

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 November 2024 at the Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre, Beckside

1. **Apologies for Absence (received in writing):**

Cllrs. A. Pye, J. Byrne, D. Wilson, R. Bennett

Present:

Cllr. G. Grieve (Chairman), R. Saunders, M. Irving, S. Rhodes, W. Todd, M. Pattinson, L. Walkden
Cllr. M. Brereton

2. **Requests for Dispensations**

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. Irving 10(b).

Cllr. Greaves 10(b)

4. **Minutes from the previous meeting**

Item 18 on the Agenda under Cllr. Saunders report – it was noted that the sign was not a “bend” sign, therefore this word was removed. The Minutes were then approved and signed.

5. **Chairman’s Remarks**

The Chairman requested for the Co-option policy to be added to the Agenda for the next meeting in order that the wording can be reviewed. This was agreed.

6. **Vice-Chairman Remarks**

Cllr. Bennett was not in attendance at the meeting.

7. **Open Forum**

There were not members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

8. **Reports from the Westmorland and Furness Councillor**

Cllr. Brereton gave a report to the meeting including:-

- Reduction in hours of Duddon Practice GP surgery
- HGV ban on A595 through Grizebeck, which is commencing on 13th January 2024 (see relevant item on Agenda).
- Beckside footpath – he noted that Westmorland and Furness no longer paint pedestrian walkway markings on roads, due to safety issues. Cllr. Grieve informed Cllr. Brereton that Westmorland and Furness are to paint 20 signs on the road at Beckside in two places.

9. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**

- a) Cllr. Brereton was to ask the Structures Team to provide the Parish Council with updates following their 6 monthly inspection of the retaining wall at Marshside. The Clerk to email Cllr. Brereton with a reminder about this.

Action: Clerk to email Cllr. Brereton with a reminder to chase Structures Team to provide report to Parish Council on Marshside retaining wall

- b) Cllr. Todd informed he has not yet contacted Gowan's with regard to two issues following the work they had undertaken to Soutergate car park. This was discussed. It was felt that these issues seem to have resolved themselves. Therefore no further action needed at this time.
- c) The Clerk had contacted the A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme and requested "Business open as usual" signs be placed at each end of Bank Road. The signs are now in place.
- d) The Clerk had written to the resident providing the email address of the A595 Improvement Scheme following their email regarding issues with traffic on the A595 through Grizebeck following the closure of Bank End Road.
- e) Cllr. Pye was to report on the portal a pothole at Beckside and the need for a road sweeper on the Moor Road. The Clerk to email Cllr. Pye to check this has been done.

Action: Clerk to contact Cllr. Pye to check road issues reported on the portal

- f) The Clerk had forwarded an invoice to Westmorland and Furness Council for the donation of £500 for the Footpaths Group. The Clerk reported that the £500 has now been received into the Parish Council's bank account. Cllr. Grieve to forward contact details of footpath groups to the Clerk in order she can arrange payment.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to forward contact details of footpath group to the Clerk

- g) Cllr. Bennett put a reminder in the Newsletter that CIL money is available from the Parish Council, for eligible projects. He has also spoken with the Vicar with regard to the Cemetery. Cllr. Bennett was not in attendance at the meeting so will update the Council at the next meeting.

10. Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways

a) A595/A5092 and Highways matters

Cllr. Saunders informed that gullies had been cleared on the A5092, however, the two drains that are causing problems were not cleared. Cllr. Grieve to raise this with Mr. Rohan.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to advise Mr. Rohan that the gullies that are not draining away have not been cleared.

b) A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme

Cllr. Irving informed that some vehicles are still using Bank End Road, despite the road being closed. The Clerk to contact the A595 Improvement Scheme Team at Westmorland and Furness to advise of this and ask if any action can be taken on this.

Action: Clerk to contact Westmorland and Furness regarding vehicles using Bank End Road.

i. Green sign on the A595 at Grizebeck

Nothing to report

ii. Grizebeck Hall signage

Nothing to report.

iii. Milestones

Nothing to report.

iv. Victorian Signposts

The Improvement Scheme Team have responded regarding the "Grizebeck" sign on the highway by the Community Centre, which had been removed, by unknown persons. They informed that it has not been removed by the Contractor and that the matter has been reported to the police.

v. Chapels – Recreational Area

No further update.

vi. Notification from Westmorland and Furness of HGV ban on A595 Grizebeck from 13th January 2025

Cllr. Brereton reported that he has raised this with the Improvement Scheme, Westmorland and Furness and asked the justification for this as it adversely affects businesses in the area. He informed that they have advised that Story's, the contractor carrying out the work, have tried to manage the traffic issues around Grizebeck, without success and as enter the next phase of the scheme they will have more trucks coming on and off site and therefore the measures are needed. They have advised there will be limited exceptions, i.e. HGVs delivering to properties along that stretch road, emergency vehicles.

vii. ***Westmorland and Furness Council, A595 Improvement Scheme Team – Maintenance Costs of proposed SIDs – north end of Grizebeck***

Correspondence has been received from the Improvement Scheme Team asking if the Parish Council would meet the maintenance costs of SIDs which are proposed to be sited at the north end of Grizebeck. The author of the email was under the impression that the Parish Council already fund the existing SIDs in the parish. This was discussed. The Clerk to respond advising that the Parish Council do not meet the maintenance costs of existing SIDs and the budget available to them would not be sufficient for them to maintain the proposed SIDs and suggest they contact highways requesting them to meet the costs as they do on the existing SIDs.

Action: Clerk to respond to A595 Improvement Scheme Team regarding funding maintenance costs of proposed SIDs at Grizebeck

c) **Portal Reports:**

Cllr. Pattinson reported that road sweeping is required at Sandside and asked how this is reported. Cllr. Grieve informed that residents are encouraged to report issues on the Westmorland and Furness portal. The Clerk to forward the link to the portal to Cllr. Pattinson.

Action: Clerk to forward link to Westmorland and Furness portal to Cllr. Pattinson

d) **Portal Progress**

No updates

e) **Westmorland and Furness Council Highways site meeting**

It was noted that this item had been covered under Item 10(a) on the Agenda.

11. Parish Plan

a) **Reports**

i. **Community Facilities**

Cllr. Irving informed that Westmorland and Furness have made a compulsory purchase of the Grizebeck Community Centre car park in order to carry out the improvement works. This will be sold back to the Centre once the works are completed.

ii. **Resilience** – Cllr. Walkden reported that the Emergency Plan is now complete. This will be presented to the Council at the next meeting.

iii. **Highways** – Nothing further to report than what had already been discussed under Item 10.

iv. **Website and Social Media** – Cllr. Grieve informed everything is running well.

v. **Footpaths and Cycleways** – No report, Cllr. Bennett was not in attendance at the meeting.

12. Current Matters

a) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**

Cllr. Grieve advised that the Probation Service have commenced work on cutting back footpath, however, the work appears to be sporadic.

b) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**

There was no further progress on this item and it was noted that the Clerk has been actioned to write to Cllr. Brereton on this at Item 9(a) on the Agenda.

c) **Sandbag Unit, Marshside**

The sandbag Unit has now been removed. This item will be removed from the Agenda.

d) **Street Lights**

The Clerk has provided the information to Westmorland and Furness regarding the light at Grizebeck and awaits a quote for the work.

e) **Boat at Grizebeck**

The Clerk had written to Sue Warner, regarding the above, who had advised that she was in the process of writing to the Owner again.

f) **Ford Fiesta at Soutergate car park**

It was noted that this item had been discussed under Item 8(g) on the Agenda.

g) **Beckside – Road and footpath**

Nothing further to report.

h) **Royal Mail deliveries**

A response had been received from the Royal Mail who advised they have checked and there is no issue with the service. This was discussed. The Clerk to write back to Royal Mail advising that the information available to the Parish Council suggests they are incorrect. It was also agreed to place a note in the Newsletter and facebook advising residents to contact the Royal Mail direct if they are experiencing any issues.

Action: Clerk to write to respond to Royal Mail regarding irregular deliveries

i) **Parking issues at Soutergate**

A letter had been received from a resident at Soutergate regarding parking on the roadside, which was causing an issue. This was discussed. It was agreed to ask Cllr. Byrne to contact Helen Karasalan and ask Highways to look at this. The Clerk to write to the resident informing that the matter has been referred to Westmorland and Furness as the Parish Council do not have the statutory powers to deal with this issue.

13. Statutory Requirements

a) **Financial Regulations**

The Clerk informed that new draft regulations have been prepared by NALC. It was agreed that this item will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting and the draft regulations forwarded to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Action: Clerk to forward draft financial regulations to Councillors

b) **Standing Order**

It was agreed that as the above were deferred to the next meeting the Standing Order will be considered at the same time. The Clerk noted there is no change to the current Standing Orders.

c) **Code of Practice**

The Code of Practice to be on the Agenda for the next meeting. The Clerk noted there is no proposed change to the existing Code of Practice.

14. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

a) **Report**

A meeting had been held after the last meeting and grants awarded.

15. Accounts

- a) The financial statement for October 2024 had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
- b) The Clerks salary of £270.86 and expenses of £67.07 for November 2024 were approved.
- c) The Clerks expenses of £16.88 for August had been approved at the August meeting but remained unpaid. These will now be paid to the Clerk.
- d) The payment of £24.00 to the Community Centre for the hire of the hall for the meeting was approved.
- e) The payment of £24.24 to Hudson Hill Consulting being the monthly payment for November 2024 for the Exchange online and Microsoft 365 Business subscriptions was agreed.
- f) Correspondence has been received from Holker Estates advising of a rent increase payable from the 1st March 2024. The rent has increased by £7.56, which is now payable in addition to the £31.19 payment already forwarded to them. The increase in the rent was agreed by the Councillors. The Clerk to sign and forward the mandate to Holker Estates.
- g) The payment of £7.56 to Holker Estates being the increase in the annual rent for Soutergate car park was agreed.
- h) **Community Infrastructure Levy payments**
 - i. Nothing to report.

16. Planning

- a) **Applications Received**
 - i. 2024/2006/FPA Full Application Cart House Cottage Soutergate - Demolition of single storey rear extension, erection of two storey rear extension with internal alterations – there were no objections or comments on this application.
- a) **Planning Notifications**
 - i. None
- b) **Planning Enforcement Issues**
 - i. School House, Grizebeck – The National Park Authority had advised that they had investigated the matter and concluded the container was being used for the storage of building materials in connection with building works on the site, which is a permitted development under PART 4 Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order – *the provision on land of buildings, moveable structures, works, plant or machinery required temporarily in connection with and for the duration of operations being or to be carried out on, in, under or over that land or on land adjoining that land*. The National Park Authority have informed they have now written to the Owner and asked them to confirm whether the building works are complete.
 - ii. Stone Arthur – School Road – As Westmorland and Furness enforcement action is still in place with regard to this property, this item will remain on the Agenda.

17. Correspondence

- a) Clerks and Council Direct Newsletter
- b) Westmorland and Furness Newsletter – Community Conversation – waste and recycling collections – consultation. The Clerk to resend email regarding this to Councillors.
Action: Clerk to resend email regarding waste and recycling collections consultation to Councillors.
- c) It was noted that an email had been received from Westmorland and Furness advising that the statutory review of polling districts was taking place. Responses had to be made before the next meeting. This was discussed. It was reported that residents at Grizebeck and Woodland have to use the Methodist Hall to vote, which is some distance away from these areas. The Chairman will respond to the review noting the above.

18. Parish Councillors Reports

- Cllr. Todd advised that he was resigning from the Council which effect from the closure of the meeting. Cllr. Grieve thanked Cllr. Todd for all his hard work and commitment over the years and passed on the Councils best wishes. The Clerk to notify Westmorland and Furness.

Action: Clerk to notify Westmorland and Furness of resignation of Cllr. Todd.

19. Deferred Actions Review

None

20. Date of next Meeting:

Thursday 19th December

Alison Field - Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council