed the work with ‘reasonable care and skill’. If they haven’t done this, they’ve broken the law. The Act means you’re legally entitled to ask the tiler to fix the problem (if they provided the tiles as well as the service) or get money refunded (if they just provided the service and you bought the tiles). They should fix the problem or refund you in a reasonable amount of time, without causing too much inconvenience. Ask them to fix the issue or negotiate a lower price for the work before you pay them anything.

Before you contact them, it’s a good idea to take photographs to use as evidence of the problem. Make notes about what happened, including dates and times. You should also gather any paperwork and receipts - was there any prior written agreement about who would dispose of the old tiles? Was the final cost being in line with estimates or quotes given to you at the outset of the work? If not, there is advice on the Citizens Advice website.

Let the tiler know you understand what you’re entitled to. Keep a written copy of all contacts, whether you speak to them, write or email. There are template letters on the Citizens Advice website. If you’re still struggling to come to an agreement, there are other steps you can take, including using ‘alternative dispute resolution’, which is a way of solving disagreements without going to court. There are full details about how to do this on the Citizens Advice website (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>).

OTHER MATTERS

- It was noted that general maintenance activity conducted by the Probation Service appeared to have stopped. An update on their forward plan will be requested.
- The new Parish Council website is almost complete and will be published shortly.
- Evidence of the invasive plant Japanese Knotweed had been identified in the Parish. Efforts are underway to identify the appropriate course of action and provide advice to prevent its spread.

CGP PARISH COUNCIL TRUST FUND

For grant application forms, for qualifying groups, organisations and individuals please contact Gary Grieve on 07789486757 or email gary@kirkbyirelethPC.org.uk. Alternatively, details can be found at www.kirkby-in-furness.org.

Details of the grants issued over the reporting period are deferred until the next edition of this newsletter.

REPORTING HIGHWAYS DEFECTS

Residents are encouraged to report road-related faults directly using the Highways Integrated Management System (HIMS). If you visit the Westmorland & Furness website at www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk, select Roads, Travel, Parking from the left-hand column then Report a Highways problem or raise a Highways enquiry. Once you have raised your enquiry you can enter contact details to be updated on the status of the rectification.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR COUNCILLORS**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

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Mr. H. R. Saunders	Hill Farm, Grizebeck	889 286
Mr. M. Irving	Low Dove Ford Farm, Grizebeck	889 632
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Mrs. J. Byrne	Marshcote, Wall End	889 278
Mr. G. Grieve	Ivy Cottage, Wall End	889 017
Mr. W. Todd	Mavis Bank, School Road	889 654
Low Quarter Ward		
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**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS ON
THURSDAY 15TH JUNE 2023 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE -
WOODLAND**

