Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 20th February 2020 at Marshside Methodist Church, Marshside

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
   Cllr. I. Wharton
   Present:
   Cllrs. M.McPherson, (Chair) M. Jackson, M. Irving, W. Todd, R. Saunders, G. Scott, R. Morrish, G. Grieve, B. Copley, I. Winstanley, J. Byrne

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

3. **Declaration of Interests**
   None.

4. **Chairman's Remarks**
   There were no remarks from the Chairman.

5. **Open Forum**
   No members of the public were present.

6. **Matters for Any Other Business**
   - Tippins Lane
   - Flooding at Marshside
   - Red Squirrels
   - Willow
   - Community Centre Funding

7. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
   The Minutes of the previous Meeting were amended, approved and signed.

8. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
   a) Cllr. McPherson is in the process of arranging the meeting of the sub-committee to revise the Parish Emergency Plan.
      Action: Cllr. McPherson to arrange a meeting of the sub-committee to revise the Parish Emergency Plan
   b) The Clerk had forwarded the HIM reference number for Tippins Lane to Cllr. Brereton. Karen Dockery had replied to the Clerk and advised that there is no quick fix for the problem with the stones in the verges on Tippins Lane and that any work undertaken on the verges would cause massive disruption and have cost implications for businesses due to the road closure that would be required. The Clerk to forward the email from Karen Dockery to Cllr. Breteton in order he can discuss this problem with her.
      Action: Clerk to forward email from Karen Dockery to Cllr. Brereton
      Action: Cllr. Brereton to discuss the issue of the exposed stones on Tippins Lane with Karen Dockery

c) The Clerk had contacted the member of the public regarding siting of a grit bin opposite Broom Lea. She had then forwarded an email request to Karen Dockery.

d) Cllr. Byrne had contacted Victoria Upton regarding Tippins Lane at Pear Tree Beck, who had passed the query to Highways. They have advised that the white lines are to be refreshed at some point. They stated the road that needs resurfacing may have been adopted and therefore not their responsibility. Cllr. Scott informed that she believed this was not the case. Cllr. Byrne to email Karen Dockery to advise.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Karen Dockery with regard to Tippins Lane at Pear Tree Beck

e) The Clerk had forwarded a copy of the A595 Screening Opinion to Cllr. Brereton.

f) Cllr. McPherson had tried unsuccessfully to contact the electrician regarding the light at Beckside Rooms. He will continue to try to contact him and chase the invoice for the work he carried out on Barn Head at Soutergate.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact electrician regarding the light at Beckside Rooms

g) The Clerk had reported the light at Marshside on the portal and this had been fixed the following day.

h) The Clerk had written to LDNP about shipping containers at Old School House. Cllr. McPherson read out the reply from LDNP. It was agreed that no further action is to be taken at this time and the issue would be monitored.

i) The Clerk had written to the Harlequin Group opposing the siting of the Smart Meter on the A595 at Beanthwaite. A response in the same terms had been submitted to SLDC planning following the notification from SLDC of the application.

j) Cllr. Scott to place another reminder in the Newsletter about dog fouling.

Action: Cllr. Scott to place a reminder in the Newsletter about dog fouling

k) Cllr. McPherson is still to establish and take a photograph of the sign at Chapels which is loose in order it can be reported.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to take a picture of the loose sign at Chapels and forward it to the Clerk

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

a) **Police Report**

A police report had been received and was read out.

b) **A595/A5092 matters**

A5092 - A meeting had been arranged by Cllr. Brereton for residents, the parish council and highways at Grizebeck Community Centre to discuss the ongoing problems with the A5092 including speeding and the need for resurfacing. Cllr. Breteon gave a report to the Councillors on this meeting. He explained that speed data was collected last summer, there is currently an Engineers Safety Study taking place to identify a solution, which will then be put forward for funding. He highlighted that any speed restrictions on the A5092 are not dependent on the proposed by-pass.

A595 – There is to be a road closure of the A595 at Tippins Lane (between Ireleth and boundary of Kirkby Ireleth Parish) the work is to commence on the 16th March there appeared to be confusion as to how many days the road will be closed for. It was noted that the Parish Council have not officially been notified of this.

c) **Hotline Reports**

The following faults were reported to the Council:

- A595 – Tippins Lane - Man-hole cover – pothole. This has still not been fixed.
- Pot hole by the drain at the police station
- A595 on northbound carriageway before Wall End.
- Lady Moira Incline – road surface needs attention between St. Cutherberts Church and Beckside Rooms
- Road from Friars Ground to High Ghyll – road needs resurfacing.

Action: Cllr. Todd to forward photographs of the road surface between Friars Ground to High Ghyll to the Clerk

The ongoing problems with numerous drains was discussed.

Action: Clerk to report faults on the portal

d) **Hotline Progress**

- A595 – Tippins Lane – man-hole cover pothole. However, it was reported that had not been fixed and therefore will be reported again.
- School lights

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

a) **Reports**

Burlington School – The safety rail outside the school had been damaged by builders carrying out work on the site opposite to the school. Cllr. McPherson had contacted SLDC planning authority to report this and the builders have agreed that they will not move heavy machinery on/off the site during school starting/finishing times. Cllr. McPherson had also raised the possible safety issue with heavy plant movement when the development of the site adjacent to the school begins. SLDC had informed him there is a restriction for such movement within the planning application and suggested the Parish Council register a reminder to SLDC.

Action: Clerk to write to SLDC Planning regarding land adjacent to the school

b) **Actions**

None

c) **Emergency Plan**

This was covered under Item 8(a) on the agenda.

11. **Current Matters**

a) **Flooding**

Cllr. Wharton had contacted both the Clerk and the Chairman following Storm Ciara to check the area had not suffered flooding and to offer his services in the event that it had. As far as the Parish Council were aware the area had not been affected by the recent flooding.

Cllr. Brereton reported that he has spoken with Seamus Giles regarding the prevention measures to be taken at Marsh Side and he advised he will check the timescale with regard to this work being undertaken. Cllr. Brereton suggested the Council contact Highways to see what they can do in the meantime to assist with any preventative measures. He also suggested to raise the issue of the drains on School Road, Tippins Lane and Beanthwaite with them. Cllr. Grieve to write Seamus Giles.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact Seamus Giles with regard to measures for flooding, and the issue of blocked drains in the parish

It was reported that a problem is still be experienced with water pooling outside the electrical sub-station at Incline Foot. The Clerk to write to the Electricity North West to see if they could assist with this.

Action: Clerk to write to Electricity North West regarding problem with water pooling at Incline Foot

b) **Footpath 53907 - Soutergate to Beckside**

There was no further update on this.

c) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**

Cllr. Grieve reported that he is in the process of completing the community grant application.

d) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**

Nothing to report at the moment.

e) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**
A response had been received from Network Rail with regard to the leasing of the land adjacent to the station to the Council for a car park. However, it came to light that they had been informed of the incorrect location. The correct location will now be submitted to them for consideration.

Action: Clerk/Cllr. Byrne to prepare map and re-submit to Network Rail

f) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
It was reported that the Probation Service have only attended the Village once to carry out work. Cllr. Grieve is trying to contact them to ask them to return.

g) **Storage Units**
Cllr. Grieve reported that he has now had to source another contractor to carry out the work to install the bases for the storage units.

h) **Lights on Residents properties**
Cllr. Byrne informed that she is meeting with an electrician to discuss the possibility/costings of the purchase and installation of sensor lights on the properties. Cllr. McPherson will also attend the meeting. The clerk to send a list of the properties to Cllr. Byrne.

Action: Clerk to send a list of properties to Cllr. Byrne

i) **Councillors Surgeries**
Cllr. Scott has spoken with the owner of Pam's Café who has agreed the Council can hold surgeries there. She had advised the best time would be between 3-5 pm. When a surgery is to take place it will be advertised on the local notice boards. The Clerk to forward a copy of the Council's letterhead to Cllr. Scott in order she can prepare notices to advertise the surgeries.

Action: Clerk to forward a copy of the letterhead to Cllr. Scott

Action: Cllr. Scott to arrange surgeries

12. **Statutory Requirements**
None

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

14. **Lengthsman**
    a) ***Receive a report of work undertaken***
    It was noted that the Lengthsman will not begin work again until April 2020.
    b) ***Suggestions for work to be undertaken***
    Cleaning of road signs – finger posts
    Drains – to carry out work to drains at:
    - Beckside to High Ghyll
    - By the caravan park
    - Moor Road

15. **Accounts**
    a) A financial statement for January 2020 was presented and approved by the Council for distribution.
    b) The Clerks salary of £150.00 and expenses of £39.85 for February 2020 were approved.
    c) The payment of £37.60 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th March 2020 was approved.
    d) The payment of £20 for the hire of Methodist Church for the meeting was approved.

16. **Planning**

a) **Applications received**:

i. **PN/2020/0009 –** Grass verge A5092 Beanthwaite – Installation of 12 metre high smart metering mast. A letter of objection had been submitted to the planning authority.

ii. **SL/2020/0047 –** Burberry Cottage, Soutergate – Single storey extension - No objections or comments.

iii. **SL/2020/0051** – 53 Burlington Close – Formation of off road parking area - A letter of support to be submitted for this application.

iv. **SL/2020/0096 -** St Marys Well, Buckhorn Lane, Single dwelling. It is not clear whether or not all documents to be considered have been uploaded onto the planning website. It was therefore agreed to defer discussion of this application until the next meeting and the Clerk to contact SLDC to ascertain the status of this application.

Action: Clerk to contact SLDC Planning Authority regarding SL/2020/0096

b) **Planning Notifications**:
None received.

c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – The Clerk to chase progress.

Action: Clerk to contact SLDC planning authority chasing update on Ginnyring Cottage

ii. School House, Grizebeck – storage containers. This was discussed under Item 8(h) on the agenda.

iii. Gypsy Caravan, Grizebeck - LDNP reported that it is not a gypsy caravan on the site at Beanthwaite. It is a more permanent building. Matter concluded, no further action.

17. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received and was placed in the pack:-

a) CALC Newsletter – February/March 2020
b) LCR
c) SLDC – South Lakeland Local Plan 2020
d) RAF Spadeadam – Royal Air Force Battle of Britain 80th Anniversary
e) SLDC – The Great British Spring Clean 2020
f) CCC – Working together Service – South Lakeland District
g) Email from member of the public – collapsing wall and subsidence on road between Marshside and Incline Foot – This was discussed. The Clerk to report this on the portal and respond to the member of public advising of this.

Action: Clerk to report collapsing wall and road subsidence on highways portal

18. **Any Other Business**

a) **Flooding at Marshside –** Flooding in the gardens at Marshside was reported. It was agreed that this is a private matter for residents.

b) **Red Squirrel** – The work carried out by an action group promoting the reintroduction of red squirrels was discussed.

c) **Story work site** – (Network rail contractors) – It was reported that HGV and heavy plants are causing problems at Dove Ford Farm as they are travelling in tandem. Cllr. McPherson to contact Story to raise this issue.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to contact Story

d) **Willow Plantation** - Cllr. Saunders reported that a willow plantation has been turned down at Wreaks Bridge, which is hard to understand when they have been permitted at other sites which were not as suitable.
e) **Community Centre Funding** – This is to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
f) **Footpath Foxfield to Coniston –** Cllr. Brereton reported he is continuing to make progress with his research on this.

19. **Deferred Actions Review**
Affordable Housing – Nothing to report
Bus Shelter on School Road – Nothing to report.
Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck – Cllr. Saunders to research costings for signage.
Action: Cllr. Saunders to obtain costings for green signage for A5092
Grizebeck Hall signage – Nothing to report

20. **Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 12th March 2020
Beckside Rooms, Beckside

Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council