Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. G. Grieve, Ivy Cottage, Wall End, Kirkby-in-Furness, LA17 7UJ

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Thursday 21st December 2023 at Grizebeck Community Centre, Grizebeck

1. **Apologies for Absence (received in writing):**
   Cllrs. Pye, Walkden
   Present:
   Cllr. G. Grieve (Chairman), W. Todd, R. Saunders, S. Rhodes, M. Irving, D. Wilson, D. Mackay, R. Bennett, J. Byrne
   Cllr. Brereton

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

3. **Declaration of Interests**
   Cllr. Irving 9(b).

4. **Minutes from the previous meeting**
   The minutes agreed and signed:-

5. **Chairman's Remarks**
   None.

6. **Open Forum**
   No members of the public were present.

7. **Reports from the Westmorland and Furness Councillor**
   Flooding – Cllr. Brereton informed that he had been contacted by a resident at Soutergate, with a flooding issue, following the melting of the recent heavy snowfall
   Resurfacing work on A595 - Cllr. Brereton advised that he has raised the issue of the drains not being dealt with when the work was carried out with Peter Hoskins.
   Upgrade of Broadband – Cllr. Brereton noted that trunking lines are being laid on main roads in the area but as yet no-one is connected.
   Cllr. Grieve raised the issue of the roads not being gritted during the recent heavy snow fall and asked what the criteria is (i.e. hierarchy of roads to be gritted). Cllr. Brereton to make enquiries and report back. Cllr. Brereton also suggested adding this to the letter of complaint which is to be sent to Highways following the resurfacing work on the A595.
   Action: Cllr. Brereton to enquiry as to the criteria for road gritting

8. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
   a) Cllr. Grieve has drafted a letter of complaint regarding the resurfacing work carried out on the A595 at Gargreave.
   b) Cllr. Brereton had contacted Highways Team regarding the further works required on the grass verges between Grizebeck and Duddon Parish boundary.
   c) Cllr. Bennett is still in correspondence with Carol Last regarding the issues with emails to/from Westmorland and Furness Council using the Parish's new email addresses.

d) Cllr. Bennett has prepared the website accessibility statement and this will be placed on the website.
e) Cllr. Grieve has included the issue of the road/wall subsidence at Marshside in his letter of complaint to Westmorland and Furness Council.
f) Cllr. Bennett reported the meeting with Sue Warner, Locality Officer, regarding the request for dog bins in the Parish Newsletter.
g) The Clerk had contacted the Community Centres seeking a response to the letter from the Parish Council. The Clerk to pass on the details of the contacts to Cllr. Walkden.

Action: Clerk to pass on the contact details of the Community Centres representatives to Cllr. Walkden

h) The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Pye to ask him to check whether repair of the boundary wall at Soutergate would be covered by insurance. He had advised that it would probably not be covered.
i) Cllr. Wilson had made local enquires as to who could carry out the work of the resurfacing of Soutergate car park.
j) Cllr. Grieve was to contact Metcalfes for a quote for supply materials for the wall at Soutergate car park.
k) Cllr. Bennett had written to Kirkby Community Centre in response to the their request for further information on CIL.

9. **Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways**
   a) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**
   Cllr. Mackay informed that Highways are going to carry out repairs to the kissing gate at Soutergate car park as this borders the A595.
   b) **A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme**
   Cllr. Irving informed the application for funding had been submitted and the final design has been completed. He then went on to provide an update of the work to be carried out.
      i. ***Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck***
      Nothing to report.
      ii. ***Milestones***
      Nothing to report.
      iii. ***Victorian Signposts***
      Nothing to report.
      iv. ***Chapels – Recreational Area***
      Nothing to report
   c) **Hotline Reports**
   Nothing to report
   d) **Hotline Progress**
      i. A595 at Dove Bank – Pothole filled in.
      ii. Culvert – Moor/Beckside – Remedial work is to be carried out in January 2024.

10. **Parish Plan**
   a) **Reports**
      - Community Facilities – Grizebeck Community Centre was opened for people stuck on the A5092/A595 in the recent heavy snowfall.
      - Website - Cllr. Bennett informed this is a work in progress. He advised that the Facebook page is now up and running.

- Website Accessibility Statement – It was noted that this had been covered under Item 8(d) on the Agenda.

- Lengthsman – It was noted that he has carried out strimming to vegetation in the Soutergate car park.

11. **Current Matters**
    a) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
    The work of the Probation Service is continuing. The £1500 which was ringfenced to buy equipment for the Probation Service is to be returned to the budget as they have proceeded to purchase equipment themselves.
    b) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**
    It was noted this had been covered under Item 8(e) on the Agenda.
    c) **Development adjacent to the School**
    Nothing to report.
    d) **Emergency Planning – Community Centre Contacts**
    It was noted that this had been addressed under item 8(g) on the Agenda.
    e) **Soutergate car park**
    A quote to repair the wall is awaited From Cllr Wilson who has made enquiries with a local stone waller.
    Action: Cllr. Wilson to provide quote from local stone waller for repairs to the wall at Soutergate car park
    Cllr. Wilson provided provisional costings for the material to repair the surface of £400 from L & W Wilson, Endmoor.
    Cllr. Todd will also obtain a quote from Gowans constructions for the material to repair the surface and to undertake the works.
    Action: Cllr. Todd to obtain a quote from Gowans constructions for materials to repair car park surface and carry out the works
    Cllr. Wilson will obtain a quote from Armisteads for them to carry the work to repair the surface of the car park
    Action: Cllr. Wilson to obtain a quote from Armisteads to carry out the work on the surface of the car park
    Cllr. Bennett to try to ascertain which cars have been abandoned.
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    The Clerk and Cllr. Pye to discuss the adding of the boundary wall to the insurance.
    Action: The Clerk and Cllr. Pye to discuss adding the boundary wall to the insurance
    f) **Watery Lane – Boundary Wall**
    Nothing to report.

12. **Statutory Requirements**
    Nothing to report.

13. **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**
    a) ***Report***
    Nothing to report.

14. **Accounts**
    a) The financial statement for the month of November 2023 had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
    b) The Clerks salary of £208.33 and expenses of £20.88 for November 2023 were approved.
    c) The payment to HMRC of £52.00, being PAYE to 5th January 2024 was approved.
    d) The payment of £30 to Grizebeck Community Centre for the hire of the Hall for the meeting was approved.

e) The payment of £20.00 to the Lengthsman in respect of invoice 2023-008 was approved.
f) The payment of £10.00 being the annual subscription for FLAG was approved.
g) A meeting of the Finance Sub Committee to meet to discuss the budge and set the precept for 2024/25 was arranged for Saturday 13th January at 10.00 am at the Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre.
h) Parish Council Bank Account – Cllr. Grieve proposed the move from Natwest to Unity Bank in order that on-line banking could be carried out. (Unity Bank had been recommended by CALC as one of the best options for Parish Council bank accounts). This was seconded and agreed by all.
i) ***Community Infrastructure Levy payments***
    i. Consideration of Allocation of monies – Further monies had been received from CIL (as reported at item (h) (ii)). As no further requests had been submitted for the CIL money, the possibility of awarding a further sum to Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre for the children's playground was discussed. Cllr. Bennett proposed to increase the sum from £15,000 to £19,000. This was seconded and agreed by all. The Clerk to write to the Community Centre to advise of this.

Action: Clerk to write to Community Centre informing of the increase in allocation of CIL for the playground

15. **Planning**
    a) **Applications Received**
    None.
    b) **Planning Notifications**
    None.
    c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**
        i. **Land off A595 School Road**
        Nothing to report
        ii. **Beanthwaite Barn**
        Nothing to report.
        iii. **School House – Grizebeck**
        Nothing to report.
        iv. **Stone Arthur, School Road**
        Nothing to report.
    d) **Enforcement Notice – Land at Beckstones Farm, Grizebeck**
    The National Park have notified that an appeal against this enforcement notice has been received.

16. **Correspondence**
    a) Friend of the X112 – Memo from the friends of the X112
    b) Simon Fell – Christmas Card
    c) Hornby & Co Accountant – Christmas Card
    d) Email from local resident – issues with Parish Councils website and facebook – It was noted that the issues being experienced had been resolved and the local resident had been informed of this by Cllr. Bennett.

17. **Parish Councillors Reports**
    - Cllr. Bennett reported that the seat at Beckside was blocked and that the waste bin had not been emptied. The bins in the area to be checked to see if they have now been emptied. If not they will be reported on Locality website

Action: Bins in area checked to see if they have been emptied, reported on Locality website if not.

- Cllr. Irving informed that Natural England have written to some local Landowners and requested soil samples.
- Cllr. Irving reported that the Christmas Tractor Run raised £9,000.
- It was reported that the Bin at Muirlands layby has not been replaced after the road surfacing work was completed. The Clerk to write to Sue Warner requesting it by put back.

Action: Clerk to write to Sue Warner asking for the bin at Muirlands layby to be put back following the resurfacing of the road

- Cllr. Grieve informed that the licensing of the new Vicar of St. Cuthberts has been postponed until the 14th January 2024.

18. **Deferred Actions Review**
    None

19. **Date of next Meeting**

Thursday 18th January 2024 at the Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre

Alison Field - Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council