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 16th May 2024 at the Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre

1. **Apologies for Absence (received in writing):**
   Cllrs. J Byrne, A. Pye,
   Present:
   Cllr. G. Grieve (Chairman), W. Todd, R. Saunders, M. Irving, D. Wilson, D. Mackay, R. Bennett, L. Walkden, S. Rhodes
   Cllr. M. Brereton, Furness and Westmorland Council
   2 members of the public

2. **Election of Chairman**
   The Clerk took control of the meeting for election of the Chairman. Cllr. Grieve left the meeting. The Clerk asked for proposals for the position of Chair. Cllr. Wilson proposed Cllr. Grieve, this was seconded by Cllr. Bennett and agreed by all. Cllr. Grieve accepted the position and then Chaired the remainder of the meeting.

3. **Election of Vice-Chairman**
   The Chairman proposed Cllr. Bennett for vice-chair and asked if there were any other proposals. No other proposals were received. This was seconded by Cllr. Walkden and agreed by all. Cllr. Bennett accepted the position.

   Both the Chairman and Vice-chair signed copies of the Declaration of Acceptance to Office, which were then signed by the Clerk.

4. **Election of Representatives to other bodies and Committees**
   The following members were re-elected to the Finance Sub Committee:-
   - Cllr. Grieve
   - Cllr. Todd
   - Cllr. Saunders
   - Cllr. Byrne
   - Cllr. Wilson
   - Cllr. Mackay

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

6. **Declaration of Interests**
   Cllr. Irving 12(b).

7. **Minutes from the previous meeting**
   The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

8. **Chairman's Remarks**

Following Cllr. Byrne from stepping down from the role of Vice-Chair, Cllr. Grieve paid tribute to all the work she had done has vice-chair and thanked her for all her assistance.

9. **Open Forum**
A member of the public addressed the meeting with regard to road safety issues for pedestrians at Beckside. The member of public has been in correspondence with Cllr. Brereton regarding this issue who has advised that funding could be available to create an off-road footpath as part of the "safe route to school funding scheme" The member of public was seeking the Parish Council's backing with regard to this. Mr. Field from the Community Centre Committee was also in attendance at the meeting. He confirmed the member of public has approached the Community Centre Committee with regard to a footpath going through the grounds and advised that this will be discussed at their next meeting which is due to be held Thursday 23rd May 2024. Cllr. Grieve informed the member of public that the Parish Council could not offer their support at the meeting tonight as it would need to be placed as an item on the Agenda to give all members of the public the opportunity to offer their views. Councillors agreed to place this as an item on the Agenda for the July meeting.

10. **Reports from the Westmorland and Furness Councillor**
Cllr. Brereton will forward to the Clerk the contact details of the person at Westmorland and Furness who deals with street lights.
Cllr. Brereton reported the following:-
    - Graeme Wheelhouse is now Director for Highways.
    - A595 resurfacing Wall End to Dove Ford – he informed now complete, however, aware of the section of road which hasn't been resurfaced that does have pot holes between Dove Bank and Dove Ford. Believes they are going to address this when do improvement scheme. Cllr. Grieve raised issue with this together with other Councillors as it is not understood why this work could not have been carried out with the rest of the resurfacing work. Cllr. Grieve advised that he will be raising this as a complaint with Cllr. Thornton.

11. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
    a) Cllr. Grieve is in the process of writing to Councillor Thornton regarding issues experienced during the resurfacing of the road between Wall End and Dove Ford Farm.
    b) Cllr. Grieve wrote a letter of thanks to Mr. Workman, the Lengthsman, following him retiring from carrying out work around the Parish.
    c) Cllr. Bennett had reported the retirement of the Lengthsman in the Newsletter.
    d) Cllr. Grieve had written a letter of thanks to the Probation Service for the work in cutting back the hedges and verges.
    e) Cllr. Grieve had asked the Lengthsman to remove the sandbags from the unit at Marshside and place in the bus stop, due the unit being damaged.
    f) The Clerk wrote to the resident who had raised an enquiry as to the contribution to the electricity for the light attached to their property to advise it has been set for this financial year but will be reviewed in the 2025/26 budget.
    g) The Clerk had forwarded a letter to the Residents of Coombe Crescent regarding parking issues.

12. **Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways**
    a) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**
        i. Cllr. Grieve will make a list of issues to discuss at the site visit with Rohan Ward, Senior Highways Network Technician, South Lakes and this will be forwarded to him and a meeting arranged.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to write a list of highways issues which is then to be forwarded to Rohan Ward, Senior Highways Network Technician, South Lakes and a meeting to be arranged

b) **A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme**
Cllr. Irving provided an update of the progress of the purchasing of the land from local landowners for the improvement scheme.

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**
None.

13. **Parish Plan**

a) **Reports**

i. **Community Facilities –** Nothing to report.

ii. **Resilience** – This is in progress.

iii. **Highways –** Nothing to report

iv. **Website and Social Media –** Nothing to report save that it is working well.

v. **Footpaths and Cycleways –** Nothing to report.

vi. **Parish Lengthsman –** It was noted that this can now be removed from the Agenda due to the retirement of the Lengthsman.

14. **Current Matters**

a) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
Cllr. Grieve advised that the supervisor in charge of this work is currently on annual leave so no work taking place during this time.

b) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**
There has been no progress on this issue.

c) **Emergency Planning – Community Centre Contacts**
This is ongoing.

d) **Soutergate car park**

i. ***Surface work***
Cllr. Todd informed that the contractor who is carrying out the work is currently on annual leave but will chase him for a date upon his return.

Action: Cllr. Todd to speak to Contractor to arrange a date for work to be undertaken at Soutergate car park

A notice is to be placed in the Caller advising that the work is to be carried out and a date will be provided in advance of this in due course.

e) **Winter Maintenance**
This item to be taken off the Agenda until October 2024.

f) **Sandbag Unit, Marshside**
It was noted that this had already been discussed under Item 11(e) on the Agenda.

g) **Street Lights**
The Clerk has reported the broken lights on the portal and awaits a response. As previously discussed at this meeting, Cllr. Brereton will forward to the Clerk the contact details of the person at Westmorland and Furness who deals with street lighting.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to forward to the Clerk contact details of person who deals with street lights at Westmorland and Furness

h) **Boat at Grizebeck**
This is to be reported to Westmorland and Furness as an abandoned vehicle.

Action: The Clerk to report the boat at Grizebeck as an abandoned vehicle.

15. **Statutory Requirements**
Nothing to report.

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

17. **Accounts**
a) The financial statement for April 2024 had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
b) The Clerks salary of £216.66 and expenses of £16.88 For May 2024 were approved.
c) The payment to HMRC of £54.20, being PAYE to 5th June 2024 was approved.
d) The payment of £24 to Grizebeck Community Centre for the hire of the hall was approved.
e) The payment of £645.51 in respect of Zurich Insurance was approved. The Clerk had enquired about adding Soutergate car park boundary wall to the insurance, however, this would have increased the premium by £282.24. This was discussed. It was agreed that as the repair work had cost £450 it would not be financially viable to add the wall to the insurance policy.
f) The payment of £80 to the Lengthsman was approved in respect of his invoice 2024/001
g) The payment of £330 to Mr. J. Metcalfe was approved, being the first payment for the cutting of the grass verges.
h) ***Community Infrastructure Levy payments***
i. Consideration of Allocation of monies – Another payment from Westmorland and Furness of £9,726.79 had been received in April 2024 in respect of the CIL.

18. **Planning**
a) **Applications Received**
i. 7/2024/5213 – Land between Villages of Grizebeck and Chapels – A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme. This had been received from the Lake District National Park Authority – There is no objection or comments on this application. It was noted that the Parish Council have previously submitted a response on this. This to be included in the response.
ii. 5/24/9903 – Land between the Villages of Grizebeck and Chapels – A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme. The Clerk noted that notification from Westmorland and Furness had not actually been received in respect of this application. It had however, appeared on the weekly planning list and had been placed on the Agenda in the event notification had then been received before the meeting. Therefore, no submission is required on this.
b) **Planning Notifications**

ii. Whilst no planning notifications were listed on the Agenda since it had been prepared application 2024/0074/FPA – Guards Farm, Kirkby-in-Furness – Change of use of land for the siting of two shepherds huts (resubmission of SL/2023/0635) had been granted with conditions.

c) **Planning Enforcement Issues**

i. **Beanthwaite Barn**
Nothing to report.

ii. **School House – Grizebeck**
Nothing to report.

iii. **Stone Arthur, School Road**
Nothing to report.

19. **Correspondence**

a) Clerks and Councils Direct

b) The Clerk reported that since the preparation of the Agenda an email had been received from a new resident on Burlington rise. They reported that no refuse collections had taken place since they had moved into their property. They have raised a complaint with Westmorland and Furness but the issue is still not resolved. Cllr. Brereton to raise this with Westmorland and Furness.

Action: Cllr. Brereton to raise the issue with the refuse collection at Burlington Rise with Westmorland and Furness Council

20. **Parish Councillors Reports**

- Cllr. Todd reported that a campervan, with an inhabitant has parked on the roadside at Marshside. This will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting in the event it is still in situ.

21. **Deferred Actions Review**
None

22. **Date of next Meeting:**

Thursday 20th June 2024

Alison Field - Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council