# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**
**Held on Thursday 17th January 2019 at Beckside Rooms, Beckside**

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
   District Cllr. Hall
   **Present:**
   M. McPherson, (Chairman) H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, B. Copley, R. Morrish, G. Grieve. J. Byrne, M. Jackson, I. Winstanley, W. Todd
   District/County Cllr. Brereton

2. **Requests for Dispensations**
   There were no requests for dispensations.

3. **Declaration of Interests**
   There were no declarations of interests.

4. **Chairman's Remarks**
   The Chairman advised that he has recently spoken to various officials at SLDC, including Tom Benson, Electoral Services Manager, and expressed how pleasant and helpful they had been. The Chairman also commented on the excellent work of Social Services who have provided help and support to a Parishioner over a number of years, which has made a difference to this person's life.

5. **Open Forum**
   No comments received.

6. **Matters for Any Other Business**
   - Patching on road at Marshside
   - Kirkby Train Station shelter – North bound
   - Road signs
   - Signs A5092/A595
   - Water levels at Angleton Moss
   - Air Quality Testing by School
   - Parish re-organisation
   - Next Parish Council Meeting

7. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
   The Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th January 2019 were approved and signed.

8. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
   *a)* A timetable for the Volunteer bus service, run by Blue Works was forwarded to the Clerk by CCC. The Clerk had posted the timetable on the parish noticeboard. Cllr. Brereton advised that the Volunteers are currently looking at ways to extend this service.
   *b)* The Clerk to forward the letter to Network Rail regarding the signs. It was agreed for a letter to be sent to Mr. Coward once a reply has been received from Network Rail.
   ***Action: Clerk to forward letter to Network Rail regarding the siting of the Estuary signs***

*c)* Cllr. Todd to continue to try to contact Karen Dockeray of CCC with regard to the blocked drains at Springfield.

*d)* ***Action: Cllr. Todd to contact Karen Dockeray regarding blocked drains at Springfield***

*e)* Cllr. Todd to contact United Utilities to discuss the Sewers at Marshside. However, he noted that in the Winter months the problems being experienced with the sewers is not apparent.

***Action: Cllr. Todd to contact United Utilities regarding the Sewers at Marshside***

*f)* The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Copley who had confirmed the pot hole at Sandside had been repaired.

*g)* The Clerk had reported to the police that the width restriction on Bank End Lane was not being adhered to. It was noted that this issue had also been raised with the police in 2016.

*h)* Cllr. Byrne had emailed Cllr. Breteton a copy of the A595 Action Group response to the A595 Grizebeck consultation.

*i)* Cllr. Morrish advised that he has now had 5 responses from members of the Parish who have expressed an interest in becoming Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. He will reply to them.

***Action: Cllr. Morrish to respond to the members of the Parish who have shown an interest in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator***

*j)* Cllr. Grieve had drafted a letter to Holker regarding the path from Soutergate to Beckside. However, this had not been sent to Holker as there had been developments with regard to this issue, which will be reported on later in the meeting.

*k)* The Clerk had not forwarded the letter to Holker as set out above.

*l)* Cllr. Byrne had established who to contact at CCC regarding the placement of a disabled parking bay at Burlington Close. Cllr. Byrne has passed this information on to the resident concerned.

*m)* Cllr. Todd had contacted CCC regarding the testing on the Wall at Marshside. They have advised that plans have been drawn up, money has been allocated for the job and it will be considered in next year's budget.

*n)* Cllr. Winstanely had reviewed the position of the public footpath at High Bridge Lodge. He reported that it is not on High Bridge Lodge land so is not impeded by the building work that is taking place.

*o)* The Clerk reported to CCC the fault with the warning lights at the School, which has now been fixed.

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

There was no police report. However, the following was reported by Cllrs.:

- A stolen car had sped through the village and was later abandoned at Broughton.
- It was reported that there had been cold calling on farms.
- Doorstop sellers have been in the vicinity. It appears that this was a scam and the sellers were not who they claimed to be. An alert will be placed in the Parish Newsletter. One of the sellers had broke into the Church of Christ. The police were informed.

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to place an alert to the scam of the doorstop sellers in the Newsletter***

**a) A595/A5092 matters**

Cllrs. Saunders raised the issue of the need for a green sign on the A595 at Grizbeck, indicating the way to Barrow. He informed that there was nearly another accident

recently because of the lack of a green sign. This has of course been raised with Highways previously who reported is being reviewed. Cllr. Byrne will raise this again.

***Action: Cllr. Byrne to raise the need for the green sign with Victoria Upton/Karen Dockeray and cc in Cllr. Breton***

Cllr. McPherson reported that Carol Last from CCC has contacted him to arrange a meeting with the public to discuss the results of the A595 consultation. Ms Last had suggested that this could take place at the next parish meeting. This was discussed. The Cllrs agreed that there would be insufficient time to have the meeting with the general public and a full parish meeting on the same night. It was proposed and agreed that the Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 20th February at Marshside, and that the public meeting, regarding the consultation, could then take place on Thursday 21st February at Grizebeck Community Hall. Cllr. McPherson will contact Carol Last regarding the proposed date for the Community Meeting.

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Carol Last regarding the proposed date for the Community Meeting regarding the consultation of the A595 bypass at Grizebeck.***

Problems with HGV's using Chapels is still being experienced. Cllr Brereton reported that his budget has already been committed for this year. He explained in his experience getting signs for the junction will be slow progress. He reported that this is not an isolated case, Lowick are experiencing similar traffic problems.

**b) Hotline Reports**

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

- Bank End Lane – this pothole has still not been repaired and is causing some problems because of the depth of it.
- A595 – between the buildings at Dove Ford Farm
- Patching on road at Marshside – It was reported that there is a hole in the road where it has previously been filled.
- ***Action: Clerk to report the defects on the CCC portal***
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It was reported that a coach has driven into the pole which holds the Council's light at Grizebeck. It is not known if the light itself sustained any damage. Cllr. Irving to check and report any damage to the Clerk.

***Action: Cllr. Irving to check the light at Grizebeck and report any fault to the Clerk***

**c) Hotline Progress**

No notifications received.

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

**a) Reports**

***Community Facility***

Grizebeck Community Centre have contracted with Sellafield to provide car parking places for up to 10 cars on the Centre car park, as part of a car share initiative that Sellafield run.

It was reported that the work being carried out on the Community Centre at Beckside is progressing well.

***Footpaths***

The growth on footpath between Chapels and Grizebeck has been cut back.

**b) Actions**

No actions reported.

11. **Current Matters**

a) **Speed Measurement Apparatus on A595**
It does appear that the results taken from the speed measurements apparatus which were presented at the last meeting had not been placed in the correspondence pack for distribution. This will be now be done.

***Action: Cllr. Byrne to email the Chairman and Clerk a copy of the results from the speed appratus***

b) **Flooding**
The Flood Engineer has advised that the work to address the flooding on the A595 at Marshside is a project for future years. Cllr. Grieve to contact Seamus Giles and ask why the work is not being carried out sooner, as was initially stated.

***Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Seamus Giles re timescale of work on the A595 at Marshside to alleviate flooding risk***

A grant of approximately £3,000 from CCC for work to be carried out on the Churchyard to assist with the problem of flooding has still not been received, despite assurances 12 months ago that this money had been allocated. Cllr. Grieve to email the details of the grant to Cllr. Brereton for him to chase up.

***Action: Cllr. Grieve to email Cllr. Breteton details of grant for churchyard***

***Action: Cllr. Brereton to chase up payment of grant for Churchyard.***

Sam Townends from the Environmental Agency has prepared a flood prevention plan in respect of Soutergate. A decision regarding the funding for this will be announced in March.

c) **Footpath Soutergate to Beckside**
An application to divert the path has gone out to consultation and will be considered by SLDC in due course. It was agreed that the Parish Council will ask the following questions as part of the consutation:

- Is the diverted path to be fenced (on the boundary with the beck)?
- Is the diversion of the path a temporary measure
- Is the path going to be eventually reinstated in its original position?

***Action: Clerk to the submit the questions raised by the Parish Council to CCC***

d) **Counsel website and email addresses**
This is still being explored.

e) **Shrubbery on land adjacent to the station**
It was agreed that this item should be removed form the agenda for the next meeting.

f) **Trees opposite the vicarage**
This cutting back of the trees has now been carried out.

g) **Signage at Grizebeck**
This had been discussed already.

h) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**
This matter is still progressing.

i) **Wind Turbines**
The Council were reminded that the appeal by Zephyer will begin on the 22nd February.

j) **Grit Bin – Burlington Close**
Cllr. Brereton reported this is in progress.

k) **Dropped curbs at Burlington Close**
It was noted that at the December Parish Meeting, it had been reported that Karen Dockeray of CCC had written to the Parish Council and thanked them for highlighting the lack of disabled access in the Village, however, she had informed that this year's budgets had already been allocated but that CCC could look at delivering some dropped crossings in the area out of the 2019/20 budget. Ms Dockery had advised

that she will assess the area in due course and place an order ready for the next financial year.

l) **Disabled Parking Bay at Burlington Close**
This had already been reported on under Item 8(j) above.

m) **Testing on Wall at Marshside**
This had already been reported on under Itm 8(k) above.

n) **Holker – siting of memorial seat at Soutergate and Storage Unit at Chapels**
There still has been no response from Holker with regard to the above. The Clerk to telephone Rachael Bagshaw to chase progress.

***Action: Clerk to telephone Rachael Bagshaw, Holker***

o) **Damage to grass verge at Grizebeck**
There still has been no response from Ramage Distribution.

p) **Proposal to extend the boundary of the National Park**
A general discussion was held with regard to this proposal.

12. **Statutory Requirements**
Cllr. McPherson reported that he had spoken with Tom Benson, Electoral Services Manager about the impact the local governance review is to have on the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council. Mr. Benson had informed that they are considering whether the quarters within the Parish need renaming and this is the only impact.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the procedure that needs to be followed following the resignation of Cllr. Wayles. As all Councillors are up for election in May 2019, it is not permitted to hold elections to fill the vacancy at the present time. The Parish Council may however co-opt a member onto the Council for the interim period. The Clerk will inform CCC of the vacancy which has arisen and post the vacancy on the noticeboard, as she is required to do.

***Action: Clerk to notify CCC of Cllr. Wayles resignation and post the vacancy of the noticeboard.***

13. **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**
There had been no meeting of the Trust Fund since the last Parish Meeting.

14. **Accounts**

a) A financial statement for the month of December 2018 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.

b) The Clerks salary of £150.00 and expenses of £24.92 for the month of January 2019 were approved.

c) The payment of £37.60 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th February 2019, was approved.

d) The payment of £40.00 each to 7 residents in respect of the Parish Council's donation towards the cost of the electricity.

e) The payment of £68.87 being the payment to E-on for the period 1st October to 31st December 2018, was approved.

f) The Clerk reported a significant increase in the charges by E-ON for the 5 unmetered lights. It was agreed for the Clerk to see if it is possible to find a cheaper provider.

***Action: Clerk to try to source a cheaper electricity provider***

g) The Chairman presented the report and recommendation from the Finance Sub Committee Meeting with regard to the Precept. An increase in the precept of £1000 for 2019/20 was proposed in order that the Parish Council can fund the cost of a self-employed Lengthsman to carry out work around the Village. He will carry out work that is no longer carried out by SLDC and CCC due to financial constraints such as clearing and digging out roadside drains, strimming at junctions, and cleaning signs. All jobs which would benefit those that live within the Parish.

h) To approve the precept –

i. A proposal was made to accept the recommendation from the Finance Sub Committee with regard to the precept for 2019/20. This was seconded and approved by all members.

***Action: Clerk to submit request for precept***

ii. The Finance Sub Committee also recommended that the SLDC Remuneration Panel Panel Report with regard to Travel and Subsistence be adopted by the Parish Council. This was proposed, seconded and approved by all members of the Parish Council.

i) Projects for Funding

- Bus Stop - A letter had been received from Linda Hardy, the new Bus Infrastructure Officer. She advised that as there has already been two reviews of the placement of a bus stop on School Road, the most recent being only two years ago, they would not generally revisit something this quickly that has been opposed decisively by local residents twice. The Parish Council agreed to place this item under deferred actions and revisit it again in 12 months time. The Clerk to write to Mr. Cornah and advise him of CCC's decision.

***Action: Clerk to write to Mr. Cornah reporting the decision of CCC with regard to the request to review the siting of a bus stop on school road***

- The Clerk advised of the donations that have been made during this financial year. The Councillors agreed that no further requests for donations will be considered at the present time.
- Community Infrastructure Levy – A proposal was made that the CIL money that the Parish Council hold, in the sum of £756.75, be donated to the Community Centre to assist with the build, in accordance with the Community Infrastructure Regulations 2010. Eight Councillors voted in favour and two abstained, therefore the proposal was agreed. The Clerk to write to the Committee of the Community Centre to inform them.

***Action: Clerk to write to Community Centre Committee to advise of CIL donation***

15. **Planning**

a) **Applications received**:

- 7/2018/5792 – School House, Grizebeck
  Objections are to be made to this application.
- SL/2019/0005 – Dove Ford Farm – Discharge of conditions

b) **Applications with decision**

SL/2018/0597 – Coolna Maria, Chapels - Granted with conditions

c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

- School House, Grizebeck – See above
- Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – No further correspondence had been received from SLDC following their acknowledgment. The Clerk to chase an update.

***Action: Clerk to chase SLDC for a progress report on the suspected planning breach at Ginnyring Cottage***

16. **Correspondence**

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

a) Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall – In his letter, Peter McCall had advised of the proposal to request increase in council tax in order to fund another 20 officers. This was discussed by the Council. Cllr. Winstanley to write to Peter McCall seeking confirmation that the officers will be police officers and not PCSO's.

***Action: Cllr. Winstanley to write to Peter McCall***

b) Malcolm Wilson Rally – notification of date of Rally
c) Natural England - North West Coastal Access Monthly update
d) CCC – Blueworks Bus Services
e) CALC – Newsletter December 2018/January 2019
f) LCR Magazine

17. **Any Other Business**

- Kirkby Train Station shelter – North bound - It was reported that the paintwork on the shelter has become shabby. The Clerk to report this to Northern, who have charge of the station.

***Action: Clerk to report northbound train shelter to Northern***

- Water levels at Angletarn Moss
  It was reported that the local resident who is concerned about the work undertaken by Natural England, has instructed a solicitor on the matter.
- Air Quality Testing by School
  The school have been testing the air quality. Cllr. McPherson to contact the School for verificiation of this.

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact the school regarding testing of the air quality***

18. **Deferred Actions Review**
    Affordable Homes – A member of the parish had asked Cllr. Winstanley with whom they need to register their interest in an affordable home. It was reported that they need to register their interest with Rachael Bagshaw of Holker Estates. Cllr. McPherson will once again place this in the Newsletter.

***Action: Cllr. McPherson to place the requirements for registration of affordable homes in the Parish Newsletter***

19. **Date of next meeting**

**Wednesday 20th February 2018 at 7.00 pm**
**Methodist Church, Marshside**

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