

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting Agenda

Date: 19th February 2026

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Grizebeck Community Centre

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) Clerk to raise the need to repaint the give way signs on road at Woodland
 - 2) Cllr. Byrne to request update from Helen Karasalan regarding additional road signage at Beckside
 - 3) Clerk to request an update from Libby Bateman, Hyperfast Networks, regarding the ill-placed siting of the pole on the A595
 - 4) Clerk to seek agreement from Westmorland and Furness regarding next action with regard to 5 streetlights they are adopting back
 - 5) Cllr. Bennett will raise cutting of grass verges with Cllr. Thornton after the next meeting if no response is received from Graeme Wheelhouse before then
 - 6) Cllr. Bennett will place a reminder of the availability of the CIL fund in the Kirkby Caller
 - 7) Clerk to inform Westmorland and Furness of Parish Council Precept for 2026/27

- 8) Cllr. Irving is to carry out the quarterly check of the accounts and report back at the next meeting
- 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

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
 - v. Grizebeck Traffic Regulation Order – Statutory Consultation
- 4) Portal reports and progress.

b) Parish Plan Updates:

- 1) Community Facilities (Cllrs Irving & Rhodes)
- 2) Resilience (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
 - i. Community Survey

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) Soutergate car park boulders at pedestrian entrance
- f) Telegraph poles erected by Fibrus
- g) Westmorland and Furness Lighting Policy
- h) Grass cutting on School Road
- i) Signage at Moorhouse, Beanthwaite Hill
- j) Damaged grass verges – United Utilities
- k) New printer for the Parish Council
- l) Sandbags

9. Statutory Requirements

- a) Councillor Vacancy
- b) Policies
 - 1) To approve the website Accessibility statement
 - 2) To approve the Privacy/GDPR policy
 - 3) To approve the IT/GDPR policy

- 4) To approve the Access Requests policy
- 5) To approve the Complaints policy

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 £396.87 for February 2026
 - 2) To approve the payment of £2.60 being the PAYE for February 2026
 - 3) To approve the payment of £30.00 to Grizebeck 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) Payment of £153.35 to Npower for the period 1st October 2025 to 31st December 2025 (amended invoice)
 - 7) Payment of £12.00 to Kirkby-in-Furness Community Centre for the hire of the hall for the Finance Sub Committee Meeting on Saturday 10th January 2026.
 - 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) Quarterly Check of the Accounts – Cllr. Irving to present report

12. Planning

- a) **Applications Received:**
 - 1) 2026/0087/OPA – Land North-East of Kirkby-in-Furness – outline planning application for the residential development of up to 62 dwellings together with associated infrastructure, open space, landscaping, and drainage works
 - 2) 7/2026/5037 – Beckstones Farm, Grizebeck – partial retrospect approval for development
- b) **Planning Notifications:**
 - 1) 2025/2285/HOU – Barn Owls – Construction of a single storey rear extension - Approved with conditions
- c) **Enforcement**
- d) **Local Plan – Call for sites**

13. Correspondence

- a) Communication from a future resident – regarding storing a caravan at Soutergate car park

14. Parish Councillors' Reports

15. **Details of the next meeting**

Date: 24th March 2026 (fourth Thursday of the month)

Time: 7.00 pm

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