

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 17th December 2020

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. M. Irving, District Cllrs. I. Wharton, T. Coward

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chair), M. Jackson, W. Todd, R. Saunders, G. Grieve, G. Scott, J. Byrne,

I. Winstanley, R. Morrish

County Cllr. M. Brereton

2 members of the public

2. **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

None.

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

Cllrs. Wharton and Coward had been unable to attend the meeting but had provided the following report:

SLDC had agreed proposals to support the Bay Unitary Authority

Cllr. Brereton provided the following report:

The damaged barrier at Burlington School is to be repaired, a part is awaited.

Low/High Ghyll – Karen Dockery had attended site and agreed work to road surface was substandard and this would be corrected. Cllr. Todd confirmed this has now been done.

Cycleway – CCC is to carry out a feasibility study on the cycle way in this area – Soutergate to Broughton.

Grizebeck A5092/A595 – Cllr. Brereton has still not received a copy of the road safety report. He has however been informed that funding arising out of Engineering Safety Study have been allocated.

Speed signs – Highways to remove redundant ones and instal two new ones in the Village.

B4RN – Cllr. Breteton reported that for rural areas B4RN is a promising alternative to Openreach. He advised that he has been working with the group since September 2020 and gave a report on this.

Cllr. Brereton is meeting with Mike Hooper from B4RN in the New Year to explore the possibility of installing B4RN within this area. B4RN is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Brereton for all his work in assisting the Parish.

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 commented on how successful the Zoom meetings had been and thanked everyone.

He proposed that Item 13 – Statutory Requirements be brought forward in the meeting, to after Item 6, Open Forum.

6. **Open Forum**

There were comments.

13. Statutory Requirements (this Item had been brought forward on the Agenda – see above)

a) Vacancy for Councillor following resignation of Cllr. Copley

All members of the public were placed in the Zoom waiting room and were not privy to the discussion on the filling of the vacancy. There had been two candidates who had both submitted statements. The Councillors held a vote. The successful candidate was Sarah Rhodes. Ms. Rhodes was in attendance at the meeting and upon her return from the Zoom waiting room, was offered the position and accepted. The Clerk to notify the other candidate of the vote.

Action: Clerk to notify the candidate of outcome of vote for position of Councillor

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Charge points
- Emergency Plan

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved with a slight amendment to Item 10(b). The minutes will be signed when possible.

9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. McPherson had contacted District Councillor Jones who had informed he will meet with the Council in the New Year with regard to the Parish Council's issue with the local authority electoral arrangements.
- b) Cllr. Byrne had taken photographs of the drains on the A5092 and forwarded them to Cllr. Brereton. Cllr. Brereton had contacted Karen Dockery and asked if the drain had been cleared out before the road was resurfaced. Karen Dockery had advised that she believed the drain had been replaced prior to resurfacing. Cllr. Brereton suggested it may be best to contact Graeme Wheelhouse to discuss the problems direct with him. Cllr. Byrne will contact him and copy Karen Dockery into the correspondence.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Graeme Wheelhouse, Highways Network Engineer

- c) The Clerk had reported the faults on the portal.
- d) The Clerk had contacted Carol Last to ask when a decision on the applications for the Community Grant will be announced. No response had yet been received the Clerk will chase her again.

Action: The Clerk to contact Carol Last regarding decision on Community Grant application

- e) Cllr. McPherson had forwarded to the Clerk the Parish Council's report in respect of the last consultation to develop land, submitted by Holker. The Clerk had distributed this to the relevant Councillors.
- f) The Clerk had notified the candidates of the procedure for filling the vacant Parish Councillor position.
- g) The Clerk had forwarded photographs of the road at High Ghyll to Cllr. Byrne. As set out above this matter has now been resolved.

10. Police, Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) Police Report

There was no police report.

b) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

c) Hotline Reports

The following faults to be were reported to the Council:

- Pothole Wall End

- Pothole/damage to manhole covers Gargrieve

Action: clerk to reports faults on the portal

- d) **Hotline Progress**
None.

11. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

- a) **Reports**
Cllr. McPherson praised the Community for their behaviour throughout this pandemic.
- b) **Actions**
None

13. Current Matters

- a) **Flooding**
Nothing to report.
- b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**
As set report above the Clerk will chase Carol Last for a response to the grant application.
- c) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**
Nothing to report on this.
- d) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**
Cllr. Byrne advised that Northern is being chased for a response to the proposal.
- 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**
Nothing to report.
- h) **Councillors Surgeries**
These are in abeyance due to the current situation with covid-19.
- i) **Holker Estates – Possible proposals for future Housing Developments within the Parish**
Cllr. Grieve gave a report of the sub-committee's preliminary discussions with regard to the possible proposals for future housing development put forward by Holker Estates in response to SLDC's review of their Local Plan. In summary, it was felt that the majority of sites put forward were not suitable. It was however agreed that as this is still active review by SLDC, that the Parish Council should be open for further discussion on this issue rather than allow a site to be chosen by another party.
- j) **Kirkby Ireleth Charities**
It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all for Cllr. McPherson to continue to be a Trustee on the Kirkby Ireleth Charities.

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

No awards made since the last meeting.

15. Lengthsman

- a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**
It was noted that the Lengthsman will not begin work again until April. It was agreed that a letter and token of thanks should be sent to the Lengthsman.
Action: Cllr. Grieve to prepare letter of thanks to Lengthsman
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**
None

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 November 2020 was presented to the Council.
- b) The Clerks salary of £183.33 and expenses of £16.88 for December 2020 were approved.
- c) The payment of £45.80 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th January 2021 was approved.
- d) To approve the payment of £10.00 for FLAG subscription for 2021.
- e) A meeting of the Finance Sub Committee to set the Precept was arranged for Saturday 16th January 2021 at 10.00 am via Zoom.

17. Planning

a) Applications received:

- i. 7/2020/5792 – Thornthwaite, Woodland, - Demolition of a Dutch barn and adjoining steel framed agricultural building – It was noted that no prior notification was needed for this.
- ii. SL/2020/0724 – Parkdale, Beckside – Detached implement shed/garage – No comments or objections to this application.
- iii. PN/2020/0064 - Land off A595 - School Road - General storage building for farm machinery and the storage of hay and straw – No objection.
- iv. 7/2020/5515 - Knott End Farm, Grizebeck – conversion of barn into holiday letting accommodation comprising of one two-bed and one three-bed properties, including rebuilding of lean-to and addition of a new lean-to – following refusal of 7/2020/5515 – No objection but would comment about impact on wildlife.

b) Planning Notifications

- v. SL/2020/0690 – Shepherds Cottage, Sandside – Single storey rear extension at first floor level, decked roof area with glazed balustrade – Granted with conditions

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) FLAG Newsletter
- b) Letter from Cumbria Police – a response had been received from Cumbria Police with regard to the issue raised by a local resident with regard to illegal motorcycle trailing. This was read to the Councillors. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the resident who raised the issue.

Action: Clerk to forward a copy of the letter from Cumbria Police to resident of Knott End Farm

- c) Letter from local resident – A595, A5902 Grizebeck bypass – A letter had been received from a Grizebeck resident requesting the Parish Council emphasise the need for pedestrian access from Kirkby to Grizebeck during the consultation period of the Grizebeck bypass. The Council agreed this was a valid point and that this should be raised during the consultation process. Clerk to respond to the resident in these terms.

Action: Clerk to write to Grizebeck resident in response to his letter regarding pedestrian access on new bypass

- d) Christmas card from Simon Fell, MP

19. Any Other Business

- **Emergency Plan**

Cllr. McPherson informed that Adam Curwen has agreed to be the Lead Co-ordinator for the Emergency Plan and Ian Winstanley the Deputy Co-ordinator.

- **Chargepoints**

The possibility of having electric chargepoints in the Parish was raised. Mr. Anderson advised that this is currently being looked at/considered for the Community Car Park but there is an issue with the power of supply to Beckside. Mr. Anderson to forward the details of his contact with regard to installation of chargepoints to Cllr. Scott, for her to explore the possibility of having some chargepoints in the Parish.

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 21st January 2021

Alison Field

Clerk to the Parish Council