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 19th December 2024 at the Grizebeck Community Centre

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

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

3. **Declaration of Interests**
   Cllr. Irving 10(b).
   Cllr. Greaves 16(a)(i)
   Cllr. Rhodes 16(a)(i)

4. **Minutes from the previous meeting**
   The Minutes from the last meeting where approved and signed.

5. **Chairman's Remarks**
   The Chairman informed that the abandoned car at Soutergate has now been removed by the police. He advised that the car was a stolen car and had been cloned.

6. **Vice-Chairman Remarks**
   Cllr. Bennett informed that he will discuss any matters under the relevant items on the Agenda.

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:-
   - With regard to the weight restriction due to be introduced on 13th January on the A595 through Grizebeck, he has asked Highways to manage any roadworks on the A590 with this in mind, in an attempt to restrict any impact that this will have on the A590.

   Cllr. Grieve raised the email from the A595 Improvement Scheme with regard to SIDs. He informed that they have advised that SIDs will be placed throughout the duration of the work to assist in managing the traffic and removed upon completion of the works as the Parish Council cannot affording to fund maintenance of these. He asked Cllr. Brereton to take this up with Highways as the Parish Council believe that these are road signs and any cost incurred in relation to them should be for Highways to meet not the Parish Council. The Clerk to forward Cllr. Brereton the emails from A595 Improvement Scheme with regard to this.

   Action: The Clerk to forward Cllr. Brereton the emails from A595 Improvement Scheme with regard to this.

9. **Matters Arising from the previous meeting**
    a) Cllr. Brereton had contacted the Structures Team regarding providing the Parish Council with updates following their 6 monthly inspection of the retaining wall at Marshside. They had responded advising that they had noted no change to the structural defects and will continue to monitor this. Cllr. Grieve had responded to them asking that action be taken before the wall falls down completely.
    b) The Clerk had contacted Cllr. Pye to confirm that road issues at Beckside had been reported on the portal. Cllr. Pye informed they had and he has since reported them again but still no action has been taken by Highways.
    c) Cllr. Grieve had forwarded contact details of the footpath Group to the Clerk.
    d) Cllr. Grieve had written to Mr. Rohan advising that gullies that are not draining away have still not been cleared.
    e) The Clerk had written to Westmorland and Furness with regard to vehicles using Bank End Road, despite the road being closed and marked so. They had responded and advised they contacted the Contractor, Story who confirmed this is a problem. Westmorland and Furness have therefore instructed the Contractors to install additional traffic management deterrents to prevent unauthorised access to the road.
    f) The Clerk had responded to the A595 Improvement Scheme Team regarding funding maintenance costs of proposed SIDs at Grizebeck. It was noted that this has been discussed under Item 8 on the Agenda.
    g) The Clerk had forwarded the link to the Westmorland and Furness portal to Cllr. Pattinson.
    h) The Clerk is in the process of responding to Royal Mail regarding irregular deliveries.
    i) The Clerk had forwarded the draft financial regulations to Councillors.
    j) The Clerk had resent the emails regarding waste and re-cycling collections consultation to all Councillors.
    k) The Clerk had notified Westmorland and Furness of the resignation of Cllr. Todd.

10. **Traffic, A595 & A5092 and Highways**
    a) **A595/A5092 and Highways matters**
    Cllr. Byrne informed that replacement tubes for those that had malfunctioned have now been put down. She informed that the data from the tubes is due in January.
    Cllr. Saunders asked about progress on the sign which has fallen down at Beanthwaite. Cllr. Grieve advised that Mr. Rohan has said this is in hand.
    b) **A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme**
    Cllr. Irving updated the Councillors on the work carried out to-date.
        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***
        Nothing to report.
        v. ***Chapels – Recreational Area***
        No further update.
    c) **Portal Reports:**

The Clerk is also to report potholes at Beckside, together with the one at the cattle grid on the Moor, on portal.

Action Clerk to report road defects that have not been fixed on the portal

d) **Portal Progress**
No updates

11. **Parish Plan**
    a) **Reports**
        i. **Community Facilities**
        Nothing to report.
        ii. **Resilience –** Cllr. Walkden was not in attendance at the meeting but had advised the Clerk prior to the meeting that she will discuss the resilience report 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. Bennett informed that the Kirkby in Furness British Legion has been removed from the website as this no longer in existence and the Kirkby Ireleth Charities has been added.
        v. **Footpaths and Cycleways –** Cllr. Bennett informed that he is attending a session with the Active Routes Group, together with a representative from the Footpaths Group. He informed that the Active Routes Group look at existing routes, with a view to improving them if possible and also consider new routes. He will report back to the meeting once he has attended the session.

12. **Current Matters**
    a) **Cutting back of hedges/verges by Probation Service**
    Cllr. Grieve noted that work is unlikely to continue during the Winter.
    b) **Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside**
    It was noted that this had been covered under Item 9(a) on the Agenda.
    c) **Street Lights**
    A response had been received from Westmorland with regard to the broken light at Grizebeck, which had been knocked down by persons unknown. The light was mounted on a telegraph pole and they have advised that their policy is that they cannot re-erect lights on ENW wooden poles. They had informed that the Parish Council would need to install a hinged lighting column in the vicinity and apply to ENW for an overhead to underground connection, which would not be cheap. They advised this is the only way the street light can be replaced. This was discussed. Cllr. Grieve to contact CGP to see if they would be in a position to assist with funding of this.

    Action: Cllr. Grieve to contact CGP to see if they would be able to assist with funding of a replacement streetlight at Grizebeck.

    d) **Boat at Grizebeck**
    Westmorland and Furness have now removed the boat at Grizebeck under fly-tipping legislation.
    e) **Ford Fiesta at Soutergate car park**
    The above car had been cloned and was a stolen vehicle and the police have now removed it.
    f) **Beckside – Road and footpath**
    Nothing further to report.
    g) **Royal Mail deliveries**
    This item had been covered under item 9(h) on the Agenda.

h) **Parking issues at Soutergate**

Cllr. Byrne will raise this issue with Helen Karrasalan in January, when she returns from Christmas leave. Cllr. Bennett has queried the ownership of the side road by Tara Hall with Highways via the portal and awaits a response. This is due to queries being raised by Soutergate residents following the road being signed as a "private road".

Action: Cllr. Byrne to raise the issue parking issues at Soutergate with Helen Karrasalan, Higwhays

i) **Statutory Reviewing of Polling districts**

Cllr. Grieve had responded to the consultation as was discussed at the last Parish Council Meeting.

j) **Noticeboard request from History Group**

The History Group had asked if the noticeboard at Chapels could be replaced and had also asked if new boards could be erected and suggested locations around the Village in order that their events could be advertised. This was discussed. The Parish Council agreed that due to the website and social media, together with the Kirkby Caller, there is no longer the same need for noticeboards. It was also noted that the Parish Council do have a dedicated noticeboard at Four Lane Ends that meets statutory requirements for the Council. Cllr. Grieve to write to the History Group to advise of this and suggest that they can erect notices in the bus shelter, as these are the responsibility of the Parish Council. The removal of the board at Chapels was also discussed. This will be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Action: Cllr. Grieve to inform the History Group that they can place notices inside the bus shelters.

k) **Kirkby Ireleth Charities Committee**

A Parish Councillor vacancy has arisen in the above as a result of the resignation of William Todd from the Parish Council. Cllr. Grieve proposed that Cllr. Byrne be elected onto the Group this was seconded by Cllr. Wilson and agreed by all.

13. **Statutory Requirements**

a) **Financial Regulations**

The proposed financial regulations had been forwarded to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr. Grieve proposed these were adopted. This was seconded and agreed by all.

b) **Standing Orders**

There had been no changes to the Standing Order since they were agreed in November 2023. Cllr. Grieve proposed these continue to be adopted. This was seconded and agreed by all.

c) **Code of Conduct**

There had been no changes to the Code of Conduct. Cllr. Grieve proposed this continues to be adopted. This was seconded and agreed by all.

d) **Vacancy**

e) The vacancy for Councillor will be advertised from Friday 20th December 2024.

f) **Co-option Policy**

Cllr. Grieve proposed that the co-option policy be amended to reflect that voting for a new councillor be carried out before the candidates return to the meeting. This was seconded and agreed by all. The Policy will be amended accordingly.

14. **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

a) **Report**

A meeting had been held after the last meeting and grants awarded. Cllr. Grieve read out the financial statement of the Trust Fund.

15. **Accounts**

a) The financial statement for November 2024 had been emailed to all Councillors prior to the meeting.
b) The Clerks salary of £270.86 and expenses of £16.88 for December 2024 were approved.
c) The payment of £30.00 to the Community Centre for the hire of the hall for the meeting was approved.
d) The payment of £24.24 to Hudson Hill Consulting being the monthly payment for December 2024 for the Exchange online and Microsoft 365 Business subscriptions was agreed.
e) The payment of the £500 Locality Donation from Cllr. Brereton to the Footpaths Group was approved.
f) ***Community Infrastructure Levy payments***
    i. Nothing to report.

16. **Planning**

a) ***Applications Received***

Cllrs. Grieve and Rhodes had declared an interest in Item 16(a)(i) and therefore left the meeting. The meeting was chaired by the vice-chair Cllr. Bennett for this item.

i. 2024/2153/FPA – The Vicarage, School Road, Kirkby-in-Furness - Two storey side extension, plus single storey side and rear extensions. External alterations to entrance roof to create entrance canopy with oak posts, new external windows, doors and rooflights. Internal layout reconfiguration, and new increased vehicular entrance and associated landscaping to an existing dwelling - There were no objections or comments to this application.

Cllrs. Grieve and Rhodes returned to the meeting and Cllr. Grieve was Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

ii. 2024/2279/FPA - Cross Beck Farm Soutergate – Roof over existing open cattle feed yard – There were no objections or comments on this application.
iii. 7/2024/5643 - 1 Maltkiln Cottages, Grizebeck – Dwelling – variation of condition 3 (local occupancy) of planning permission 7/2009/5586 to include additional parishes to align with the housing SPD – This application was discussed. It was agreed that there response will be that the Parish Council had no specific objections to this application on the basis that additional parishes are either adjoining or within reason.

a) ***Planning Notifications***
    i. 5/24/09003 – Land between Villages of Grizebeck and Chapels – A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme – Vary conditions – approved with conditions
b) ***Planning Enforcement Issues***
    i. School House, Grizebeck – Nothing to report.
    ii. Stone Arthur – School Road – A letter had been received from a resident of Coombe Crescent advising that despite the date for Enforcement having now passed, the property is still being used as a holiday let and causing issues for the local residents. The resident had advised that the Enforcement Officer at Westmorland is attending the area and is currently looking into the matter. This item will remain on the Agenda until this issue has been resolved.

17. **Correspondence**

a) Lake District National Park – Consultation on revised design code – closing date – 17th January 2025 – The email from the Lake District National Park had been forwarded to all Councillors.

18. **Parish Councillors Reports**

- Cllr. Parkinson had attended a National Park Authority event and gave a report on this.
- Cllr. Irving informed that the Christmas Tractor Run had received a lot of support and the total raised to-date was over £9,000.

19. **Deferred Actions Review**
    None

20. **Date of next Meeting:**

Thursday 16th January 2024

Alison Field - Clerk of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council