

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 21st October 2021 at 7.00 pm at The Methodist Church, Marshside

1. Apologies for Absence (received in writing):

Cllr. I. Winstanley

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, D. Wilson, S. Rhodes,

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Irving - Agenda Item 10(b)

4. Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman advised that all comments he has to make will be raised under the relevant items on the agenda.

5. Reports from District and County Councillors

District Councillors:

No District Councillors were present at the meeting.

District Councillors

Cllr. Brereton gave his report on the following:-

- Grizebeck by-pass – this is progressing and the application is expected to be submitted by the end of next month.
- Speeding – Cllr. Brereton has chased the relevant people for an update with regard to the issue of speeding vehicles through the Village
- Speed Activating Signs – Cllr. Brereton has asked for an update as to when these will be fitted.
- Grizebeck Road Safety Group – Cllr. Brereton informed that Carol Last, CCC has proposed that she meet with this group to discuss/address speed safety issues within the Parish. Cllr. Brereton has urged her to invite all the relevant groups in the Village to take part in the meeting. The Councillors agreed this would be a good idea.
- Flooding measures within the Village - Cllr. Brereton will contact Seamus Giles to chase progress on this.

Action: Cllr. Brereton will contact Seamus Giles to chase progress on flooding measures

- B4RN – The required levels of interest within the area had been reached and a meeting is to be held with B4RN representative Dan Robinson.
- X7 bus – This service, between Coniston and Barrow, continues, operating on a Wednesday and a Friday.
- Speed Volunteering Group – Cllr. Brereton informed that he would encourage locals to set up a group as groups such as these can make a difference.

- Mobile Speeding Unit – The fact that the units are not in the Village at peak times was raised. Councillor Wilson informed that he is aware that they do not start work until 7.00 am and that they are based in Penrith so would not be leaving Penrith until that time. Cllr. Brereton will email the Chairman the times that the mobile speed unit visits.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to email Cllr. Grieve the times of the visits of the Mobile Speeding Unit

6. Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

7. Matters for Any Other Business

- Community Centre
- Hedge at Marshside
- Telephones
- Hedge on School Road
- Tractor Run
- Recycling
- Traffic Island – School
- Domestic Water Supply
- Post Office
- Nuclear Waste Depository

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 contacted Cllr. Coward to ask her to request SLDC that the planning application in relation to the Land off A595, School Road be put before the full Planning Committee. Cllr. Grieve informed that Cllr. Coward had made that request, however, SLDC had advised that the application was most likely to be placed with a Planning Officer not before the full Committee.
- b) Cllr Coward was to report to SLDC inappropriate parking of contractors across bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels. The Clerk to email Cllr. Coward to see if this has been done.
Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Coward regarding the inappropriate parking of contractors across the bridleway between Grizebeck and Chapels
- c) Cllr. Brereton has contacted CCC seeking clarification with regard to ownership of the land included in Planning Application SL/2021/0492 – Land off A595 School Road. They had informed that the land in question did not belong to County. Cllr. Brereton had also contacted the Land Owner who had submitted the application, who had confirmed the land belonged to him. Councillor Jackson was of the belief that the land was County's and raised this. Cllr. Brereton reaffirmed that County have said the land in question does not belong to them.
- d) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of arranging a collection of sandbags from the depot at Ulverston.
Action: Cllr Grieve to organise the collection of the sandbags
- e) Cllr. Grieve was to determine whether a return request may need to be submitted to Probation regarding the cutting of hedges and verges. This will be covered under Item 12(e) on the agenda.
- f) The Clerk had emailed Cllr. Brereton requesting an update on progress with the issue of the road/wall subsidence at Marshside. Cllr. Brereton informed he had forwarded the request

on to Semus Giles and awaits an update. Cllr. Grieve will also contact Seamus Giles regarding this issue.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write to Seamus Giles to request an update of progress regarding road/wall subsidence at Marshside

- g) Cllr. Byrne had enquired about the reporting procedure for road kill and informed that SLDC are responsible for removing dead animals on public roads and there is a new on-line form to complete to report such issues.
- h) Cllr. Grieve had written a letter of appreciation to Burlington School for their hard work and effort during the challenging school year of 2020/21.
- i) Cllr. Grieve was to chase Holker for a response regarding providing their permission for the installation of a new footbridge at Marsh Garth. Cllr. Grieve informed this will be reported on Item 12(b) on the agenda.
- j) Cllr. Grieve had written to Simon Fell MP regarding the issue of properties used as holiday lets within the Village and copied this letter to Tim Farron MP. A letter of support had been received from Mr. Fell and this was read out.
- k) Cllr. Grieve was to contact the Probation Service to see if there is a date for the restarting of the planned work. This will be reported on under Item (e) on the Agenda.
- l) Cllr. Grieve advised that the Owner of the Land off A595, School Road was to contact him about a meeting for Councillors and residents. He has not contacted Cllr. Grieve to-date.
- m) Cllr. Grieve replied to the Resident at Soutergate who raised the issue of parking.
- n) Cllr. Grieve had replied to the Residents at Soutergate following their letter to the Council raising certain issues within the area.
- o) The Clerk had checked the lease to ascertain where responsibility for upkeep of fencing/surface at Soutergate car park. The Chairman viewed the lease and informed that the surface was the responsibility of the Council but the fence that was raised at the last meeting is not the responsibility of the Council.
- p) Cllr. Grieve was to meet with the Lengthsman to discuss the further cutting back of hedges and spreading of wild flowers on verges. This will be reported upon under Item 15 on the Agenda.

10. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

Nothing to report.

b) A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme

Cllr Irving reported that County Councils Officials had visited the site and a meeting is to be arranged to provide an update on the scheme.

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:

- Pear Tree entrance – potholes

d) Hotline Progress

- Cllr. Byrne reported that she was thanked by a Resident at Pear Tree with regard to the re-surfacing of the side road.
- Cllr. Byrne reported that she had had notification that the issue with Low High Ghyll has now been sorted. However, Cllr. Todd informed there were still issues with this road.

11. Parish Plan

a) Reports

Community Facilities – Cllr Irving reported that events at Grizebeck Community Centre have started to take place with caution.

Burlington School – Cllr. Brereton advised that the School is looking for an LA Governor.

b) Actions

None

12. Current Matters

a) Flooding

No updates.

b) Bridge at Marsh Garth

Cllr. Grieve reported that an application form needs to be submitted to CCC to obtain their permission for the replacement bridge over the watercourse. He has been informed that a decision could take up to 2 months. Therefore Cllr. Grieve has not contacted Holker again regarding their permission but will do in due course.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to submit application to CCC and, in due course, chase Holker for a response to Parish Council letter seeking 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

This was discussed at length. It was noted that two letters raising objections to the development of a car park at the site had been received and there had been no letters of support. It was agreed that as there does not seem to be support from residents for this, development of the area will not be pursued.

e) Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service

A definitive answer from the Probation Service is awaited with regard to them cutting back hedges/verges.

f) Councillors Surgeries

These are in abeyance due to the current situation with covid-19.

g) Parliamentary Boundary Review Consultation

This item is to be left on the agenda and a submission made when the consultation opens again.

h) Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside

This had been reported under Item 9 (f) on the agenda.

i) SLDC rates

The Clerk is to chase SLDC for a response to the Parish Council's letter regarding SLDC rates.

j) Holiday Lets

A response had been received from Simon Fell, expressing his support to the Parish Council and Residents regarding the problems experienced with holiday lets in the area. Cllr. McPherson had written in a personal capacity to the Chancellor of Exchequer highlighting the problems being experienced by the neighbours of Stone Arthur. The Clerk to send a copy of this letter to all Councillors. Cllr. Grieve will raise Cllr. McPherson's case with the Leader of the SLDC when reporting back to him following their recent meeting. Cllr. Grieve suggested to Cllr. McPherson that any issues with parking could be reported on HIMS.

Action: Clerk to forward a copy of Cllr. McPherson's letter to the Chancellor of Exchequer to all Councillors

Action: Cllr. Grieve to raise the issues being experienced by the neighbours of Stone Arthur with the Leader of SLDC

k) Beanthwaite Barn

It was noted that a potential planning enforcement issue had been raised at the Parish Council Meeting in July. A letter will be sent to the National Park seeking clarification on this.

Action: Clerk to write to the Lake District National Park Authority, Planning

l) Village Benches

Cllr. Byrne agreed to make a list of all the public benches around the Parish in order to ascertain which benches the Parish Council are responsible for and check that these are all covered by the public liability insurance accordingly.

Action: Cllr. Byrne to create a list of all the public benches around the Parish

m) Burlington Stone – tipping of material on tips

An email had been received from Richard Page, Managing Director of Burlington Stone advising that there has been no tipping of non-Burlington material on the tips, however, there has been limited re-working of some older tips in recent months. He had offered to meet with a small delegation of Councillors to discuss all issues as set out in the Parish Council's letter to the Quarry. It was agreed to meet with Mr. Page. Cllrs. Grieve, Saunders and Todd will attend.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to arrange a meeting with Mr. Page, Managing Director of Burlington Stone

n) Meeting with the Head of SLDC

A meeting had taken place between Cllrs. Byrne and Grieve and Jonathon Brook, Leader of SLDC. District Cllrs. Wharton and Coward and Emma Shields, Locality Project Officer, SLDC were also in attendance. Cllr. Byrne gave a report on the meeting. Various issues were discussed including Holiday Lets, Highways, Planning, Boundary Review, SLDC Rates, Clearing of Drains, Affordable Homes, Litter picks. Cllr Byrne reported that the meeting had been productive. Cllr. Grieve is to contact Mr. Brook with feedback following the meeting.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to give feedback to Mr. Brook following the meeting with him

With regard to litter picking, the Clerk to forward to Cllr. Byrne the contact details of Shane Spencer at Haverigg prison so Cllr. Byrne can contact him with regard to a litter pick by residents of the prison.

Action: Clerk to forward details of Mr. Spencer, Haverigg Prison to Cllr. Byrne

Action: Cllr. Byrne to contact Mr. Spencer regarding litter picking

13. Statutory Requirements

- a) Financial Regulations – There had been no changes to the Regulations. It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all to accept the Financial Regulations
- b) Standing Orders – There had been no changes to the Standing Orders. It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all to accept the Standing Orders.
- c) Code of Conduct – SLDC had forwarded a suggested code of conduct to all Councils with the recommendation they be adopted. A copy of this had been forwarded to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed and seconded and agreed by all to adopt the Code of Conduct. This will replace the existing code. A paper copy will be provided to Councillors at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to provide Councillors with paper copy of the Code of Conduct at the next meeting

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There had been no meeting of the Trust since the last Parish Council Meeting. Cllr. McPherson advised that the planters around the village had been replanted.

15. Lengthsman

Cllr. Grieve informed the meeting at Mr. Workman has agreed to continue to work into October. The Clerk to advise Cllr. Grieve of how much is left in the budget for the Lengthmsan.

Action: Clerk to advise Cllr. Grieve how much is left in the budget for the Lengthsman

- a) **Receive a report of work undertaken**
 - i. Filling in lorry tyre track with more soil on grass verge and cutting back bramble & nettles on footpath.
 - ii. It was reported that he has also been cutting back the Hedgerow on School Road. It was noted that it needs to be cut back further.
- b) **Suggestions for work to be undertaken**
 - i. Further cutting back of hedgerow on School Road

16. Accounts

- a) The financial statement for August/September 2021 was placed in the correspondence pack for distribution.
- b) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £16.88 for September 2021 were approved.
- c) The Clerks salary of £192.50 and expenses of £33.07 for October 2021 were approved.
- d) The payment to HMRC of £48.20, being PAYE to 5th November 2021 was approved.
- e) The payment of £300 to Mr. Metcalfe, being the third payment for the cutting of the grass was approved. Cllr. Grieve to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Metcalfe for cutting the grass verges

- f) The payment of £89.30 to EON for the period 1st July to 30th September 2021 was approved.
- g) The payment of £12.00, being the annual subscription for Clerks and Councils Direct was approved.
- h) The payment for the Hire of the Grizebeck Community Hall was approved.
- i) A payment of £48.00 had been made to the Lengthsman in respect of his invoice dated 1st September 2021.
- j) The payment of £34.56 for signs for the Storage Units was approved.

17. Planning

- a) **Applications received**
 - i. 7/2021/5839 – Heathwaite Farm, Grizebeck – Erect implement/general storage building extension – No objections or comments.
- b) **Planning Notifications**
 - i. 7/2021/5708 – Beckstones Farmhouse, Grizebeck – Non material amendment to planning permission 7/2019/5023 – Approved with conditions
 - ii. SL/2021/0765 – The Grange, Kirkby-in-Furness – Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission SL/2017/0034 – Granted
 - iii. SL/2021/0379 – Ghyll End House – Raising of roof to provide first floor living accommodation together with internal alternations and a detached garage – granted with conditions.
 - iv. SL/2021/0766 – Land adjacent to Burlington Primary School – Discharge of Conditions attached to planning permission SL/2018/0364 – Approved.
It was reported that inspections at the site have taken place this week and that damage has been done to the grass verge. The Clerk to write to Tom Whitehead, Brookhouse Group asking him to arrange to have this put right.

Action: Clerk to write to Tom Whitehead, Brookhouse Group re damage to grass verge on School road

- v. SL/2021/0304 – Groundwell Farm, Kirkby-in-Furness – Erection of agricultural general storage building, hardstanding and access track – Granted with conditions

- vi. Land Opposite Sun Inn Cottage, Becksides – Erection of three dwellings (resubmission of SL/2016/0773) – withdrawn
- c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**
 - i. **Ginnyring Cottage**
The outcome of the Appeal by the Owner of the property is awaited.
 - ii. **Land off A595 School Road**
No update on this.
- d) **Sub Committee Meeting**
It was agreed that following the meeting with the Leader of SLDC and proposed Zoom meeting with Emma Shields, who has been given the responsibility of looking at planning issues to build capacity resilience within the community, there is now no need to meet with the representative from the Planning. The Clerk to inform SLDC Planning Department.

Action: Clerk to inform SLDC Planning no need for meeting to now go ahead

18. Correspondence

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

- a) Clerks and Council Direct
- b) Natural England – National Trails
- c) LCR
- d) SLDC – Handy Person Scheme in South Lakeland
- e) South Cumbria Rivers Trust – Launch of new pollution reporting map

19. Any Other Business

- a) **Nuclear Waste Dump Depository** – Cllr. Todd informed that local Parish Councils are in the process of setting up a group regarding this proposal. It was agreed for Cllr. Todd to attend the group meetings on behalf of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council
- b) **Community Centre** – An issue was raised with regard to the toilet at the Community Centre being locked on match days. The Clerk is to write to the Community seeking clarification on this.

Action: Clerk to write to the Community Centre regarding the locked toilet

- c) **Tractor Run** - Cllr Irving reported that this had been well supported and a total of £7,200.07 had been raised for St. Mary's Hospice.
- d) **Hedge – Marshgarth** - Cllr Saunders reported that a resident has contacted him with regard to a hedge at Marshgarth which is obstructing the footpath. Cllr. Saunders to find out which hedge this is. Once this has been established Cllr. Greive to write to the Owner asking them to cut this back.

Action: Cllr. Saunders to find out which hedge is obstructing footpath as Marshgarth

Action: Cllr. Greive to write to Owner of property asking for the hedge to be cut back

- e) **Telephones** – Cllr. Saunders reported that his neighbour has had a new phone fitted and the traditional ringing sound is no longer available and was told this is now standard. No-one else on the Council has come across this.
- f) **Hedge on School Road** – The Lengthsman had advised the Chairman of an overgrown hedge on School Road obstructing the footpath. It was agreed for the Lengthsman to speak with the resident and offer to cut this back.
- g) **Recycling**
Cllr. Irving reported that there appears to be an issue with collection of recycling at the Dove Ford Farm site. He informed that whilst the wagon is attending and collecting some of the recycling it is not always collecting from all 3 properties. Clerk to contact Sue Warner with regard to this.

Action: Clerk to email Sue Warner regarding recycling at Dove Ford Farm

- h) **Traffic Island – School Road, by School** – A resident had contacted Cllr. McPherson regarding an issue with cars parked too close to the traffic island at the School start/collecting times, thus obstructing the road and resulting in cars going onto the other side of the carriageway and causing a hazard. The clerk to write to the Head of the School asking her to remind parents not to park too close to the islands.

Action: Clerk to write to Head of School regarding the issue with car parked too close to traffic islands

- i) **Domestic Water Supply** – A resident had reported to Cllr. McPherson that their domestic water supply did not taste right. None of those present at the meeting had experienced this or heard of any other resident who is having issues with their domestic water supply. Cllr. McPherson will report this back to the resident.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to report back to resident with regard to domestic water supply

- j) **Post Office Closing** – The Post Office at Kirkby will be closing in November. The Chairman to write a letter of thanks to the Post Mistress and Assistant.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write a letter of thanks to Post Mistress and Assistant

- k) **The Royal British Legion – Wreaths** – It was agreed to purchase wreaths for Remembrance Day. Cllr. McPherson will represent the Parish Council at the Services to be held at the Church and the Quarry.

Action: Cllr. McPherson to represent the Parish Council at the Remembrance Day Services

20. Deferred Actions Review

- a) Affordable Housing – No update.
- b) Bus Shelter – Nothing to report.

21. Date of next Meeting

Thursday 18th November 2021 at Kirkby Community Centre

Alison Field

Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council