# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. G. Grieve, Estuary Lodge, Askew Gate Brow, Kirkby-in-Furness, LA17 7TE

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting**
**held on Thursday 19th August 2021 at 7.00 pm at Grizebeck Community Centre**

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
   Cllr. S. Rhodes
   Mrs. A. Field, Clerk
   County Councillor M. Breteton
   District Cllrs. I. Wharton, T. Coward
   **Present:**
   Cllrs. G. Grieve (Chairman), J. Byrne, M. McPherson, M. Jackson, W. Todd, R. Saunders, M. Irving R. Morrish, I. Winstanley, D. Wilson
   2 members of the public

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

3. **Declaration of Interests**
   Cllr. Irving - Agenda Item 10(b)
   Cllr. McPherson - Agenda Item 10(k)

4. **Chairman's Remarks**
   The Chairman made Councillors aware of the amount of correspondence that the Clerk is now receiving and asked that where possible support be given to her to reduce her workload. Councillors were asked to contact HIMS themselves to report defects.
   The Chairman proposed item 17 (a) be brought forward on the agenda and be discussed after Item 5. This was agreed.

5. **Reports from District and County Councillors**
   ***District Councillors:***
   No District Councillors were present at the meeting, but Cllr. Coward had forwarded the following information regarding planning issues:-
   - 41 School Road – Further information has been requested from the applicant.
   - Ginnyring Cottage – Cllr. Warton is dealing with the planning enforcement.
   - Airbnb's - Simon Fell M.P.to be contacted to offer his support.

17. **Planning**
    a) Applications received
       i. SL/2021/0744 – Little Guards, Guards, Farm, - single storey front extension and internal alterations – No objections
       ii. SL/2021/5477 – Old Beckstones, Grizebeck – first floor rear bedroom extension, built over existing ground floor. – No objections.
       iii. SL/2021/0755 – Land adjacent to Chapels Farmhouse, Chapels
       A member of the public addressed the Chairman with regard to this planning. Questions or comments were invited from Cllrs. The position of the entrance was confirmed as being placed as far down the road as possible - Cllrs had no objections to this application.

6. **Open Forum**
   Nothing raised

7. **Matters for Any Other Business**
   - Soutergate Car Park
   - Tractor Run
   - Roadside hedges and verges
   - Apologies for absence procedure.
   - Stone Arthur, School Road, Ai**rbnb.**
   - Royal British Legion
   - B4RN
   - Cricket match/ play area conflict

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

9. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
   a) Clerk to contact Cllr Coward to ask her to request SLDC that the planning application goes before the full Planning Committee. **Carried forward**.

   b) Cllr Coward to report to SLDC inappropriate parking of contractors across bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels. **Carried forward.**
   c) Cllr Brereton to raise the issue of land belonging to CCC which has been included in the Planning application SL /2021/0492 – Land off A595, School Road. **Carried forward.**
   d) Clerk forwarded a copy of the submitted response on the A595 Grizebeck consultation for Parish Councillors.
   e) Cllr Grieve contacted the depot at Ulverston to arrange collection of sandbags, as yet they have not been collected.
      ***Action: Cllr Grieve to organise the collection of the sandbags***
   f) Clerk forwarded an e-mail to councillors containing information and a link to HIMS.
   g) Clerk forwarded a copy of the A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme to Councillors.
   h) Clerk reported identified faults on the portal.
   i) Clerk wrote to CGP requesting that the grass bank bordering the car park be cut back.
   j) Cllr Grieve chased the Environmental Agency for a response on widening the water- course. Response received.
   k) Cllr McPherson chased Holker for a response to the letter from the Parish Council requesting permission to install a new footbridge, as yet no response has been received.
   l) Cllr Grieve attempted to contact the Probation Service to see if a commencement date could be given for the cutting back of hedges / verges.
      ***Action: Cllr. Grieve to determine whether a return request may need to be submitted***
   m) Cllr Grieve submitted a response to the Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation, but was after the closing date of the consultation – a second consultation will be opened soon and the response will be re-submitted.
   n) Clerk to e–mail Cllr Brereton requesting an update on progress regarding the road / wall subsidence at Marshside. **Carried forward**
   o) Clerk forwarded a letter to the Appeal Planning Inspector regarding Ginnyring.
   p) Cllr Winstanley contacted the owner of the vehicle that is parked on Soutergate car park to discuss the removal of the vehicle. The owner was given six weeks to move the vehicle from the car park.

q) Cllr Grieve wrote to the quarry regarding the increased height of the tip and the limestone.
r) Cllr Todd took photographs of the road surface at Low Ghyll.
s) Cllr Byrne reported the collapsing road surface at Low Ghyll and included the photographs received from Cllr Todd on HIMS. Ref E1/10627
t) Cllr Grieve wrote to the owner of Stone Arthur, School Road.
u) Cllr McPherson promoted registering an interest in B4RN in the newsletter and on the Parish website

10. **Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways**

a) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**
Several concerns were raised by councillors, these included the constant problem of cars being damaged by stones on the roads, particularly between Soutergate and Gargreave. trees needing cutting back, signage increasingly being covered by foliage.
Questions were also asked about the removal of road kill.
***Action : Cllr Byrne to enquire about the reporting procedure for road kill***

b) **A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme**
Cllr Irving reported that an Agricultural Impact assessment has been undertaken. A meeting is taking place in September to discuss issues raised and points made during the consultations. The planning application is to be made at the end of October and a suggested start date is October 2222.

*i.* ***Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck***
No update on this

*ii.* ***Milestones***
No update on this.

*iii.* ***Victorian signposts***
No update on this.

c) **Hotline Reports**
The following faults to be reported to Highways:
- Stones on the road between Soutergate and Gargreave, damaging cars
- Trees needing to be cut back at the entrance to Woodland Road
- Foliage obscuring the sign near the turning to Beckstones
- The crash barrier no longer visible due to foliage

d) **Hotline Progress**
None.

11. **Parish Plan**

a) **Reports**
***Community Facilities –*** Cllr Irving reported that it is the 10th Anniversary since Grizebeck Community Centre was built this September. Art Exhibition – Travel Memoirs in pictures 28-29 August 2021.
***Burlington School –*** Cllr McPherson reported that the school completed this term without closure , however none of the usual end of term activities were able to take place.
***Action: Letter of appreciation to be sent to all at Burlington School for their effort and hard work during this challenging school year.***

b) **Actions**
None

12. **Current Matters**

a) **Flooding**
No updates.

b) **Bridge at Marsh Garth**
Cllr Grieve has been in touch with the Environment Agency who confirmed that Cumbria CC had previously been in contact with them.
Still awaiting confirmation from Holker that the bridge can be replaced. Cllr McPherson had received no response to his communication.

***Action: Cllr. Grieve to chase Holker for a response to our letter asking for permission to install a new footbridge.***

c) **Lake District National Park Southern Boundary Extension**
Nothing to report on this.

d) **Land Adjacent to the Railway Station**
Cllr Grieve shared two replies from residents following the flyer circulated from the Parish Council inviting comments

e) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
No update on this. Cllr. Grieve is to contact the Probation Service to see if there is a date for them to restart.

***Action: Cllr. Grieve is to contact the Probation Service to see if there is a date for the restarting of the planned work***

f) **Councillors Surgeries**
These are in abeyance due to the current situation with covid-19. However, it is possible a future Saturday morning surgery could be planned.

g) **Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation**
It was reported that a further consultation is planned but as yet the date is unknown.

h) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**
No update.

i) **SLDC rates**
A response is awaited from SLDC.

j) **Appointment of Trustee – Kirkby Ireleth Charities**
It was proposed and agreed that Cllr. Todd would continue as a Trustee.

k) **Holiday Lets**
Cllr Grieve proposed writing to Simon Fell M.P. regarding properties being used as holiday lets in the village. It was agreed to pursue that change of use must be applied for if a property in Kirkby is to be used as a holiday let.

***Action: Cllr Grieve to write to Simon Fell M.P. Copy sent to Tim Farron M.P.***

13. **Statutory Requirements**
None

14. **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**
Report received from the Chairman and all grants approved.

15. **Lengthsman**
    a) ***Receive a report of work undertaken***
        i. Cutting back of hedges from Wall End to Burlington School has commenced.
    b) ***Suggestions for work to be undertaken***
        i. Section from School to Wall End still requires cutting back
        ii. Areas around seats require cutting

16. **Accounts**
    a) The financial statement for July 2021 was not available due to the Clerks absence.
    b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £47.07 for August 2021 were approved.
    c) The payment to HMRC of £48.00, being PAYE to 5th September 2021 was approved.

d) The payment to HMRC of £48.20, being PAYE to 5th October 2021 was approved
e) The payment of £20.00 for the Hire of the Grizebeck Community Hall was approved.

17. **Planning**

b) **Planning Notifications**
None

c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

**i. Ginnyring Cottage**
A letter had been forwarded to the Appeal Planning Inspector.

ii. **Land off A595 School Road**
Communication had been received from the applicant offering a site meeting to Councillors and members of the public to discuss documentation submitted. Cllr. Winstanley to attend when date known. Councillor Grieve to contact the applicant to organise a meeting.

***Action: Cllr. Greive to contact the Land Owner of Land off A595 School Road to organise a meeting for Councillors and members of the public***

d) **Sub Committee Meeting**
Awaiting date with a representative from SLDC Planning to discuss consideration of planning applications in general. In attendance at the meeting will be Cllrs. Todd, Rhodes, McPherson, Winstanley and Grieve.

18. **Correspondence**

The following correspondence had been received and was put in the pack for distribution.

a) Letter from Resident at Soutergate – Issues with parking of a car at Soutergate - Cllr. Jackson had spoken to the resident who owns the vehicle and the parking issue has been satisfactorily resolved. The resident who raised this issue will be informed.

***Action: Cllr. Grieve to reply to the Resident at Soutergate who raised the issue of parking***

b) Letter from Residents at Soutergate – Issues with building work at Tara Hall, Soutergate. It was felt that the issues raised within the letter are not within the remit of the Parish Council. The residents to be contacted and advised of this and informed, where appropriate, contact relevant authorities or obtain legal advice.

***Action: Clerk to reply acknowledging the residents' concerns and explain issues raised are not within the remit of the Parish Council and advise, where appropriate, contact relevant authorities or obtain legal advice.***

19. **Any Other Business**

a) ***Soutergate car park -*** Deep, undulating surance with pot-holes requiring a tractor and trailer to flatten them. Fencing in poor repair and needs replacing.

***Action: Clerk to check lease to ascertain where responsibility lies***

b) ***Tractor Run -*** Cllr Irving announced that the annual tractor run is taking place on Sunday 5th September, all money raised is given to St Mary's Hospice.

c) ***Road side hedges and verges -***

**Action: Cllr Grieve to meet with the Lengthsman to discuss the further cutting back of hedges before the nesting season and possible spreading of wild flowers on verges, which are set back from the pavement, where cutting can't take place.**

d) ***Apologies for absence procedure -*** Cllr Grieve quoted Section 85 of the 1972 Local Govt Act in a recently received communication to all Parish Councils which states that all councillors

must put their apologies for absence in writing with a brief general explanation i.e. prior engagement, family commitment, work related. The explanation must not breach privacy.

e) ***Stone Arthur Airbnb, School Road -*** Concerns continue to be expressed regarding the issues arising from the letting of this property for holiday lets.

f) ***B4RN -*** Cllrs were asked to support the registering of interest in B4RN, the super- fast broadband to come to Kirkby Ireleth. If the number is reached the process will move onto the next stage. Mike Hooper advised expressions of interest are not a commitment to purchase. Cllr. McPherson promoted the registering an interest for B4RN in the Newsletter and on the Parish web site.

g) ***The Royal British Legion -*** Cllr Grieve reminded all Cllrs that Kirkby has its own branch and asked that membership be encouraged, further information can be obtained from the chairman. A small afternoon tea event is to take place after the Remembrance Service, funding support is to be sought from CPG.

h) ***Cricket Match/Children's play area conflict -*** Complaints have been made that a sign states that when cricket matches are taking place the play area is closed. It was agreed that the best solution is for the play area to remain closed, as this absolves the cricket club of any responsibility during the match.

20. **Deferred Actions Review**

a) Affordable Housing – No update.

b) Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

21. **Date of next Meeting**

**Thursday 21st October 2021 at The Methodist Church, Marshside**

**Jill Byrne**
**Vice-Chair to the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council**