

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 15th April 2021

A minute silence was held in remembrance of HRH Duke of Edinburgh who died on the 9th April 2021.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr. R. Morrish, I. Winstanley

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson (Chair), M. Jackson, W. Todd, R. Saunders, G. Grieve, G. Scott, M. Irving, S. Rhodes, J. Byrne,
County Cllr. M. Brereton, District Cllrs. T. Coward, I. Wharton

2. **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

None.

4. **Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman noted that temporary legislation with regard to holding meetings remotely is due to expire on the 7th May 2021 and therefore this could be the last Council meeting held via Zoom.

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

District Cllr. Wharton provided the following report:

Start-up grants – These are still available from SLDC

A595 Improvements – He reported that it has been noted that there will be problems with diversions during the improvements being made to the A595 at Grizebeck.

Greening Projects – Greening projects are taking place around the SLDC area to see how we can share best practices.

Cllr. Coward provided the following report:

Marshalls - If people are aware that businesses are breaching covid-19 regulations, they should contact SLDC who have enforcement marshalls to deal with this. Cllr. Coward explained that the district council also has Locality Marshalls and Security Marshalls to deal with issues.

Start-up Grants – Cllr. Coward reported that £32 million has been allocated for start-up grants, as referred to by Cllr. Wharton and that more details are to follow.

Cllr. Brereton provided the following report:

A595 bypass – Cllr. Brereton noted that meetings regarding the by-pass have been held with Highways. He stated that the points made by the Parish Council at their recent meeting with Highways have been taken on-board and put forward onto the next meeting.

Calming measures A595/A5092 – Cllr. Brereton reported there appeared to have been confusion with regard to who was leading this project. He advised this is a Highways project and they have now completed the survey. This has not been approved yet. He informed that residents at Beanthwaite have raised concerns as they believe the limit suggested is not slow enough in some parts. He informed that the Safer Speed Team have informed that there will be a consultation once the survey has been approved and a further consultation will take place once the work has started.

Broadband – BR4N – Cllr. Brereton advised that Mike Hopper has set up a facebook group for this. He informed that leaflets are still in the process of being prepared.

X7 bus route – Cllr. Brereton informed that Blueworks, who currently run the bus route 1 day a week are looking to expand this. He advised that County Council are also looking at restoring the route as far as Millom.

Cllr. Grieve asked for the District Councillors views on SLDC withdrawing the 100% council tax relief for unoccupied premises. This was discussed. Cllr. Wharton informed that he had not been aware of this and advised that this is generally dealt on a case to case basis. Both District Councillors said they would endorse a letter to SLDC, from Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council, if the position is that it is not dealt with on a case to case basis. Cllr. Grieve to draft a letter to SLDC and forward this to District Councillors, prior to sending to SLDC.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to draft a letter to SLDC regarding the withdrawal of 100% discount on council tax on unoccupied premises. He is to forward a copy to District Councillors prior to sending to SLDC.

6. Open Forum

A member of the public, Mr. Anderson informed that he was at one of the presentations given by Highways regarding the Grizebeck bypass proposals. He had suggested at that meeting that one safer option for pedestrians to walk between Grizebeck and Chapels would be to improve the existing footpath between the locations. He wanted to know what the Parish Council thoughts were on this. This was discussed. The Parish Council provided the following:-

- The land the footpath was on was privately owned
- The surface would need to be improved
- Inappropriate use, by motorised vehicles would need to be addressed.
- Safety issues were raised with walking on a remote path after dark.

Mr. Anderson also raised the issue of the subsidence of the road at Marshside. This was discussed. Cllr. Grieve will contact Cllr. Brereton about this.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to raise with Cllr. Brereton the issue of the road subsidence at Marshside

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Barbwire
- Underground Nuclear Storage
- Road sweeping

8. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved. The minutes will be signed when possible.

9. Matters Arising from the previous meeting

- a) Cllr. Todd had forwarded a map of locations of blocked drains at Low Ghyll to the Clerk.
- b) The Clerk had reported faults on the portal
- c) The Clerk had contacted the relevant department with regard to payment for Phase 1 of the Greening Campaign and has received an application to complete. She will do this and return it.

Action: Clerk to return Greening Campaign application form.

- d) The Clerk had responded to the resident at Grizebeck regarding cutting of the verges.
- e) The Clerk had emailed SLDC Planning requesting an update on Ginnyring Cottage enforcement issue but had not received a response. The Clerk to contact the district councillors to chase this issue.

Action: Clerk to contact District Councillors regarding Ginnyring Cottage

- f) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of drafting a letter to SLDC regarding the withdrawal of 100% discount for unoccupied premises.
- g) Cllr. Grieve had arranged a meeting for Councillors with the landowner, Mr. Charnley. He gave a report on this. This was discussed at length. It was agreed that the Council will write to SLDC to ask if there had been any infringements of the planning application that had been submitted in relation to this site.

Action: Clerk to write to SLDC

- h) The Clerk is still to report the need for road sweeping at High/Low Ghyll.

Action: Clerk to report the need for road sweeping at High/Low Ghyll on SLDC portal

- i) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of arranging a meeting of a sub-committee to discuss planning.

10. Police, Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) Police Report

It was noted that the police reports going forward will most probably be in the form of a Newsletter. Therefore this item will be removed from the Agenda.

b) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

- A5092 – Beanthwaite – blocked drains. Cllr. Byrne reported there was no update from Karen Dockery on this.
- The A595 by-pass is to be added to the Agenda.

c) Hotline Reports

It was noted that there are numerous potholes throughout the Village, which are repeatedly filled but within a few days the filling comes out. The following faults to be reported to Highways:

- Dove Ford
- Dove Bank
- Buckhorn Lane

Action: Clerk to reports faults on the portal

d) Hotline Progress

None.

11. Parish Plan

a) Reports

No reports.

b) Actions

None

12. Current Matters

a) Flooding

Nothing to report.

b) Bridge at Marsh Garth

Updated quotes are still awaited for the work.

c) Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension

Nothing to report on this.

d) Land Adjacent to the Railway Station

Cllr. Byrne had prepared a report on this, by way of an update. This had been forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting. Funds will need to be paid to Network Rail for them to further this application. Obtaining funding, i.e. possibilities of grants, was discussed. Before proceeding further with this, it was agreed to obtain quotes to see how much it would cost to develop the land. The following Councillors will attend a site meeting to assess the area: Cllrs. Byrne, Jackson, Saunders, McPherson, Rhodes.

Action: Cllr. Todd to provide name of local tradesman to Cllr. Byrne

Action: Cllr. Byrne to obtain quotes to develop the land

- e) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
No update on this.
- f) **Storage Units**
Cllr. Grieve reported that he has a provisional meeting with a potential new contractor who will hopefully be able to carry out this work.
- g) **Councillors Surgeries**
These are in abeyance due to the current situation with covid-19.
- h) **SLDC Greening Campaign**
It was noted this had been covered under Agenda Item 9(c) on the Agenda.
- i) **Training**
The Clerk to book Cllr. Scott on training courses and forward to Cllr. Rhodes a list of courses available.

Action: Clerk to book training and provide Cllr. Rhodes with list of courses available

13. Statutory Requirements

A Government consultation is being held with regard to amending primary legislation to allow local authorities to hold remote meetings if they so wished. The Clerk to submit a response on behalf of the Council, in favour of this.

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There had been no meeting of the Trust Fund since the last Council Meeting.

15. Lengthsman

- a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**
The Lengthsman does not start work until April 2021. Cllr. Grieve informed he is meeting with the lengthsman to discuss work going forward.
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**
No suggestions.

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 the end of the financial year 2020/21 was presented to the Council.
- b) The Clerks salary and expenses of £29.08 for April 2021 were approved.
- c) The payment to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th May 2021 was approved.
- d) The payment of £83.31 to E-ON for the period 1st January to 31st March 2021 was approved.
- e) A donation under Section 137 of the Local Government Act of £100 to Woodland Rooms was proposed to assist with the costs of the fencing which has been erected to stop littering etc. around the building. This was seconded and agreed by all.
- f) A meeting of the Finance Sub Committee to review/approve the Annual Statement of Accounts for purposes of audit was arranged for 6.30 pm on Wednesday 5th May 2021.
- g) A refund of £255.89 from Kirkby Moor Protectors had been received. This had been refunded by the Barrister representing Kirkby Moor Protectors as the appeal by Zephyr against SLDC's refusal for the extension of the wind farm had been successful. A proposal was received that this money be donated, under Section 137, as set out above, to the Kirkby Charities to assist with the donations to local families set up in response to the covid-19 pandemic. This was seconded and agreed by all.
- h) The payment of £76.63 to Mr. Cooper for the treatment of the weeds around the Village was approved.
- i) The payment of £251.39 to CALC, being the annual subscription was agreed.

17. Planning

a) Applications received:

- i. SL/2021/0251 – Brookside, Beanthwaite – Extension to existing agricultural building to cover sheep handling area – No objections and no comments.
- ii. SL/2021/0304 – Groundwell Farm, Sandside Lane – Erection of agricultural general storage building, hardstanding and access track – This was discussed. The following comments are to be submitted to the SLDC Planning Department – The Parish Council are concerned with access onto the lane, they feel that the proposal as set out in the application is unneighbourly and believe that a site visit, by the Planning Department, is necessary prior to any decision being made.

b) Planning Notifications

None received.

c) Planning Enforcement Issues

- i. It was noted that this had been covered under Agenda item 9 (e).

18. Correspondence

The following correspondence had been received. Due to the current situation the correspondence pack will not be distributed.

- a) Letter from K2B committee advising this event will be held on the 18th September 2021.
- b) FLAG Newsletter

19. Any Other Business

- a) **Barbwire – A595** - It was reported that barbwire is prominent on the pedestrian footpath on the A595 between Wall End and Marsh side. A letter will be written to the Farmer asking him to attend to this.

Action: Clerk to write to Farmer regarding barbwire.

- b) **Underground Nuclear Waste Storage** – Cllr. Todd reported that an underground site off Millom is being considered to store nuclear waste. He asked that this item be put on the Agenda going forward.

It was noted that all other matters for any other business had been dealt with during the course of the meeting.

20. Deferred Actions Review

Affordable Housing – No update.

Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck – No update.

Grizebeck Hall signage – No update.

21. To confirm the date for the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual General Meeting of the Council

Emergency legislation with regard to remote meetings is due to end on the 6th May 2021. No virtual meetings will be permitted after this date. The practical issues with regard to holding the above meetings in person was discussed. It was agreed that the above meetings will be held via Zoom from 7.00 pm on:-

Thursday 6th May 2021

Alison Field

Clerk to the Parish Council