

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Date: 15th January 2026

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre, Beckside

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

2. Attendance

To record the presence of councillors and guests

3. Declarations and Dispensations

- a) **Requests for Dispensations** – The Clerk is to report any requests received since the previous meeting for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.
- b) **Declarations of Interest** – To receive declarations by the elected and co-opted members of interests in respect of items on this agenda.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve and sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held previously.

5. Open Forum

- a) To receive representations from members of the public.

6. Governance and Reports

- a) **Chair's Remarks** – To receive comments from the Chair.
- b) **Vice-Chair's Remarks** – To receive comments from the Vice-Chair.
- c) **Westmorland and Furness Councillor Report.**
- d) **Actions Arising from Previous Meeting:**
 - 1. Cllr. Bennett to write to Cllr. Thornton regarding the flooding at Gargreave
 - 2. Cllr. Bennett to upload questionnaire to Facebook and website and if possible provide QR code to the Clerk
 - 3. Clerk to print hard copies and place in the Community Centres and if possible place QR code on noticeboards.
 - 4. Cllr. Bennett to write to Cllr. Thornton regarding the ongoing Highways issues in the Parish
 - 5. The Clerk to check the Parish Council account on the portal to see if it is now possible to view all reports within the Parish area
 - 6. Cllr. Bennett to contact Westmorland and Furness and seek clarification on the supply of sandbags
 - 7. Cllr. Bennett to upload Emergency Plan to the website

8. Cllr. Grieve to contact David Newton, Story's to ask if they could place boulders by the pedestrian entrance at Soutergate car park to stop cars parking there.
- e) Deferred and/or Ongoing Actions Review - For tracking postponed or unresolved actions.
 - 1) Cllr. Brereton to raise the continued issue with flooding at Gargreave with Highways
 - 2) Cllr. Bennett to review the Parish Plan.

7. Parish Initiatives and Infrastructure

a) Traffic & Highways:

- 1) Speeding concerns throughout the Village
- 2) Road signage Improvement
- 3) A595 Grizebeck Improvement Scheme
 - i. Milestones
 - ii. Victorian signposts
 - iii. Speed Indicator Devices – A5092
 - iv. Car park at Chapels
- 4) Portal reports and progress.

b) Parish Plan Updates:

- 1) Community Facilities (Cllrs Irving & Rhodes)
- 2) Resilience & Emergency Plan (Cllr Walkden)
- 3) Planning (Cllr Sarson)
- 4) Highways (Cllr Byrne)
- 5) Website & Social Media (Cllr Bennett)
- 6) Footpaths & Cycleways (Cllr Bennett)
- 7) Cumbria Constabulary report (Cllrs Bennett & Walkden)
- 8) Revision of Kirkby Ireleth Parish Plan

8. Current Matters

- a) Cutting back of hedges/verges (by Probation Service)
- b) Road/Wall subsidence – Marshside
- c) Beckside – Road and footpath
- d) Soutergate car park boundary wall
- e) Telegraph poles erected by Fibrus
- f) Westmorland and Furness Lighting Policy
- g) Grass cutting on School Road
- h) Signage at Moorhouse, Beanthwaite Hill
- i) Damaged grass verges – United Utilities
- j) New printer for the Parish Council

9. Statutory Requirements

10. Village Trusts and Associated Matters

- a) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund** – To receive an update
- b) **Kirkby Charities Group** – To receive an update.

11. Finance and Accounts

- a) **Recurring/Routine** - To approve the following regular payments:
 - 1) To approve the Clerk's salary of £281.78 and expenses of £16.88 for January 2026

- 2) To approve the payment of £2.60 being the PAYE for January 2026
- 3) To approve the payment of £24.00 to the Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre for the hire of the hall for the Meeting
- 4) To approve the payment of £2.40 to Hudson Hill Consulting being the monthly payment for the Webroot Antivirus
- 5) To approve the payment of £23.83 to Hudson Hill Consulting being the monthly payment for the Exchange online and Microsoft 365 Business subscription
- 6) To approve the payment of £238.93 to Npower for the period 1st October 2025 to 31st December 2025
- 7) To approve the payment of £45.00 each to 4 residents in relation to the Parish Council's contributions to electricity for streetlights
- 8) Unity Trust Bank monthly bank charge £7.00
- b) **Exceptional Payments**
- c) **Community Infrastructure**
- d) **Finance Subcommittee / Review of Accounts**
 - 1) Review of Accounts
 - 2) To receive a Report from the Finance Sub-Committee regarding the proposed Budget and the Precept for the financial year 2026/27
 - i. To approve the Budget for 2026/27
 - ii. To approve the Precept for 2026/27
 - 3) Quarterly Check of the Accounts – Cllr. Irving to carry out the quarterly check of the accounts and report back and at next meeting

12. Planning

- a) **Applications Received:**
None.
- b) **Planning Notifications:**
 - 1) 2025/2025/HOU Ghyll End Farm – Erection of rear porch – Approved with conditions
- c) **Enforcement**
- d) **Local Plan – Call for sites**
- e) **Proposed development by Holker**

13. Correspondence

- a) Clerks and Councils Direct Magazine

14. Parish Councillors' Reports

15. Details of the next meeting

Date: 19th February 2026

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Grizebeck Community Centre

16. Close of Meeting – To formally conclude the meeting.