Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held Remotely via Zoom on Thursday 12th November 2020

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

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

3. **Declaration of Interests**
   None.

4. **Reports from District and County Councillors**

   Cllr. Brereton reported on the following:-
   The news that the Grizebeck funding for the by-pass had been announced. He advised that he is putting pressure on Carol Last and Victoria Upton to look at the other issues with the A595/A5092 such as the drains, flooding and the speeding at Grizebeck. He advised that he is still waiting to receive a copy of the safety report which was carried out on the A5092.

   Cllr. Wharton reported the following:
   The Coastal footpath from Silecroft to Silverdale has been given the go-ahead.
   Unitary Authority for Cumbria – this is now at the public consultation stage. He reported that SLDC, whilst they support the proposal, do feel it was not the appropriate time to deal with this due to the current situation with covid-19.
   He advised that there are still various business grants available for business which are struggling due to covid-19.

5. **Chairman's Remarks**
   The Chairman advised that due to the present situation with the covid-19 pandemic, meetings will be held remotely for the foreseeable future. He reported that he had laid a wreath in the Church on Remembrance Sunday and also one at the Quarry, on behalf of the Council.

6. **Open Forum**
   There were no members of the public present.

7. **Matters for Any Other Business**
   - Fly-tipping
   - Sheep worrying
   - Walking on local roads in the Dark
   - Road at High Ghyll/Low Ghyll

8. **Minutes of the previous meeting**
   The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved and signed.

9. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
   a) The Clerk had bought the flowers for Mrs. Copley and delivered them with a letter of Thanks. Mrs. Copley had sent a thank you card which the Clerk read out to the meeting.
   b) Cllr. McPherson had contacted Cllr. Brook's office with regard the Parish Councils issue with the local authority electoral arrangements. He had spoken with Cllr. Jones who had advised that it was brought before the Committee where it was agreed that arrangements should be appropriate for the parishes. He said that they will take appropriate action to solve our problems. Cllr. Jones said he is keen to meet with the Parish Council, in a private meeting regarding this issue. Cllr. McPherson to contact him to arrange a meeting, it was suggested by some Councillors that this may be better when the meeting can be held face to face.
   Action: Cllr. McPherson to arrange a meeting with District Councillor Jones
   c) Cllr. Brereton was to raise the issue of drains on the A5092 with Karen Dockery. It was noted that this had been discussed by Cllr. Brereton in his report to the Council earlier in the meeting.
   d) Cllr. Byrne was to take photographs of the drains on the A5092 and forward to Highways. Cllr. Byrne reported that she had taken pictures of the drains on the A595 on School road. She will now take photographs on the ones on the A5092, if possible, due to safety issues.
   Action: Cllr. Byrne to take photographs of the drains on the A5092
   e) The Clerk reported the faults on the portal.
   f) The Clerk had notified Power for People that the Council support the electricity bill.
   g) The Clerk had written to the Chief of Police regarding the issue with motorcycles on Great Burney and notified the resident she had done so.
   h) Cllr. McPherson has arranged for the local resident to treat the weeds at Soutergate car park in the Spring.
   i) The Clerk has spoken to the resident who requested a dog fouling bin to ascertain the exact location it is required. The Clerk will now contact SLDC to request a bin.
   j) The Clerk wrote to Highways to request the Council be kept informed of any future planned road closures.

10. **Police, Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways**
   a) **Police Report**
   There was no police report.
   b) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**
   It was reported that Cllr. Byrne and Cllr. Grieve are in the process of preparing a list of work that needs carrying out on the surrounding highways which, when completed, will be forward to Highways.
   Cllr. Scott had compiled a list of suggested signage for Pear Tree junction and this has been forwarded to Highways.
   The A595 Group had received an email with regard to the funding of the Grizebeck bypass, this had been forwarded by the Group to the Council.

   c) **Hotline Reports**
   The following faults were reported to the Council:
   - Lights at School flashing indiscriminately. Cllr. Brereton reported these to Karen Dockery.
   - Blocked drains at Herschel Terrace. It was noted these have been reported before but will be reported again.

- Drains blocked at Grizebeck between Council light and the Community Centre

Action: clerk to reports faults on the portal

d) **Hotline Progress**
None.

11. **Parish Plan/Community Led Plan**
    a) **Reports**
    Community Facility – CGP are using the kitchen at Grizebeck as a canteen.
    b) **Actions**
    None
    c) **Community Centre Representative**
    Cllr. Byrne will now be the Councils representative for the Community Centre.

12. **Current Matters**
    a) **Flooding**
    Cllr. Grieve reported that Karen Dockery has advised him that CCC are holding meetings regarding the flood prevention work that is to be carried out at Marshside.
    b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**
    The outcome of the application for the Community Grant is still awaited. The Clerk to contact Carol Last for an update.
    Action: Clerk to contact Carol Last regarding the application for the Community Grant at Marsh Garth
    c) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**
    Nothing to report on this.
    d) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**
    No update to report on this.
    e) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
    No update on this.
    f) **Storage Units**
    Cllr. Grieve reported no further progress with this at the moment due to the current situation with covid-19.
    g) **Lights on Residents properties**
    The electrician has now provided a quote for the replacement of the lights on residences. It will be £4,200 for all the lights (£500-£600 each).
    h) **Councillors Surgeries**
    These are in abeyance due to the current situation with covid-19.
    i) **Unitary Authority**
    It was noted that Cllr. Wharton had already raised this matter. Cllr. McPherson noted that all Councillors had been forwarded documentation on this and that the link to the consultation has been placed on the website and is on the village facebook page.
    j) **Holker Estates – Possible proposals for future Housing Developments within the Parish**
    A map of possible land that could be developed for future development had been received from Holker, for comment. It was noted that this was in response to SLDC's review of their Local Plan. A sub-committee was set up to consider the map received from Holker. The committee members are: Cllr. McPherson, Cllr. Grieve, Cllr. Byrne and Cllr. Jackson. Cllr. McPherson to forward to Clerk the Sub-committee report in respect of the last consultation, for the Clerk to distribute.
    Action: Cllr. McPherson to forward to Clerk the Parish Council's report in respect of the last consultation for the Clerk to distribute

13. **Statutory Requirements**

a) Vacancy for Councillor following resignation of Cllr. Copley

Following the resignation of Cllr. Copley the position had been advertised on the Parish Notice in accordance with the regulations. As no requests had been received within the statutory 14 day period for the vacancy to be filled by election, it is now to be filled by co-option. Two members of the parish have put themselves forward for the vacancy. It was agreed that the candidates will be asked to either submit a written statement or give a presentation at the next meeting, in order for the Parish Council to consider the applications and take a vote. The Clerk to notify the candidates.

Action: Clerk to notify the candidates of procedure for vacancy

b) Standing Orders

An amendment to Item 18 (f) of the Standing Order, as suggested by NALC, was agreed. The Standing Orders were agreed and adopted by the Council.

c) Financial Regulations

The Financial Regulations were agreed and adopted by the Council.

14. **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

The yearly meeting of the Trust and CGP had taken place. Everything was satisfactory.
The following grants have recently been awarded:-

- Community Centre - £700 for new matting for the play area
- Footpath and Cycleways Group - £245.16 for insurance – It was noted that this covers Mr. J. Metcalfe who carries out the grass cutting on the verges on School Road.
- Kirkby footpath Group - £315.26 for fuel and materials
- 4 Parishioners were awarded fuel costs for cutting the grass around the Parish.

15. **Lengthsman**

a) ***Receive a report of work undertaken***

The Lengthsman had carried out a few hours work in October but will not charge the Council for this.

b) ***Suggestions for work to be undertaken***

The Lengthsman will not start work again until April but is available for any emergency work that may need carrying out.

16. **Accounts**

It was noted that all Councillors had received copies of any relevant documentation with regard to Accounts prior to the meeting.

a) A financial statement for October 2020 was presented to the Council.
b) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £51.90 for November 2020 were approved.
c) The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th December 2020 was approved.
d) The payment of £30.00 to the Clerk for the purchase of flowers for Cllr. Copley upon her resignation was approved.
e) A letter had been received from the Kirkby Community Centre applying for a grant. However, whilst the letter was addressed to the Clerk the letter appeared to be applying for a grant from the CGP Trust Fund. Cllr. McPherson to refer back to the Committee and ask them to resubmit the letter.
f) There are confidential Council documents stored in cabinets in Beckside Rooms. As the Rooms are no longer to be used and keys are to be given back to the Church, these documents need to be moved/destroyed. Hart Jackson & Sons have kindly agreed for any confidential waste to be disposed of through their confidential waste management team. The cost to the Parish Council will be £3.00 + VAT a bag. The cost was agreed. The Clerk to go through documentation.

g) The payment of £36.00 was approved for two Wreaths for Remembrance Day.

17. **Planning**
    a) **Applications received**:
        i. SL/0524 – Bank End, Grizebeck, demolish existing house & outbuildings and replace with 8 bedroom holiday home/residential house – It was noted that additional documents had been submitted to an earlier application. No objections and no comments.
    b) **Planning Notifications**:
        i. 7/2020/5515 – Knot End Farm, Grizebeck – Conversion of barn into holiday letting – Refused.
        ii. PN/1010/0055 – Ghyll Beck Farm, Chapels – Covered muck midden – Refused.
    c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**
        i. Ginnyring Cottage, Grizebeck – No further update available.

18. **Correspondence**
    The following correspondence had been received. Due to the current situation the correspondence pack will not be distributed.
    a) Clerks and Council Direct
    b) LCR
    c) Letter of thanks from Low Hall Farm – A letter of thanks for the donation to the work carried out on the footpath had been received from Low Hall Farm.

19. **Any Other Business**
    a) ***Fly-tipping – Bolton Ground –*** There had been an episode of fly tipping at Bolton Ground, Cllr. Grieve had reported this to SLDC who had attended the site and removed the rubbish.
    b) ***Sheep-worrying*** – There had been an episode of sheep-worrying. The Owner of the dog had come forward.
    c) ***Walking on highways in the dark*** – This had been raised as a concern. Cllr. McPherson to highlight the dangers of this in the Parish Newsletter.
    d) ***High Ghyll/Low Ghyll –*** Cllr. Todd reported that the new road surface at High Ghyll/Low Ghyll, in parts, was now to narrow for wagons to use. This has been reported on the Highways portal. Cllr. Byrne will contact Highways and ask them to meet with Cllr. Todd, at the site to discuss this. Photographs of the road are to be forwarded to Highways.
    Action: Clerk to forward photographs to Cllr. Byrne who will in turn forward to Highways and ask them to meet with Cllr. At the site.

20. **Deferred Actions Review**
    Affordable Housing – Nothing to report.
    Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.
    Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck – No update.
    Grizebeck Hall signage – No update.

21. **Date of Next Meeting**
    The next meeting will be held on:-

Thursday 17th December 2020

Alison Field
Clerk to the Parish Council