

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 17th January 2008 at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Slinger
Present
Cllrs. H. R. Saunders (Chairman), D. Copley, R. Hartley, F. T. Wayles, J. Sheldon, M. Irving, D. Greenway, M. McPherson, I. Cragg and W. Todd (Part time)
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen
- 2) **Declaration of Interests**
Cllr. M. Irving expressed an interest in Item 6(c).
- 3) **Open Forum**
There were no representations from members of the public
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th December 2007 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**
 - (a) The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
Affordable Housing There was no report from the group, but Dist. Cllr. Curwen expressed the view that there was an urgent need to identify building land, and to ensure this was included in the survey being conducted by SLDC.
Burlington School There was no report.
Community Facility There was no report
Youth Activities There was no report.
Highways Cllr. I. Cragg reported on the recent floods on the A595 at Kirkby Hall Farm, which appeared to be caused by flood waters from the Chaples direction. It was noted that the proposed works to prevent this occurring has still to be programmed by the Highways Authority. Cllr. Cragg further advised of the 'Lengthsman' team who were moving into this area for 4 days clearing drains and other work. Councillors should advise him of work needed, and he will coordinate. He further noted that private drainage clearance work was taking place at Chapels. This was causing some problems since a number of the drains were blocked. The Chairman in thanking Cllr. Cragg for his report, also expressed the whole Councils thanks to Cllr. Cragg for his efforts to ensure pedestrians and motorists safety at the height of the recent floods on the A595.
Litter There was no progress to report, funding is still awaited for the new bins. It was noted that a 'Litter pick' is needed along the A595, something observed as being long overdue by County Cllr. Ian Stewart during his recent visit.
Coastal Flooding. Cllr. Copley informed the Council that Sandside residents had received notification of grants, and that the date for completion of the work had been extended to the 14th March 2008. He noted that Mr. Dominic Scott of SLDC, who had provided so much assistance, was now moving to another job. He expressed the view that a letter of appreciation should be addressed to the Chief Executive of SLDC. There followed a general discussion on portable flood measures. Cllr. Wayles understood that sand bags were no longer available. In reply Cllr. Copley advised that they were available, but SLDC would no longer deliver. There were stocks held at Sandside but these were deteriorating.
Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles informed the Council that he was to call a meeting of coordinators in the near future.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

- (a) CALC Road Show - The Clerk requested that Councillors confirm their attendance at this important training session which was to be held on Monday 11th February.
- (b) The Council were advised by Cllr. Wayles that Mr. Alan Pedley who had carried out minor electrical work on behalf of the Council, was no longer available. It was his intention to approach Mr. Paul New to provide this service. In general discussion of the need for repair to the Marshside street light, the Clerk informed the Council he had been in discussion with United Utilities, who had undertaken to repair the light at no cost.
- (c) The Council considered a letter from the Grizebeck Village Hall Committee, requesting the Parish Council's name appear on an intended planning application. Following discussion, the Clerk was instructed to respond advising the Committee that this would be inappropriate.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

- (a) Soutergate Bus Shelter Cllr. Copley informed the Council that the newly erected shelter had been well received. A decision on lighting had still to be made. The Clerk advised that the grant had been applied for from the Highways Authority. He had also been in communication with Holker Estates, who had advised the lease for the land neared completion.
- (b) Duddon Estuary The Council were informed by Cllr. Cragg of further supportive responses received. It was now the intention to seek the support of MP's for this area.

Hotline Reports The following defects were reported by Cllr. Irving: Numerous potholes on the A595, many of which had been reported before, and a defective cattle grid at the Woodland road junction with the A5092

- (c) Hotline Progress A progress report was tabled by the Clerk for circulation. He noted that only one defect had been cleared in the last 5 months

8) Miscellaneous Matters

- (a) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson gave details of the letter to be sent out to all groups in the area, requesting they submit the details they wished to be included in the pack.

9) Statutory Requirements

The Clerk tabled an amendment to 'Standing Orders' which had arisen as a result of adopting the new Code of Conduct. He requested it be inserted into individual copies of the orders.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There were no reports from the Trust Fund

11) Accounts

- (a) The Council considered a Finance Sub-Committee report tabled by the Clerk. This gave recommendations on the levels of contributions to residents for the electricity costs of providing street lighting from their properties, and of donations to worthy causes within the Parish. The Committee also made recommendations for the level of budget for the year 2008/2009. Following general discussion, the Council were resolved to accept and approve the report in full, and of the recommendations there in. For the year ending 31st March 2008, the individual contribution to residents would be £30 (a total of 7 households), and a total of 11 worthy causes / organisations would receive a donation of £50.
- (b) The monthly financial report for December 2007, amended to reflect the financial sub-committee report, was approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerk's salary of £91 and expenses of £20.99 for the month of January 2008 were approved for payment.

(c) A payment of £35.64 was approved for payment to E.On for electricity supplies during October to December 2007 inclusive.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed by the Council:

LDNPA 7/2007/5736 Heathwaite Farm, Grizebeck

Erection of general purpose building extension

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this proposed development.

The Council noted that the following applications have been '**Granted**':

SL/2007/1112 Methodist Church, Marshside Parking area

SL/2007/1140 Bell Hall Farm, Kirkby Conversion of barn

SL/2007/1220 Swallow Cottage, Sandside Extension of gable end

SL/2007/1277 Low Hall Farm, Kirkby Erection of sign

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

CALC Notification and minutes of Lake District PC meeting
Training booking forms for 'The Effective Council'

CCC Minutes of Neighbourhood Forum meeting
Information on Library Home Delivery Service
Newsletter on Minerals & Waste Development Framework
Highways 'Working Together' magazine
Cumbria Supported Lodgings Scheme

SLDC Adoption of Wind Energy supplementary planning document
LDF annual monitoring report – executive summary.

GOV. E-mail re. Consultation on future of Nuclear Power

Clerks Direct January magazine

NALC January LCR magazine

Commission for Rural Communities Awards 2007

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Reported on the recent sewage problems which had been caused by a fence post damaging pipe work. He also further expanded on the road verge work to be conducted at Soutergate and the Tippins Lane area, this included the installation of kerb edging and the removal of projecting rocks and stones.

Cllr. M. McPherson Reminded the Council of the pending post office closures and implored Councillors to sign the petition or to write personally to our MP.

He reported that a parishioner had asked questions regarding the proposed station car park. Was there a charge, because if so people would not use it ?

Cllr. McPherson further advised the Council on the intended disabled ramp for Beckside Rooms. He understood Bae. were no longer able to provide the structure and it would be necessary to seek a manufacturer elsewhere.

Cllr. McPherson expressed the view that the Council should congratulate itself, particularly Cllr. Copley, over the Bus Shelter at Soutergate. He went on to suggest other things should be done for the parish, and proposed Councillors come to the next meeting with ideas costing circa £1000, which might be implemented in the coming financial year.

Cllr. D. Copley Observed that erosion was occurring on the Soutergate / Sandside coastline. He further observed that United Utilities had been seen discharging effluent into Kirkby pool.

In response to a query on the whereabouts of the 'Welcome to Kirkby' stones, he was advised by Cllr. Todd that the work was to hand.

Cllr. Copley advised the Council that the criteria for Library Van visits was likely to be at least 3 customers at each stop. A decision would be made in April as to where and when.

Cllr. W. Todd Apologised for his lateness and advised the Council that the Cycleways & Pathways group were to seek funding of £1000 which was available from CCC. He requested the Parish Council apply for this grant. The Clerk informed him that such sums of money would require the group to be properly constituted with a named treasurer and a bank account, and when so constituted they could apply for it themselves. Cllr. Todd undertook to talk to his group again.

Cllr. Todd expressed general concern at the blocked drains in High Ghyll which were causing roads and driveways to be washed away.

Cllr. R. Hartley Observed once again that parking in Beckside was becoming a major problem. There had been a further instance of an ambulance being blocked in.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman reviewed deferred agenda items. There were no changes to status.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 21st February 2008, at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

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1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Greenway

Present

Cllrs. H. R. Saunders (Chairman), D. Copley, R. Hartley, F. T. Wayles, J. Sheldon, M. Irving, M. McPherson, I. Cragg, M. Slinger and W. Todd.

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

Two members of the public

2) Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Open Forum

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council:

Mr. A. Moore spoke of his perception that there was still hostility towards aspects of the Parish Plan from within the Council. He believed there was a need to recognise that this document was now in the public domain, and there needed to be a willingness to progress the various actions called for.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Moore for his comments.

4) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th January 2008 were approved and signed.

5) Parish Plan

(a) The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing Cllr. Slinger reported to the Council on the recent call by SLDC and their partners to register available building land within current development boundaries. He advised the Council that there was little or no land within this category at present, but the publication of the 'Local Development Framework' might

provide the chance to re-allocate more land within the Parish. He spoke of his groups intention to seek advice from Furness Building Society on funding.

Burlington School Cllr. McPherson spoke of his conversation with the Head Teacher, and of the intention to use the annual school report as a basis for a report at the APM in May.

Community Facility Cllr. Sheldon reiterated the decision to take no further action until the outcome of the Grizebeck Village Hall rebuild, and the intended new sports hall were known. Cllr. McPherson spoke of the current Grizebeck V.H. business plan which was in circulation, and which he believed had borrowed heavily from the Parish Plan survey in its conclusions. He believed the Council should support this business plan and dispense with the call to provide another Community facility. Both Cllr. Sheldon and Wayles expressed their concerns in any such decision.

Following general discussion on the intended new village hall, the Council was resolved to discuss the matter in more detail when all Councillors had been able to study the Business Plan

Youth Activities There was no report.

Highways The Council were informed by Cllr. Cragg of the work carried out by the highways response team who had been in the Parish for 4 days. They were to return in July. He also informed the Council of a letter received which detailed the road work to be carried out in coming months. The first task to be the relaying of School Road. Cllr. Cragg further advised the Council that the proposed Buckhorn Lane speed restriction had been dismissed by the County Council. They were however, prepared to put up warning signs if the Parish Council funded the installation of the necessary posts

Litter Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised the Council that he was still hopeful of obtaining the promised new litter bins.

Coastal Flooding Cllr. Copley informed the Council that the residents of Sandside had now received the various materials and equipment to make their homes more flood resilient, and a start had been made on installing new flap valves.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles advised that he was still hopeful of calling a meeting of all co-ordinators.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways A report was given by Cllr. Todd, who advised that following the group meeting the previous evening, they were to set themselves up with the necessary constitution, bank account and insurance, so that they may apply for grants. The group would in effect be no longer under the control of the Council, but wished to maintain the present close relationship so that they may work with the Council on such joint ventures as the Beckside Fields footpath. Dist. Cllr. Curwen noted that whilst this path was across Holker Estates land, the path was actually owned by the County Council, to whom he will make representations about its condition. Cllr. Todd also expressed concern about the condition of the Coastal Path Way which was alongside the railway and being eroded by the sea. Dist Cllr. Curwen undertook to advise with whom the matter should be discussed.

6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

The Council discussed in some detail the actions arising from the recent CALC 'Roadshow', and were resolved to implement the following:

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| Portfolios | Councillors will assume various reporting responsibilities and provide verbal reports on matters arising from correspondence. |
| Councillors Surgeries | Councillors will hold surgeries for parishioners. Dates and venues will be determined and announced in the Kirkby Caller. |
| Training | Appropriate training sessions for Councillors will be identified. |

Youth Involvement The need for greater involvement of youth was recognised, but is likely to be influenced by any new facilities provided by the proposed sports hall, and Grizebeck village hall. Consideration will be given to holding surgeries purely for the younger residents.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

(d) Soutergate Bus Shelter The Clerk informed the Council that whilst the draft lease was still awaited, there was a need to clear the land at Soutergate, and perhaps erect signs to advise that the land was now under the control of the Parish Council. Cllr. McPherson advised that the Trust Fund was seeking costs for the clearance of the land. Cllr. Copley spoke of the need for remedial work around the bus shelter area.

The proposal for the Grizebeck shelter was also discussed. The Clerk informed the Council that a site meeting was to be held on March 12th. He also informed the Council that requests for shelters at Chapels and Kirkby Hall had been submitted

(e) Duddon Estuary The Council were informed by Cllr. Cragg of responses received, and of growing interest as witnessed by recent newspaper articles.

(f) Hotline Reports The following were reported by Councillors for inclusion on the Hotline:

The speed warning sign at Herschell Terrace is defective again. A drain lid at Marshside is bouncing off every time traffic go over it. A fire hydrant cover has collapsed outside of Becksides Rooms. A concrete projection to the cattle grid above 'Little Croft' is causing damage to vehicles. It was also noted that the illuminated traffic sign at Dove Bank has been removed.

(g) Hotline Progress The Clerk tabled a progress report but advised the Council it was not up to date because the Hotline Website had been down for some days.

(h) The Chairman gave an overview of his recent inspection of the A595 with Mr. Clive Pickering, who was the Director of Client Services at the time

8) Miscellaneous Matters

(b) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson informed the Council that a letter had gone out to all organisations and groups within the Parish, inviting them to contribute an article towards the pack, and he had received a number of responses to date. The letter also contained an invitation to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

(c) In response to a request for 2008/09 project suggestions, it was proposed additional flower containers be located in the parish, and bus shelters be erected at various locations. It was suggested the flower containers be of a wooden construction rather than the current green plastic material

9) Statutory Requirements

The Clerk informed the Council of a presentation relating to the White Paper, which was available on request. The Council were of the opinion this should be deferred to a later date.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. M. McPherson informed the Council of recent grants made by the Trust Fund :
£1303 to St. Cuthberts Church for a copier and laminator
£3600 to the new Sports Hall organisation for drawing up plans of the building
£ 50 preparation of documentation for the Parish 'Welcome Pack'

11) Accounts

(a) The monthly financial statement for January 2008 was approved for circulation
(b) The Clerk's salary of £91 and expenses £44.27 for the month of February 2008 were approved for payment.

(c) The sum of £75 was approved for payment to Mr. A. Pedley for lighting repairs. The Council noted that this type of work was to be carried out by Mr. Paul New

in the future. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Pedley for the work he has undertaken over the years.

- (d) The Clerk gave advance notice of the annual CALC subscription of £236.50, and magazine subscription of £13.60 for the year 2008/2009, which are payable in April. Both were approved for payment on the due date

12) **Planning**

The following planning notification was reviewed by the Council:

SL/2008/0097 Rose Cottage, High Grizebeck Double garage & shed

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this development, subject to any further comments by residents.

The following planning notifications were also received:

Granted SL/2007/1328 Meadowbank Farm, Chapels
Siting of static caravan (renewal)

Property Re-naming 1-3 Bank End, Grizebeck

To be known as Bank End Cottage, Bank End Barn and Bank End Lodge

13) **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

CALC Circular for February
Consultation & notice of conference
Request for feedback on Area Response Teams
South Lakeland Association- notification of meeting
Correspondence relating to the 'Lengthsman Scheme'

SLDC Standards Committee minutes – For Information only
Overview & Scrutiny Committee request for comments
Notification of 'Parish Charter' launch.

CCC Notification of proposed Highways work in Kirkby
Consultation on replacement of residential care homes

Audit Commission Appointment of external auditor

North West Regional Assembly North West Plan review

Cancer Care Notification & registration for 'Starwalk 2008'

Kirkby Charities Annual report for 2007

Misc. Letters Thanks for donations & contributions

14) **Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Informed the Council that the parking provision at Sandside Station was being revamped by Rail Track. He also advised of drainage work being conducted in the Sandside/Head Cragg area, and of his discussions with landowners relating to the Tippins Lane proposals.

Cllr. M. McPherson Reported to the Council on the damage being done to roadside verges, particularly the most recent at Four Lane Ends, and of his efforts to obtain recompense. He further advised of the need to inform the public of a suspect 'Security Company' operating in this area.

Cllr. M. Slinger Advised that the public should also be warned of 'begging letters' being received by some residents

The Clerk undertook to put out flyers warning of both these activities.

Cllr. W. Todd Expressed his concern at the amount of dog fouling which was taking place on public footpaths, particularly Beckside Fields. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised he should inform SLDC who would prosecute the owners of the dogs if known.

Cllr. R. Hartley Informed the Council of 'fly tipping' taking place alongside the A595 just before 'Muirlands'

Cllr. J. Sheldon Noted that parking problems at Soutergate were made more difficult by the inconsiderate parking of some people. He believed warning notices needed to be displayed.

Cllr. M. Irving Advised the Council that Grizebeck Village Hall business plan was in circulation, and that the planning application was to be considered this coming week. He further advised of a fund raising evening on the 7th March.

Cllr. H. R. Saunders The Chairman informed the Council that the wind turbine company 'Infinity' had requested they be allowed to address the full Council, since their plans impinged on this Parish.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman reviewed deferred agenda items. There were no changes to status.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th March 2008, at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 20th March 2008 at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. H.R. Saunders , I. Cragg & R. Hartley.

Present

D. Greenway, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, J. Sheldon, M. Irving, M. McPherson, M. Slinger and W. Todd.

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

WPc. Janice Forrester

7 members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by Cllr. D. Greenway.

In order that W.Pc. Forrester might continue her duties elsewhere, the Chair invited Councillors to address questions to the Police representative at this point. These questions and responses are recorded within item 7 of the minutes

2) Declaration of Interests

Cllr. M. Irving expressed an interest in item 8 (b)

3) Open Forum

There were no requests to speak from members of the public.

4) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st February 2008 were approved and signed.

5) **Parish Plan**

(a) The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing Cllr. Slinger informed the Council of the meeting held with Furness Building Society to determine levels of funding which might be available.

Burlington School There was no report from the school

Community Facility Cllr. Sheldon advised that there was no further progress.

Youth Activities There was no further progress to report on youth activities

Highways In the absence of Cllr. Cragg there was no report.

Litter Dist. Cllr. Curwen informed the Council that whilst new bins had been promised, he had no idea when they would be supplied. He was also aware a 'litter pick' has been programmed, but was unaware when this might occur. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Chief Executive expressing concern at the delays.

Coastal Flooding Cllr. Copley informed the Council that the pilot scheme had been scheduled to complete on 14th March, but the work was overrunning.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles advised that a date for the coordinators meeting had still to be set.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways The Clerk informed the Council of two letters received from the group, firstly of their desire to organise themselves as a properly constituted team who can obtain their own funding, such as that available from the Parish Paths Initiative. And secondly of their wish to continue working with the Parish Council on such joint ventures as the Beckside Fields pathway. Following general discussion on the requirements of the work being undertaken, it was proposed by Cllr. Copley and seconded by Cllr. Slinger that the group be authorised to operate in the manner proposed, providing the Council received regular reports of meetings, and copies of accounts. All were in agreement with the proposal.

6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

The Clerk informed the Council that from correspondence received, the Chairman Cllr. H. R. Saunders, had identified the need for representation at the forthcoming CALC conference, and of the further need to complete the consultation document associated with the conference subject matter. Cllr. McPherson undertook to carry out these tasks.

7) **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**

Police matters:

Cllr. McPherson expressed his concern to P.C. Forrester about vehicles parking on grass verges and obstructing pathways. He asked there be another 'flyer' campaign warning of prosecution. The Clerk advised he had a number of 'flyers' from the previous campaign. P.C. Forrester undertook to talk to Senior Officers, but took the view another distribution of flyers would be an appropriate response.

Cllr. McPherson also advised of speeding motorists through the village, particularly at 7am and 4.30pm. He requested the Police mobile speed camera unit visit during these times. P.C. Forrester undertook to discuss this with the Traffic Unit.

Cllr. Todd also advised P.C. Forrester of inconsiderate parking at Marshside.

Other matters:

(i) Soutergate Bus Shelter Cllr. Copley spoke of remedial work to the area surrounding the shelter. Cllr. McPherson informed the Council that a quote was being obtained for clearance of the land, the laying of hardcore material, and the erection of a new cattle proof fence. This would be funded by the trust fund. The Clerk advised that a draft lease had been received from representatives of Holker Estates for review by the Council. Cllr. Greenway undertook to have it reviewed by a solicitor.

- (j) Duddon Estuary In the absence of Cllr. Cragg, there was no progress to report.
- (k) Hotline Reports The following was reported by Cllr. Irvine for inclusion on the hotline: Wall knocked down to the east of 'Bank End' junction.
- (l) Hotline Progress The Clerk informed the Council that he was still unable to monitor progress because of problems with web page access. He was in contact with the County Council concerning this matter.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

- (d) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of the very positive response he had received to his letter, but was unsure at present whether he had reached all businesses in the area. He hoped to publish the pack in August, which would be funded by the trust.
- (e) Review of Grizebeck Village Hall Business Plan – The Council meeting was adjourned at **7.50pm** to permit discussion with Mr. Richard Goodson of the Village Hall Committee, on the content of the Business Plan. The meeting was reconvened at **8.10pm**, following which the Council voted to make no decision on the support to the planning application until advice had been sought from CALC.
- (f) There being no further proposals for projects at this meeting, the Council was resolved to make a final decision at its next meeting.

9) Statutory Requirements

There were no report at this meeting

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There was no report at this meeting.

11) Accounts

- (e) The monthly financial statement for February 2008 was approved for circulation.
- (f) The Clerk's salary of £99 and expenses £55.58 for the month of March 2008 were approved for payment.
- (g) The sum of £23.76 was approved for payment to E.ON for electricity supply during January and February 2008
- (h) The sum of £48 was approved for payment to Beckside Rooms Committee for the hire of the hall during January to March inclusive.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed by the Council:

SL/2008/0104 Low Mill House, Beckside Change use of building to workshop.

On the advice of the Planning Authority, no comments are made regarding this proposal until such time as further discussions have taken place with the applicant.

SL/2008/0222 Heather Lee, Askewgate Brow Erection of store/cool room in connection with milk round business.

Whilst the Parish Council has no objections to this proposal, concerns were expressed over the ability of the driveway and drainage system to take the weight of the heavy delivery lorry.

The following were also noted:

Notice of Appeal SL/2007/0925 Cockfish Hall, Sandside

(Post Note – Appeal set for 28th May at Coronation Hall, Ulverston)

Granted LDNP 7/2007/5736 Heathwaite Farm, Grizebeck

SL/2008/0024 Bank House, Sandside

SL/2008/0097 Rose Cottage, 3 High Grizebeck

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

CALC	Circular for March Advance notice of election to LDNPA
CRHT	Update – March newsletter Community Land Trusts
SLDC	Guidance on gifts and hospitality Parish Charter for South Lakeland Response to ‘Letter of Thanks’ re Sandside Flood scheme Agenda for Council meeting – Information only.
CCC	Passenger Transport Guide
GOV. Office NW	Consultation on changes to ‘Spatial Strategy’
Audit Commission	Confirmation of external auditors
Standards Board	March Newsletter
Friends of Lake District	Final publication on ‘Rural Greens Project’
Clerks Direct	Magazine
NALC	LCR Magazine
Haskoning UK Ltd	Advance notice of consultation on Wind Farm
Holker Estates	DRAFT lease for Soutergate land
Petition re Parish Councils	

14) Councillor’s Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Informed the Council that the Duddon Partnership signage relating to the estuary had been erected close to the station. He further advised of drainage problems at Head Crag which were to be resolved by the Environmental Agency. He gave a further update on the proposals for walls and hedges on the Tippins Lane area of the A595.

Cllr. M. McPherson Further reported to the Council on the damage being done to roadside verges within the parish, and of efforts being made to trace the culprits. He spoke of the concerns expressed relating to the varying postal delivery times within the village, and of the bus service timetable in relation to the new ‘free service’ for over 60’s which was not scheduled to commence before 9.30am

Cllr. M. Slinger Expressed concern at buses turning round at Four Lane Ends, and thus missing persons waiting at the bus stop. The Clerk advised that he had written to the bus company about this matter.

Cllr. W. Todd Spoke further on the inconsiderate parking taking place at Marshside, despite the new road markings, which had been well received. He expressed the opinion that the Parish Council should have an information stand at this year’s Gala. He reminded the Council that it was lambing season again, and of the need to keep all dogs on leads at this time.

Cllr. D. Copley Advised of his concern at the erosion occurring at the outfall on the coastal path between Soutergate and Sandside. At high tide the water was now lapping at the railway line. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to provide contact details for Network Rail.

Cllr. M. Irving Advised the Council that the Grizebeck bridleway was flooding again, SLDC had been informed, but he believed it was a County Council matter.

Cllr. D. Greenway noted that the ‘Travellers Choice’ school bus service was stopping at Four Lane Ends, and not at the designated bus stops. She asked that a letter be written to the bus company

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman reviewed deferred agenda items. It was agreed the entry relating to Buckhorn Lane should be removed since the County Council proposed to take no further action.

16) **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 17th April 2008, at 7. 00pm in Becksie Rooms

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Greenway

Present

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, J. Sheldon, M. Irving, M. McPherson, M. Slinger. I Cragg and W. Todd (Part time)

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

2 members of the public

2) **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. M. Irving expressed an interest in item 8 (b)

Cllr. M. McPherson expressed an interest in item 11(c)

3) **Open Forum**

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council:

Mr. L. Richards of Low Mill House, spoke of his planning application, which he believed had been misunderstood. He believed the additional information and letter he had provided to the planning authorities would clarify the intended use of the building in question.

4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th March 2008 were approved and signed.

5) **Parish Plan**

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

There were nil reports from 'Affordable Housing', 'Burlington School', 'Community Facility', 'Youth Activities', 'Coastal Flooding', 'Footpaths & Cycle-ways'

Highways Cllr. Cragg and Dist. Cllr. Curwen reported on the work to A595 and the intended work to Tippins Lane. They further advised on areas where drainage work needed to be done.

Litter Dist. Cllr. Curwen informed the Council of a letter received from the Customer Services Manager, Mr. Moore, which advised that new bins would not be provided, but existing bins would be relocated as required. This was in variance to what had been agreed on-site. The Clerk was instructed to respond in writing, and copy to the Chief Executive, refuting the contents of Mr. Moore's letter.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles informed the Council of a meeting held at which 12 coordinators had attended. An update on crime in the area was given by Mr. Mike Turner, who was to make a further visit and distribute packs to all coordinators. Cllr. Wayles observed that there was still a requirement for a coordinator on School Road.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

Cllr. McPherson gave an overview of the CALC conference he had attended, and of his report which had been distributed. Cllr. Wayles thanked him for attending and providing a very good report.

There were no matters arising from correspondence.

The Clerk informed the Council of the 'Standish Cote' Wind Farm meeting he had attended with Cllr. Copley. It had been anticipated this would be a presentation of the proposal, but in reality had been the setting up of a Liaison Committee between Parish Councils and the Developer.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

(m) Soutergate Bus Shelter The Clerk informed the Council of his understanding of the lease for the land, and of his correspondence with the Holker Estates lawyers. It appeared the original verbal intent to charge a peppercorn rent, with the Council paying the legal fees, had been replaced by an annual rental of £125 which could be increased in future periods, the lease to run for 5 year periods. Following general discussion the Council was resolved to pay the rental but that there could be no increase. The Clerk was instructed to inform the Estate of this decision.

(n) Duddon Estuary Cllr. Cragg advised the Council there was no progress to report.

(o) Hotline Reports The perilous state of the Chestnut trees between Kirkby and Soutergate was reported by Cllr. Wayles for inclusion on the Hotline

(p) Hotline Progress In tabling the progress report, the Clerk advised the Council there had been much inspection but very little clearance of tasks

8) Miscellaneous Matters

(g) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of his intention to hold back publication until the new issue of the Parish Calendar, which would be included in the pack. He envisaged an initial run of 50 copies.

(h) Following receipt of advice from CALC, the Council has reluctantly taken the decision that its name cannot appear on the planning application for Grizebeck Village Hall.

(i) In determining projects for the coming year, the Council was resolved to provide more flower planters, and to increase the number of bus shelters if grants were provided.

(j) The Council considered organisational arrangements and promotion of the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting and Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council to be held on Thursday 15th May

9) Statutory Requirements

There were no report at this meeting

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There was no report at this meeting.

11) Accounts

- (i) The Clerk presented to the Council the year-end accounts for 2007/2008 and gave an overview of income and expenditure. It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson and seconded by Cllr. Wayles that these be accepted. All were in agreement. The Clerk then presented for completion and signature the Audit Commission return for 2007/2008. These were unanimously accepted by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
Cllr. McPherson expressed the Council's thanks to the Clerk for the manner in which the accounts had been maintained and presented.
- (j) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses £29.74 for the month of April 2008 were approved for payment.
- (k) The payment of £10 to CALC for conference fee, and the sum of £52 to Cllr. McPherson for travel expenses to the conference were approved
- (l) The annual subscription of £21 was approved for payment to Cumbria Playing Fields Association, for the year 2008/2009
- (m) The annual insurance payment to 'Allianz' of £539.92 for the year 2008/2009 was approved for payment on the 1st June.
- (n) The Clerk advised the Council of the need to review insurance provisions for bus shelters, street lighting and fidelity guarantee. The Council was resolved to seek quotations for the proposed changes.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed by the Council:

SL/2008/0104 Low Mill House, Beckside Change use of building to workshop.
Following receipt of an additional explanatory letter and plans, the Council has 'No Objections' to this proposal

SL/2008/0303 3 Laburnam Cottages, Kirkby-in-Furness Erection of 2 story extension.

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this proposal

SL/2008/0317 Sunset Cottage, 1 Friars Ground Erection of external rear staircase and landing.

Whilst the Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this proposal, it notes the need for safety rails, and the positioning of the steps in relation to the door.

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

CALC	Circular for April Election to LDNPA – nomination form Election to SL local committee – nomination form Training & Development Events Programme for 2008
SLDC	Letter and leaflet re fraud and corruption Letter re remuneration for Councillors, travel and subsistence Letter regarding litter bins
CCC	Neighbourhood Forum summary of meeting 20/02/08 Resource Cumbria guide and newsletter
LDNPA	Notification of Parish Council tours
Cumbria Community Foundation	Spring Newsletter
Voluntary Action Cumbria	Village of the year competition
Flag	April newsletter
Old Hutton PC	Notification of 'wind Farm' application - for comment
SLCC	Notification of Regional Conference

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of the continuing battle to keep Post Offices open. He further advised of tasks which needed progressing, such as bridge over the railway which needed maintenance, jammed flood valves, car park provision at the station, and the road above Bank House where drains had been cleaned but debris not removed.

Cllr. M. McPherson Noted the perilous state of the signpost at Four Lane Ends, which has previously been reported. He observed that the forthcoming village 'Gala' was an excellent opportunity for Councillors to hold 'surgeries', and promote the work of the Parish Council.

Cllr. I. Cragg Informed the Council of asbestos sheet having been dumped in the vicinity of the station. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to investigate.

Cllr. M. Slinger Asked if progress had been made in appointing an Electrician to fix street lighting, such as that at Beckside which has been defective for some months. Cllr. Wayles advised that we were still looking for someone since Mr. Paul New was unable to carry out the work. He noted there were 2 defective in Grizebeck. The Clerk informed the Council that the defective light at Marshside was to be repaired by United Utilities, when a new lamp and sensor had been obtained.

Cllr. W. Todd Apologised to the Council for his lateness, and advised that whilst there had been no meeting of the pathways group they were still proceeding with the setting up of a bank account. He noted that the road above Bank House had become like glass since all the chippings had worn off.

Cllr. H. R. Saunders The Chairman noted the urgent need to appoint an electrician for lighting repairs. Cllr. Todd undertook to contact someone he knew who might be available to carry out this type of work.

The Chairman also spoke of the need to list jobs that needed to be done by the new 'Highways Steward' so that they could be passed to the Hotline. He also observed that since the accidents at Grizebeck a new road sign had gone up above Beanthwaite, but he believed it to be in the wrong place.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman reviewed deferred agenda items. There were no changes.

16) Date of next meeting

Annual Parish Meeting to be followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

Thursday 15th May 2008 at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council
Held on Thursday 15th May 2008 in Beckside Rooms

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Irving

Present

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Greenway, F. Wayles, D. Copley, R. Hartley, M. Slinger, M. McPherson, J. Sheldon, W. Todd, I. Cragg.

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

5 members of the public

- 2) **Election of Chairman**
It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson, and seconded by Cllr. Wayles that Cllr. Saunders should remain in office. There being no other nominations, Cllr. H. R. Saunders was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 3) **Election of Vice-Chairman**
It was proposed by Cllr. Wayles and seconded by Cllr. McPherson that Cllr. Greenway should remain in office. There being no other nominations, Cllr. D. Greenway was unanimously elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 4) **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**
Declarations were completed by Cllrs. H.R. Saunders and D. Greenway, and witnessed by the Clerk
- 5) **Election of Representatives to other bodies and committees.**
By general agreement of the Council, the Election of Representatives was deferred until a later meeting.
- 6) **Declaration of Interests**
Cllr. W. Todd expressed an interest in item 16(b)
- 7) **Open Forum**
There was no representation from members of the public.
- 8) **Minutes from the previous meeting**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th April 2008 were approved and signed.
- 9) **Parish Plan**
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
Affordable Housing Cllr. M. Slinger informed the Council that until the 'Local Development Framework' was in place, there was little further that could be done. A watching brief was being maintained.
Burlington School The Council was advised by Cllr. McPherson that little credence should be given to the recent reports of the school closing.
Community Facility There was no report
Youth Activities There was no report
Highways Cllr. I. Cragg advised the Council of work that had been completed, and gave details of further intended work
Litter The Clerk advised the Council on the letters he had received concerning the issue of the new litter bins. Further communication was awaited. Dist Cllr. Curwen spoke of his conversation with the Customer Services Manager on this subject.
Coastal Flooding Cllr. D. Copley informed the Council that Contractors had now completed the work, and Sandside residents had received a questionnaire from the Environment Agency.
Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. F. Wayles advised the Council that all areas were now covered by coordinators. E-mail addresses were also held so that they could be contacted on-line.
Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. W. Todd reported that 17 persons had recently attended the formal group start-up meeting, at which officers had been appointed and the constitution agreed. There was now a need for funding.
- 10) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
There were no matters arising from correspondence

The Clerk outlined to the Council his proposals for the attendance of the Parish Council at the Gala on the 5th July. All were in agreement with the arrangements and displays he proposed.

11) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

- (q) Soutergate Bus Shelter The Clerk informed the Council of his correspondence with Holker Estates, in which he had outlined the Council's concern over the length of lease and of the rental payable. The Estate has undertaken to review the lease requirements.
- (r) Duddon Estuary Crossing Cllr. Cragg advised that whilst the matter had been the subject of much discussion, we still awaited support from Barrow Council and other interested parties. He noted the proposal had received much criticism in the local railway group magazine 'Flag'
- (s) Hotline Reports The following reports were noted for inclusion on the 'Hotline' – Report of possible subsidence on A595 adjacent to Chapels turning.
- (t) Hotline Progress The Clerk tabled a progress report for circulation. He noted that there had been only one repair in recent months. He expressed the hope that the new 'Highways Stewards' would pick up the outstanding work, including that from last year's reports.

12) Miscellaneous Matters

- (a) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson advised that preparation was going well. He now intended to include a welcome letter from the Parish Council, and communication from the various churches.
- (b) The Council considered its position on the question of local school closures. Cllr. McPherson observed that this was obviously another attempt by the County Council to stimulate debate, and little credence could be given to the reports of Burlington School closing. Cllr. Slinger remarked that the situation could very well change when the local development framework was published. The Council was resolved to monitor the situation and to express its continued support for the school. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Authority outlining the concerns of the Council.
- (c) In considering the outcome of the CALC conference, a number of Councillors stated they had still to study the reports. By general agreement the matter was therefore deferred until a later date.

13) Statutory Requirements

There were no matters to consider

14) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of the following grants which had been made by the Trust at their recent meeting:

£200	To individuals (2)	£200	Junior Fell Race
£414	Clothing for Choir	£978	Burlington School
£526.40	New grass cutter for church		

15) Accounts

- (d) The monthly financial report was presented by the Clerk and approved for circulation.

- (e) The Clerks salary of £100 and expenses of £49.93 for the month of May 2008 were approved for payment.
- (f) The sum of £200, being the first payment for grass cutting was approved for payment to Mr. D. Cooper.
- (g) The sum of £65 was approved for replacement street lighting equipment purchased by Cllr. Wayles.
- (h) It was noted by the Council that the Marshside street light was now operational. The Clerk was instructed to write to United Utilities requesting payment for the electrical spares provided.

16) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed by the Council:
SL/2008/0343 Garth Nook, Soutergate. Conversion of outbuilding.
 The Council has 'No Objections' to this development.
SL/2008/0447 Quinta, Grizebeck Installation of dormer window.
 The Council has 'No Objections' to this development.

It was noted the following applications have been **Granted** :
SL/2008/0303 3 Laburnam Cottages 2 storey extension
SL/2008/0317 Sunset Cottage External staircase

17) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation to Councillors:

CALC	Circular for May Minutes of meeting 28 th April 'Guide to Planning'
SLDC	Notification of AGM 14 th May Minutes of District Association
Friends of Lake District Councils Direct	Annual Report Magazine for May
NALC	LCR magazine for May

18) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J.Curwen Observed that the recent boundary changes may bring an increase in funding available for local proposals. He urged the Council to reject any plans to overcome Dove Ford problem which involved the use of traffic lights. He considered the original bypass plan drawn up some 10 years ago was the right course of action, and he would be talking to Cllr. Irving on measures to assist him in the proposals for the bypass.

Cllr. D. Copley Informed the Council of the inconsiderate parking taking place at Soutergate, which had once again prevented emergency vehicle access. There was a need for White Line marking in some areas to prevent this, and residents needed reminding to keep access clear. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Police with a view to advising residents.

Cllr. I. Cragg Advised the Council that public seating was being maintained by Mr. George Metcalfe.

Cllr. M. McPherson Informed the Council that the new flower planters would be located at Burlington Close, and at Grizebeck close to the telephone kiosk.

Cllr. W. Todd Informed the Council that the 'Pathways and Cycle-ways' group would be seeking a donation to start-up costs at the next Council meeting. He observed that the residents of Chaples were requesting a flower planter be positioned in the vicinity of the bus stop.

19) Deferred Matters

The Chairman reviewed deferred agenda items. The following changes were agreed:

Removal of the Surgery Light proposal.

A letter to be sent to Mr. Martin Elson requesting action on the Grizebeck bus shelter proposal.

20) Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th June 2008, 7.00pm at Grizebeck Village Hall

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 19th June 2008 at 7.00pm in Grizebeck Village Hall

1) Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence

Present

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, J. Sheldon, M. Irving, M. McPherson, M. Slinger, I Cragg, W. Todd, D. Greenway and R. Hartley.

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

2 members of the public

2) Declaration of Interests

There were no expressions of interest

3) Open Forum

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council:

Mr. Adrian Moore of Grizebeck Service Station gave an explanation of the changes he had proposed to the plan which has been received from the Highways Authority. This related to the proposed bus stop area and traffic routing at Grizebeck. The Chairman advised him that he had received a copy, and it would be discussed later in the meeting.

4) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 15th May 2008 were approved and signed.

5) Parish Plan

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing Cllr. M. Slinger informed the Council that the 'Local Development Plan' was not a good document, but does propose to abolish planning boundaries, which currently are a problem when determining where to build. He proposed to attend the forthcoming forum on Community Land Trusts.

There were 'nil reports' from Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Coastal Flooding and Neighbourhood Watch.

Highways Cllr. I. Cragg advised the Council that we still await a start by the new 'Highways Stewards' who are to carry out the various tasks reported to the Hotline. Commencement of the Tippins Lane work is also awaited.

There followed a general discussion on the need for repairs to sign posts, particularly those at Four Lane Ends and Chaples. The Chairman remarked it was important to ensure the existing ones were refurbished/ repaired, and not merely replaced by a modern style which would be out of character for these locations. Cllr. Cragg undertook to investigate the proposals.

Litter The Clerk reported to the Council on the continuing correspondence relating to the provision of new bins. He advised that the Operations Manager, Mr. Nick Pearson, had requested a site visit to discuss the issues further. Cllr. Slinger and Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to meet with him. Dist. Cllr. Curwen observed that at the proposed locations for the new bins, Sandside Station and Dove Bank, litter was currently being picked up by local residents.

Footpaths and Cycle-ways Cllr W. Todd informed the Council of the progress being made, and of the working party who have commenced clearing footpaths.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

There were no matters arising from correspondence.

The Clerk informed the Council of a further 'Standish Cote' Wind Farm meeting he had attended with Cllr. Copley. Representatives of local residents had been present, and raised many questions relating to the proposed site, and a number of technical questions concerning the equipment and its operation.

The Council were asked to consider a letter from Mr. Chris Pudsey relating to a Parish Council appointee to the trustees of the Kirkby Charities. Mr. K Postlethwaite has expressed a wish to retire as a trustee after many years of service. Cllr. Derek Copley has been proposed to replace him. The Council were mindful of Mr. Postlethwaites many years of service and were resolved to write a letter of thanks. Cllr. Copley accepted the role of trustee and was unanimously elected.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

(u) Soutergate Bus Shelter The Clerk informed the Council of his discussions with Holker Estates concerning the proposed lease. The Estate has recognised the concerns expressed by the Council, and has offered a lease of 15 years duration with a rent of circa £65 per annum. Following general discussion the Council was resolved to accept this offer.

(v) Duddon Estuary Cllr. Cragg informed the Council of his discussions with BNFL, and subsequently with the NDA. He noted that the subject of the crossing was to be discussed at the forthcoming 'Cumbria Vision' meeting.

(w) Hotline Reports The following items were reported for inclusion on the 'Hotline': Cllr. McPherson advised that the footpath sign near the bridge at Soutergate required re-fixing. Cllr. Wayles observed that the electronic 'Slow Down' at Muirlands was defective. Cllrs. Hartley and Sheldon noted that hedgerows required cutting back at Askewgate Brow and between the school and Wallend. It was noted that cutting back is the responsibility of the Land owner. The Clerk was instructed to write to those responsible.

(x) Hotline Progress In tabling the progress report, the Clerk advised the Council there had been no completion of tasks since the last report.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

- (k) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson advised the Council he only awaited the Parish Calendar, and introductory letters from the Parish Council and PCC before going into print.
- (l) The question of the Parish Council response to the recent CALC conference was deferred until a later meeting
- (m) The Council were requested to consider the appointment of a representative to the Community Centre Committee. It was observed that there are 4 Councillors already on the Committee, representing other organisations. The decision was taken to leave this appointment open for further consideration.

9) Statutory Requirements

- (a) The Clerk advised the Council that it had become an annual requirement to notify any personal changes to the 'Register of Financial and Other Interests' As a consequence all Councillors were required to complete a change/no change declaration at the earliest opportunity.
- (b) To elect a Financial Sub-committee for 2008/2009. It was proposed by Cllr. Slinger that the existing 5 members remain in office. There was unanimous agreement to this proposal.
- (c) The Clerk advised the Council of his correspondence with the Standards Authority relating to the need for dispensation for those Councillors who were trustees of the CGP Kirkby Ireleth Trust Fund. It appeared that since trust fund decisions were taken at a separate meeting to that of the Parish Council, then dispensation was not necessary.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. McPherson spoke of his meeting with CGP to review the operation of the trust. He was pleased to report that they considered the trust to be well run, and that it met all the criteria.

11) Accounts

- (o) The Clerk presented to the Council the monthly financial report which was approved for circulation
- (p) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses £58.41 for the month of June 2008 were approved for payment.
- (q) The payment of £103.40 was approved for payment to Mr. G. Metcalfe for repair of public seat
- (r) The payment of £35.64 to E.ON for electricity supply March to May was approved.
- (s) The payment of £585.15 for 2 additional flower planters was approved for payment to 'Plantscape Ltd'
- (t) The Clerk informed the Council of the quotations he had received for the insurance change proposals previously discussed. The Council were resolved to accept the quotation for the Bus Shelters, but declined the increase in premium for 'Fidelity Guarantee'. The Council were also resolved to remove from insurance provision, the 8 street lamps which are currently funded by the Council.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed by the Council:

LDNPA 7/2008/5335 Ellermire Bridge, Grizebeck.

Replacement of overhead cables

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this proposal

The Council noted that the following applications have been **Granted** :

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| SL/2008/0104 | Low Mill House, Beckside | Change of use of building |
| SL/2008/0222 | Heather Lea, Askewgate | Erection of cool room. |
| SL/2008/0447 | Quinta, Grizebeck, | Installation of dormer window. |

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

CALC	Circular for June Appointment of Parish Member to LDNPA
LDNPA	Notification of Local Development Framework Letter re Open Space, Sport & Recreation study
CCC	Letter relating to change of times for local bus service. Neighbourhood Forum minutes, meeting held 13 th May
SLDC	Letter re submission to Parish Remuneration Panel Overview & Scrutiny Committee Report 2007/2008 'Standards Committee Agenda' – For Information only
Cumbria NHS	Consultation on Mental Health Services Consultation event for 'Single Equality Scheme'

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Observed that the flood flaps in the vicinity of the station still awaited attention. He was of the opinion that the footbridge behind the old coop building would need moving because it prevented access to one of the flaps. He noted that improvements to the walls of the A595 at Tippins Lane had been marked out for work. He had also requested rerouting of surface water in this area because the culvert was insufficient. He further informed the Council of Police advice relating to the theft of diesel and petrol, which had become quite rife.

Cllr. M. Slinger Requested a progress report on the employment of an electrician because he believed street lights were still defective. He was advised that Mark Bell of Dalton was carrying out the work, and had been given all the details.

Cllr Slinger further observed that from the notes of the CALC conference it was evident CCC funds were available for a 'Lengthsman' if the Parish Council matched the funding.

Cllr D Copley reported that there had been some vandalism at the Soutergate bus stop, the surrounding fence having been broken. He would repair if the Council funded the costs. This was unanimously agreed. He noted that the sandbags which had been stockpiled for flooding had at last been collected. He further observed that the 'sightline' at Metcalfe's Corner needed attention

Cllr. W. Todd Spoke of the recent flood waters adjacent to Malt Kiln. The heavy rain had damaged the road and washed away a residents driveway. The road has been repaired, but not the resident's drive. He believed it should be paid for.

Cllr. M. McPherson Informed the Council that the new planters would be arriving in the coming week, and would be located at Burlington Close and Grizebeck. They would be planted up by 'Tythe Barn' He wished to publicly record thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Sheldon, Mr. & Mrs Rigg and Mr. & Mrs Dickinson for their continuing care of the existing planters. Cllr. McPherson noted that monies had been received for damage to grass verges. This had been given to the person who had carried out the repairs, who had subsequently given it to charity.

Cllr. J. Sheldon In thanking the Council for its acknowledgement of the care given to the planters, remarked on the excessive amounts of water they require. He further reiterated his concern of the need for brambles to be cut back between the school and Wallend.

Cllr. M. Irving Noted that there was no signage at Four Lane Ends indicating the direction for the Church. He further observed that vehicles picking up and dropping off children from the school always parked on the main road and questioned why they do not use the car park at the rear of the school, accessed via Burlington Close. He was advised that in the past residents had complained about use of this car park because of the number of vehicles and excessive speed. It was also the case that all children use the one entrance at the front of the school.

Cllr. H. R. Saunders Observed that the street light on the corner of the Grizebeck car park was still out, and asked that the electrician be advised.

15) Deferred Matters

In the review of deferred agenda items, a discussion of the proposed changes to the Grizebeck traffic flow and bus stop location took place. The Clerk was instructed to write to the Highways Authority in support of Mr. Moore's proposals.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th July 2008 at 7.00pm in Becksie Rooms

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 17th July 2008 at 7.00pm in Becksie Rooms

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen and the Clerk Mr. R. Morrish.

Present

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, J. Sheldon, M. Irving, M. McPherson, M. Slinger. I Cragg, W. Todd, D. Greenway and R. Hartley.

P.C. Janice Forrester

2 members of the public

Cllr. M. McPherson undertook the duties of the Clerk for this meeting.

2) Declaration of Interests

Cllr. M. Irving expressed an interest in item 11(d)

3) Open Forum

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council:

Mr. Adrian Moore of Grizebeck Service Station informed the Council that statutory notices relating to the proposed traffic order were expected shortly.

4) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th June 2008 were approved, with one minor correction, and signed.

5) Parish Plan

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing Cllr. M. Slinger reported to the Council on the meeting he had attended. Entitled 'Owning Assets', it concerned social housing and the setting up of Housing Co-operatives. The subject matter would be further discussed at the next Affordable Housing team meeting.

There were 'nil reports' from Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Highways, Coastal Flooding and Neighbourhood Watch.

Litter Cllr. Slinger informed the Council of the on-site discussion held with Mr. Nick Pearson, the SLDC Operations Manager, on the provision of additional bins. A bin has been placed outside the Station for a 6 month trial period. It will then be relocated

to Dove Bank. If usage justifies then 2 new bins will be requested from next years budget.

Footpaths and Cycle-ways Cllr W. Todd thanked the Council for the start-up donation of £100, and informed them of the footpath clearance work being undertaken. He also advised that the group had been successful in obtaining a £1000 grant from the CCC 'Pathways Initiative' for work on the Beckside to Soutergate pathway.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

The following matters were noted from correspondence:

- (a) Transforming passenger transport- changes to local bus timetables. It was noted this has caused some problems for local residents.
- (b) LDNP register of 'Open spaces' and recreational facilities. The Council noted all the facilities in this Parish are contained within SLDC areas.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Police Matters Cllr. M. Irving asked PC Forrester if, as a matter of procedure, Police always contact the owners of property damaged when accidents occur. She replied that wherever possible owners are contacted.

PC Forrester was informed of a motor vehicle which is permanently parked in such a manner as to form a restriction at the entrance to Soutergate main street. This may require Police action. Cllr. Slinger undertook to talk to the owner before further action is taken.

Other Matters:

- (y) Soutergate Bus Shelter The Council was informed by Cllr. Copley of the discussions held with Mr. Duncan Peake, the new CEO of Holker Estates, relating to our plans for the land and the perceived difficulties with the lease. He undertook to discuss the matter further with the Rural Property Manager, Mr. Andrew Thomas. Cllr. Copley also advised the Council that he had repaired the damaged fencing surrounding the bus shelter.
- (z) Grizebeck Bus Shelter In discussing the Highways Department proposals, the Council deferred further action until the plans had been approved and published.
- (aa) Duddon Estuary Crossing Cllr. Cragg informed the Council of the interest being shown by the 'West Lakes Renaissance Group' in all aspects of the Estuary. He further advised that the Duddon Estuary Partnership are to place the subject of a crossing into their future agendas.
- (bb) Hotline Reports There were no matters reported for inclusion on the 'Hotline'
- (cc) Hotline Progress The progress report was tabled for circulation.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

- (n) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson informed the Council that the pack will comprise some 50 pages. It is ready for printing and awaits publication of the new Calendar
- (o) BT Proposals In considering the proposals by BT to remove a number of payphones in this Parish, the Council were unanimous in their objections. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter to the Local Authority citing their objections.

9) Statutory Requirements

There were no matters to consider

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

A report was given by Cllr. McPherson on the grants awarded at the July meeting:

Burlington School	£100	Little Acorns	£100
An individual	£250	Woodland Church	£1318.94
Grizebeck Village Hall	£3197	Kirkby Cricket Club	£2500

11) Accounts

- (u) The monthly financial report was presented to the Council and approved for circulation.
- (v) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses £31.93 for the month of July 2008 were approved for payment.
- (w) The sum of £152, being Election Costs, was approved for payment to SLDC.
- (x) The payment of £15 for the hire of Grizebeck Village Hall was approved.
- (y) The Council were informed of , and accepted, the changes to insurance premiums resulting from the recent alterations to cover.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed by the Council:

SL/2008/0644 Bank House, Sandside Single story extension
The Parish Council has no objections to this proposed development.

SL/2008/0645 1 West View, Sandside Two story side extension
Whilst the Parish Council has no objections to this proposal, concerns were expressed on the right of way enjoyed by 2 West View, which is effected by this application.

The Parish Council noted the following application has been **Granted**:
SL/2008/0343 Garth Nook, Soutergate Conversion of outbuilding.

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

LDNPA Local Access Forum Annual Report
SLDC Notification of meeting – Information Only
Code of Conduct – Changes to complaints procedure
Cumbria Police Authority Recruitment of Independent Members
Clerks Direct July magazine
NALC LCR July magazine

14) Councillor's Reports

Cllr. M. Irving Observed that cattle had strayed onto the road at Soutergate due to gates having been left open. He requested the matter be mentioned in the Parish Column of the Kirkby Caller. He also noted that land adjacent to the proposed 'Standish Cote' wind farm has changed hands, and questioned whether this was to allow access to the new wind farm.

Cllr. D. Copley Informed the Council that it has been necessary to call out the SLDC Building Control Officer to inspect work at the rear of the new property at Sandside. Excavations to the banking has undermined the boundary walls of 'Skell Hill'. Cllr Copley also observed that farmyard manure has been dumped adjacent to the road at the area known as the 'Parks' Concern was expressed at the possibility of this being washed in to water ways. Cllr. Saunders undertook to talk to the farmer concerned.

Cllr. W. Todd Noted that dogs were being allowed to roam free on Haverigg Lane, whilst there were farm animals in adjoining fields. He requested this also be brought to the attention of owners by means of the Parish Column in the Caller.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. There were no changes.

16) **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 21st August 2008 at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 21st August 2008 at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

**The Chairman invited all present to stand for a short while, in memory of
Councillor John Sheldon who passed away on the 13th August.**

1) **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

Present

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, M. Irving, M. McPherson, M. Slinger.

I Cragg, W. Todd, D. Greenway and R. Hartley

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

9 members of the public

2) **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

3) **Open Forum**

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council:

Mr. B. Moon of the Wind Farm Residents Group spoke of the manner in which the developer, Infinergy Ltd, was using the existence of the Liaison Group to promote the wind farm. He urged the Council to write a letter of complaint to Infinergy, as other Councils have done.

Mrs. Saunders spoke in opposition to the proposed building of a detached garage at Chapels Farmhouse. She expressed concern at the possible interference with water supply arrangements, and of a septic tank believed to be in the area of the intended garage.

Mr. C. Rigg informed the Council that the owner of the 'Malt Kiln' development had been permitted by the Highways Authority to 'adopt' the public footpath in front of the building, for use as a car park. He expressed concern that pedestrians would now be forced out into the roadway by parked vehicles.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their contribution. He advised that their concerns would be considered, and letters of complaint would be forwarded where appropriate.

4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 17th July 2008 were approved, with one minor correction, and signed.

5) **Parish Plan**

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing Cllr. Mike Slinger informed the Council that Holker Estates were in discussion with SLDC on the provision of affordable homes. He sought permission of the Council to talk to Mr. Duncan Peake, the CEO of Holker Estates, on proposals for this area. The Council were unanimous in agreeing to his request.

There were 'nil reports' from Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Litter and Coastal Flooding.

Highways Cllr. Ian Cragg spoke of the lack of activity by the Highways Dept. in all aspects of road maintenance, including road sweeping and the removal of the 'Ragwort' weed, which is harmful to animals, from verges. He questioned why it is not being done, and observed that these are questions which will come up at the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting.

Neighbourhood Watch Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen requested of Cllr. Wayles that names and addresses of all co-ordinators be forwarded to Mr. Mike Turner, so that they may receive the information pack.

Footpaths and Cycle-ways Cllr. William Todd advised that the group were to meet again this month, and were continuing with their clearance of footpaths.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk informed the Council of letters received which invited attendance at the following meetings: Locality partnership working at Water Yeat, Neighbourhood Forum at Burlington School, Highway Steward at Broughton, and the Infinergy Wind Farm exhibition at Dalton and Ulverston. Councillors confirmed their attendance.

The Clerk also spoke of the letter received from Lindal & Marton PC, complaining about the activities of the Wind Farm developer, and requesting this Council's support. The Clerk advised that the Council will need to determine its position on the proposed wind farm.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

(dd) Soutergate Bus Shelter The Council discussed the comments relating to the revised lease. It was noted that it did not contain a renewal clause. It was also considered that rates might be payable on the land once it came under the control of the Parish Council. The Council was of the opinion it could not formally approve the lease whilst these questions remained. The Clerk was instructed to seek a renewal clause. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to ascertain the position with regard to rates payable.

(ee) Grizebeck Bus Shelter The Chairman advised that the Traffic Regulation Order, and the approved plan had been received.

(ff) Duddon Estuary Crossing Cllr. Cragg further advised the Council of the interest being shown. We now await a response from other groups and organisations.

(gg) Hotline Reports There were no matters reported for inclusion on the 'Hotline'

(hh) Hotline Progress The progress report was tabled for circulation, it was noted there was no progress on the clearance of defects in recent months.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

(p) Parish Welcome Pack Cllr. McPherson presented to the Council the completed pack. He apologised for the delay but advised there had been a lot of work involved. He distributed 3 copies to each Councillor and requested they distribute them as and when new residents move into the Parish. He would hold the master copy. A notice would be placed in the 'Caller' relating to the pack.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Council and residents of the Parish, thanked Cllr. McPherson for his efforts in producing the pack.

9) Statutory Requirements

The Clerk advised the Council that as a result of the death of Cllr. Sheldon, it was necessary to display a 'Notice of Vacancy' in the coming weeks. Should 10 electors

so request, within the stipulated period, then an election would take place. If there was no election, then the Council would need to seek a candidate for co-option.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There was no report from the fund. The next meeting is scheduled for September.

11) Accounts

(z) The monthly financial report for July 2008 was presented to the Council and approved for circulation.

(aa) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses £23.03 for the month of August 2008 were approved for payment.

(bb) The sum of £200.00 was approved for payment to Mr. David Cooper. This being the second payment for grass cutting.

The Parish Council, on behalf of all the residents, would like to record its thanks to Mr. Cooper for the excellent work carried out in maintaining the verges.

(cc) It was proposed a donation be given in memory of Cllr. John Sheldon.

The Council were unanimous in approving a sum of £25 to be donated at the Memorial service.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed by the Council:

SL/2008/0775 Chapels Farmhouse, Chapels Erection of detached garage.

The Parish Council took note of the comments raised by residents and will respond accordingly to the Planning Authority

SL/2008/0787 Barn at Low Mill House, Beckside Rebuild as traditional barn

The Parish Council has received a number of concerns relating to this proposal and will advise the Planning Authority.

The Parish Council noted the following application has been **Granted**:

SL/2008/00644 Bank House, Sandside Single story extension

The Parish Council noted the following appeal decisions relating to **Cockfish Hall, Sandside.**

SL/2007/1085 Variation of Enforcement Notice

SL/2007/0925 Appeal dismissed

The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to write to the Planning Authorities expressing their concern that the public footpath, which is the forecourt of the **Malt Kiln, Grizebeck**, is to be utilised by the developer as a car park.

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

CALC Circular for July & August
SL Allotments survey
Dist. Comm. notification of next meeting, minutes & agenda.
Direct elections to LDNPA – Defra consultation
Seminar with external Auditors

SLDC Letter re. Managing Radioactive Waste safely.
Notification of Standards Committee meeting – Info. only

CCC Letter re. Radioactive Waste.
Cumbria Highways 'Working together' magazine
Strategic Waste Partnership annual review

	Residential Care Homes replacement, consultation report.
LNPA	Letter re. World Heritage Project.
Carlisle City Council	Sustainable Communities workshops
Cumbria Police Authority	Community Consultation survey
VAC	Notification of Community planning workshops
FLAG	August newsletter

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist Cllr. Jos Curwen Urged the Council to promote the new 'Crimestoppers' telephone no. 01768 8217298, because a lot of crime was going unreported. He further spoke on the need for both the Duddon Estuary Crossing and improvements to the A595. He expressed the opinion we would not get both, but he will continue to lobby for both. He noted the increase in accidents around Grizebeck and urged that the County Council be pressurised for improvements to the roads.

Cllr. D. Copley Requested information on the change of name of Beckside Rooms to Kirkby Village Hall. He was informed the new Vicar has intentions to change the name. Concern was expressed that this might have an adverse effect on future requests for grants for the proposed new Community facility.

Cllr. Copley also requested information as to where bus passes may be obtained. He was advised by the Chairman that these are obtainable at the Coronation Hall, Ulverston. Proof of identity was needed.

Cllr. F. Wayles Spoke of a new initiative in the provision of rural transport.

Cllr. M. Slinger Informed the Council that he had spoken to the person whose vehicle obstructs the entrance to Soutergate, and had persuaded him to move it nearer the road edge. Cllr. Slinger expressed the view that perhaps a speed hump was needed at this point. Cllr. Slinger observed that the roadside Chestnut trees, between Soutergate and Kirkby, were dying and perhaps deceased. He was informed that the County Council were aware of the situation.

Cllr. M. McPherson Spoke of the proposed wind farm, and of the actions of the developer 'Infenergy', whom he believed was using the liaison group to promote its aims. He believed it needed to be clearly stated that Councils and residents groups should not be used in this manner. He urged that a letter of objection be sent.

By a majority vote the Council agreed that a letter should be sent to 'Infenergy' by the Clerk.

Cllr. W. Todd Informed the Council that in recent hedge cutting, the debris was not picked up and was now blocking drains. He observed that on the road up to Beckside, hedges had not been cut back and were now obscuring road signs. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to resolve the matter.

Cllr. Todd spoke further of the dying Chestnut trees and questioned whether they should be replanted. He also advised the Council on the continuing comments that the Community Centre toilets should be opened during the day.

Cllr. M. Irving Observed that a new telegraph pole had appeared at the entrance to 'Foul Bridge' and questioned whether planning permission had been obtained.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. It was considered that the White Paper monitoring exercise should be discontinued and this item removed. It was noted that drawings are in progress for the changes needed to Beckside Rooms access. Cllr. Cragg advised that the proposed drainage works in the vicinity of Kirkby Hall have been downgraded and are no longer a priority.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th October 2008 at 7.00pm in Beckside Rooms

There is no meeting in September

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 16th October 2008 at 7.00pm in Becksie Rooms

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Irving and Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

Present

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, M. McPherson, M. Slinger, I Cragg, W. Todd, D. Greenway and R. Hartley

PC 896 John Baldwin

3 members of the public

2) **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

3) **Open Forum**

The Chairman invited members of the public to address the Council:

Mrs. Saunders spoke of the public footpath between Head Crag and Bell Hall. She advised that a hole had been created in the hedge close to the stile, presumably for people to allow their dogs through. Sheep had escaped through this hole. She also noted that weed killer was being used and questioned who had carried out this work. Cllr. Derek Copley undertook to investigate and let his findings be known to the Footpaths Group.

Mr Moore of Grizebeck Service Station spoke of a meeting to discuss the proposed Traffic Order. This had been adjourned because of the absence of County Councillor Oliver Pearson. He requested the Council contact Cllr. Pearson and ensure he was present at the reconvened meeting on 11th November. The Clerk was instructed to contact Cllr. Pearson regarding this matter.

Mrs. Noble requested further information on the promised Neighbourhood Watch Information packs, and when they were to be received. Cllr. Wayles informed her of a mix-up in e-mails to Mr. Mike Turner. This had now been resolved and Mr. Turner was in possession of the correct addresses.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their contribution.

4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 21st August 2008 were approved and signed.

5) **Parish Plan**

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing Cllr. Mike Slinger informed the Council of his meeting with the representative of Holker Estates, and of the discussions which took place relating to the provision of affordable homes. He also advised the Council of disagreements within his group relating to the use of housing trusts.

Burlington School Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of a school report which had been generated by the pupils themselves, a copy of which would be included in the correspondence pack, and also delivered with the 'Caller'

Highways Cllr. Ian Cragg advised there was little to report. Cllr. Todd reported that road sweeping had been taking place in the vicinity of Friars Ground, and he was

aware that grass and hedge cutting had also been taking place, but the standard of work was very poor.

Neighbourhood Watch As reported in 'Open Forum'

Footpaths and Cycle-ways Cllr. William Todd spoke of the problems arising because of the fencing being installed by the farmer alongside the Beckside Fields footpath. Cllr. McPherson further expanded on these problems and advised of a number of complaints received relating to the farmer's actions.

There were 'nil reports' from Community Facility, Youth Activities, Litter and Coastal Flooding.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

- (a) The Clerk informed the Council of letters received from both residents and the LDNP Planning Authority relating to the pathway in front of 'Malt Kiln' Grizebeck, and the likely loss of this pathway if parking was permitted on the forecourt of the Malt Kiln. The Council expressed its concern over this matter and instructed the Clerk to contact the Highways Department and ascertain their understanding of the situation.
- (b) The Council were advised that in response to a letter of complaint, an apology has been received from 'Infenergy' over the use of the Council's name in promotional literature for the proposed Wind Farm. The apology was accompanied by an invitation to visit a similar wind farm. Cllr. Mike Slinger undertook to represent the Council at this visit.
- (c) The Clerk gave an overview of the situation relating to the Haulage License application which has been made for operations at Bell Hall Farm. The Council, in general discussion, was of the view that a Public Inquiry would be held, and would therefore, await developments before taking any further action.
- (d) The Clerk informed the Council of e-mails received from Dr. G. Dellow of Ulverston, who sought support from Councils in his campaign to make the Highways Department more responsive. The Clerk was instructed to respond in support of this campaign.
- (e) Cllr. Mike McPherson tabled a report on the meeting he had attended at Water Yeat concerning 'Locality Working'. This relates to the provision for Parish Councils to work together in the obtaining and improvement of local services.
- (f) Cllr. Ian Cragg provided an overview of the services to be carried out by the new Highways Steward who had recently been introduced at a 'start-up' meeting held at Broughton
- (g) The Clerk informed the Council of information received relating to joint LDNPA / CALC training sessions, and invited the Council to consider attending.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Police Constable 896 John Baldwin was welcomed to his first meeting of the Council, and invited by the Chairman to address those present. PC Baldwin gave an overview of his duties, and the area for which he is responsible. He was informed by Cllr. McPherson of the problem of speeding on the A595, which has been exacerbated by an electronic speed limit sign which has been defective since February. Cllr. Wayles introduced himself as the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator and advised PC Baldwin of 'cold calling' which was taking place in this area. PC Baldwin gave details of how he may be contacted, and urged residents to make contact if they have concerns.

- (ii) Southergate Bus Shelter Correspondence with Holker Estates was presented by the Clerk. He outlined the contents of the letters and advised that the Estate wished the Council to clearly state their requirements for the proposed lease. In general discussion the Council formulated a response and instructed the Clerk to communicate these requirements to the Estate.

On the matter of rates being payable for the proposed car park, the Clerk advised the Council that he had sought advice and was able to report that rates were not applicable.

- (jj) Grizebeck Bus Shelter The Council noted there was no further progress whilst awaiting the outcome of Traffic Regulation order, as detailed in 'Open Forum'
- (kk) Duddon Estuary Crossing There was no further report on this item
- (ll) Hotline Reports Cllr. Hartley spoke of the overhanging hedgerow between shop and church, and of the brambles projecting through the wire fence on Askewgate Brow. These had caused injury to passing children
- (mm) Hotline Progress The Clerk advised the Council that once again, he had been unable to track faults 'on-line' and was awaiting a written report on outstanding defects. He was of the opinion that little had changed.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

The Council were advised of a letter received, inviting representation on the 'Duddon Estuary Partnership'. The Council were resolved to provide representatives and instructed the Clerk to respond to the invitation.

9) Statutory Requirements

- (a) The Clerk informed the Council that there having been no call for an election to fill the vacancy in Middle Quarter Ward, it would be necessary to co-opt. There were 2 candidates for consideration. The Chairman invited Councillors to consider these candidates, and deferred the vote until the next Council meeting.
- (b) The Chairman invited volunteers for the vacant post on the Finance Sub-Committee. Cllr. Hartley undertook to fill this vacancy and was duly appointed by unanimous vote.
- (c) The Clerk advised the Council that under the 'Freedom of Information Act' they were required to formally adopt the 'Model Publication Scheme' before the end of this year. The Chairman requested that all the relevant information be circulated for review by the Council, with the aim of formally adopting at the November meeting.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. M. McPherson informed the Council of recent grants awarded by the Trust: Burlington School £300 for 'Tina's Club' start-up costs, and the provision of waterproof clothing. Kirkby Bowling Club £100 for new jacks. An individual £100 for educational purposes. St Cuthbert's PCC £891.48 for production of 'Caller' and 'Calendar'.

St. Cuthbert's PCC £1000 for the 'Celebration Weekend'. St Cuthbert's PCC £3000 towards Church sound system. Community Centre £5250 for refurbishment of children's play area.

11) Accounts

- (dd) The financial report for August and September 2008 was presented to the Council and approved for circulation.
- (ee) The Clerk's salary of £200 and expenses of £84.06 for the months of September and October 2008 were approved for payment.
- (ff) The sum of £20, for travelling expenses to a District Association meeting, was approved for payment to Cllr. M. Slinger
- (gg) The sum of £159 was approved for payment of electrical repairs to Mr. Mark Bell.
- (hh) The payment of £47.52 for electricity supply June to September inc. to E.ON, was approved
- (ii) The payment of £141 to BDO Stoy Hayward for audit services was approved retrospectively.
- (jj) The sum of £200 for grass cutting was approved for payment to Mr. D. Cooper, this being the third and final payment.

- (kk) The sum of £16.50 was approved for payment to Royal British Legion for provision of a Remembrance Day wreath.
- (ll) The 2007/2008 Audit Report by BDO Stoy Hayward was received and approved. There were no comments.
- (mm) A meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee was set for Saturday 1st November, to determine the precept for 2009/2010

12) Planning

The following planning application was reviewed by the Council:

LDNPA 7/2008/5545 Chapel House, Woodland

Erect single garage extension to north elevation

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application

The following notifications were received:

SL/2008/0960 Bell Hall Farm, Head Crag

Notification of appeal against enforcement notice.

Property Naming

Flats 1 & 2 Dove Bank House

To be known as 1 & 2 'The Old Byre'

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was received for circulation:

- CALC** October Circular / Notification of AGM
Employing a Parish Steward
Notification of 'Model Publication Scheme'
District Association – Notification of meeting & minutes of AGM
- CCC** Neighbourhood Forum minutes of meeting
Cumbria Youth Support – September issue
- GOV.** Communities & Local Government – Consultation on byelaws
Standards Board – September newsletter.
Notice of publication – Regional Strategy Plan
- SLDC** Code of Conduct Training
Review of Recycling Bank facilities
Grounds Maintenance contract – consultation

14) Councillor's Reports

Cllr. F. Wayles Informed the Council of work to be carried out on the Children's playground at the Community Centre. He expressed an opinion that the Council should purchase 2 Remembrance Day wreaths, one for the church service and one for the quarry service. It was considered this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Cllr. M. Slinger Spoke of the proposed speed hump for Soutergate main street entrance. He had spoken to Tony Beattie of Highways Department concerning this matter.

Cllr. M. McPherson Informed the Council that Becksie Rooms would now be known as Kirkby Village Hall, as from the 1st November. He advised of an inspection visit relating to a grant application for the necessary upgrade to meet the 'Disability Act' requirements. We have been requested to provide plans of the intended changes.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. It was noted that the 'Tippins Lane' proposals were now unlikely to take place.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th November 2008 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting Held on Thursday 20th November 2008 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. W. Todd
Present
Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, M. McPherson, M. Slinger. I Cragg,
M. Irving, D. Greenway and R. Hartley
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen
PC 896 John Baldwin
CPC 5252 Louise Perry
- 2) **Declaration of Interests**
Cllr. M. Irving expressed an interest in Item 5
- 3) **Open Forum**
There were no members of the public present.
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th October 2008 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
Burlington School Cllr. McPherson informed the Council that the children's 'School Newsletter' had been distributed, and was to be issued quarterly.
Highways Cllr. Ian Cragg advised that patching of highways had been taking place in various areas.
Litter The Council were informed that the 'trial' bin at the station had been seen to be overflowing on a number of occasions. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Street Care Manager and advise him of the situation
Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. F. Wayles advised that an insufficient number of brochures had been received for distribution. He has also requested a supply of window stickers.

There were 'nil reports' from Affordable Housing, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Coastal Flooding and Footpaths Group.
- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
An overview of correspondence received, and comments raised by Councillors, was given by the Clerk. He stressed the importance of representation at the various meetings notified in the correspondence.
Cllr. McPherson advised the Council of a company who would undertake the renovation of cast iron sign posts. He believed this was preferable to the Highways Authority style of replacement post. It was noted that the Authority had indicated additional funding would be required from the Council if we wished to have the old posts renovated. Following general discussion the Council took the view that renovation prices should be obtained from such companies.
- 7) **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**
Police Constable 896 John Baldwin introduced his colleague Community Police Officer Louise Perry to the Council. He outlined her duties and advised she was based in Dalton. He also informed the Council of PC Carruthers, who whom he shared responsibility for this area. Together with PC Carruthers he had recently been

carrying out speed checks on motorists, a number of whom had been warned. He noted no change in crime patterns for the area. Crime remained very low. In response to a request from the Clerk, he undertook to assist in getting the electronic speed signs repaired.

(nn) Southergate Bus Shelter Further correspondence with Holker Estates was presented by the Clerk. He outlined the contents of the letters and advised that the Estate wished the Council to pay the legal fees in full on signing of the lease. The Chairman expressed his concern at spending such sums of money for the land at Southergate. Cllr. Copley urged the Council to continue with the project, which would link in with the footpaths proposal for this area. The Council voted to continue with the project and instructed the Clerk to seek a repayment period for the legal fees, from Holker Estates. Concern was also expressed as to where funding might be obtained both for the ground work and fees. Dist Cllr. Curwen advised seeking advice from Mr. Jack Jones at SLDC. The possibility of a Section 137 funding from precept was also discussed.

On the matter of responsibility for repairs to the stone wall at the Southergate site, the Clerk informed the Council that it had been inspected by the Highways Engineer, who had confirmed it was not a road supporting wall, and was therefore not their concern. Repairs would have to be carried out by an approved company and funded by the landowner or tenant.

(oo) Grizebeck Bus Shelter The Council were advised that information from the recent meeting on the Traffic Order was still awaited

(pp) Duddon Estuary Crossing There was no further progress to report on this item

(qq) Hotline Reports There was a report of defective street lighting on School Road adjacent to Burlington Crescent. It was also noted that former 'orange' street lighting, when defective, was being replaced with white lights. There had been a number of complaints since the white light, being brighter, shone into homes

(rr) Hotline Progress The current task list was presented by the Clerk. He noted there had been very little progress in recent months.

8) **Miscellaneous Matters**

Further correspondence relating to the Malt Kiln development was presented. A letter has been received from Mr. Nick Raymond of the Highways Department which confirms that the public pathway must be maintained across the forecourt of the property. Whilst pedestrians may have to negotiate around parked vehicles, under no circumstances must they be forced out into the roadway.

The Parish Council is of the opinion this arrangement is unworkable, and as a consequence, pedestrians may be forced to step out into the road to pass parked vehicles. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised that he is working to overcome the problem. A complaint has been submitted by local residents to the Planning Ombudsman relating to this matter.

9) **Statutory Requirements**

(d) To consider a candidate for co-option as Councillor for Middle Ward. The Council were asked to consider 2 candidates, and after due deliberation, voted by majority to invite Mr. Allan C. Anderson of Marshside to join the Council.

(e) The Council were asked to consider a resolution that, 'Under the Freedom of Information Act the Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council formally adopt the Model Publication Scheme'

Following deliberation on the requirements of the Act, the Council was unanimously resolved to adopt the publication scheme. It was noted that the

information published may be found on the Councils website, or by application to the Parish Clerk.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. M. McPherson informed the Council that there had been no meeting of the fund this month. He drew the Councils attention to the work being carried out on the Community Centre children's playground, this was an excellent example of the trust fund monies being used for the benefit of residents.

11) Accounts

(nn) The financial report for October 2008 was presented to the Council and approved for circulation.

(oo) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses of £27.63 for the month of November 2008 were approved for payment.

(pp) Following explanation of the work carried out, the sum of £302.47 was approved for payment to Mr. Mark Bell, for electrical lighting repairs.

(qq) The Council were asked to consider the purchase, annually, of 2 wreaths for Remembrance Day services. By majority vote this was approved.

(rr) A report from the Finance Sub-Committee was presented by the Clerk, who gave an overview of the likely budget for 2009/2010 and of the precept requirements for that year. Following general discussion on the budget, the Council were resolved to set an increase in precept from £4996 to £5246.

(ss) The Council were asked to consider a request for donation from the Citizens Advice Bureau. This request was deferred until annual donations are determined at the end of the financial year.

12) Planning

The following notification has been received:

SL/2008/0899 Mountain View, Askewgate Gate Granted

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

CALC	Circular for November Annual Report Notification of District Association meeting - 27 th November Consultation of draft charter with LDNPA. Letter re. Planning Consultation Procedures Notification of grants available for Village & Community Halls
GOV.	Consultation on Codes of Conduct for Local Authorities.
CCC	Passenger Transport Guide Nov. 08 to April 09
Clerks & Councils	November 'Direct' magazine
NALC	November magazine

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Advised the Council that Pension payments were to be available at the Post Office for at least a further 5 Years, and he urged local people to come back to using the Post Office rather than banks.

He gave an account of matters he is currently involved in, particularly a bid to get more road sweeping and clearance of railway culverts. He was asked by Cllr. Copley to include minor roads in his bid for improved sweeping. Cllr. Hartley advised him that blocked gullies were becoming a problem.

Cllr. D. Copley Spoke of the white lines on moor roads which are in need of repainting, and requested Cllr. Curwen include this on his action list. He observed that after spraying and cutting, grass verges were being left and debris not cleared up. He gave a report on the Duddon Estuary Partnership AGM he had attended with Cllr. Hartley. There had been a very good talk on the proposed 'Regional Park'. He advised he would be attending again as the Councils representative.

Cllr. M. Irving Gave an update on the Grizebeck Village Hall plans, and then spoke of his concerns relating to the Footpaths & Cycle-ways Group. He believes they are taking actions without consulting landowners. He was aware they have spoken to 'Natural England' about a proposed new footpath over his land, but the group has not consulted him first. The Chairman undertook to discuss the issue with Cllr. Todd, who is the Council representative on the group.

Cllr. H. R. Saunders Noted once again there are problems with the postal delivery service. The Clerk undertook to make inquiries.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. There were no changes to status.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th December 2008 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 18th December 2008 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr. Allan Craig Anderson as the new co-opted Councillor for the Middle Quarter Ward.

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. W. Todd and R. Hartley

Present

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, M. McPherson, M. Slinger, I Cragg, M. Irving, D. Greenway and C. Anderson
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

2) Declaration of Interests

Cllr. M. Irving expressed an interest in Item 8

3) Open Forum

There were no members of the public present.

4) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 20th November 2008 were approved and signed.

5) Parish Plan

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing Cllr. Slinger spoke of the seminar he had attended relating to the Local Development Framework – Allocation of Building Land report. He spoke of the short comings of the report, and of the apparent lack of knowledge by the consultants, who were unable to answer basic questions on numbers of housing stock and residents. Dist. Cllr. Curwen expressed surprise at these comments, since this information was readily available.

Burlington School Whilst there was little to report, Cllr. McPherson noted that the recent school play had been very well attended and received.

Highways The lack of road sweeping was of concern to Cllr. Cragg. He noted that whilst major roads had been swept, the majority of minor roads had not, despite his request. The Chairman noted that 'Metcalf's Corner' was again in need of attention, both from sight line problems, and of water running across the road turning to ice.

Dist Cllr. Curwen undertook to speak to Highways Engineers about these matters. Cllr. Copley advised the Council of potholes on the road at Muirlands, and also expressed his concern that the road at Sandside was not being gritted.

Litter The Clerk informed the Council of correspondence with Mr. Nick Pearson, the 'Street Care Manager' relating to the emptying of the bin at the railway station.

Coastal Flooding Cllr. Copley spoke of the Emergency Plan which had been produced for Sandside. He gave a brief outline of the plan which allocated Wardens to the four sectors of Sandside, whose role was to coordinate emergency action when floods occurred. A copy of the plan would be circulated in the correspondence pack for all Councillors to read.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles advised that window stickers and additional information packs were still awaited.

Footpaths & Cycleways In the absence of Cllr. Todd, the Chairman invited Cllr. Anderson to speak on the Groups work, of which he is a member. Cllr. Anderson gave an overview of the groups activities to date, the current work being carried out, and of their plans for the immediate future.

There were Nil reports from 'Youth Activities' and 'Community Facility'

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

An overview of correspondence received was given by the Clerk. He noted that a letter had been received from Coniston PC inviting closer cooperation between councils rather than the intended 'Locality Working' favoured by SLDC.

The Clerk informed the Council of a notice of 'Intended Road Closure' received. This related to the Woodland road at its junction with the A5092, which was to be closed for 2 weeks in February 2009 for replacement of a cattle grid.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

(a) Soutergate Bus Shelter & Car Park

(i) The Clerk outlined further e-mail correspondence with Holker Estates. He advised that the Estate were unable to allow the repayment of legal fees by instalment, but had reduced the required annual rent to £25. The Clerk then informed the Council of the projected budget requirements to meet the fees, anticipated to be in the order of £2000. He expressed the opinion this sum of money could be met from reserve funds, but he would continue to seek alternative sources from grants and loans which may be available. There followed a general discussion on how the project should be funded. By majority, the Council expressed its determination to complete the project, but would seek grants and further estimates before authorising work.

(ii) The Council were asked to consider a resolution that '*The Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council enter into a lease arrangement with the Holker Estates Company for land at Soutergate. Such lease to be for a period of 25 years at a rent of £25 per annum*' The Council were resolved by majority to enter into such an agreement.

(b) Additional Bus Shelters

The Council were informed by the Clerk of an offer from the Highways Department, Mr. Martin Elson, to provide a grant during this financial year, for additional bus shelters. This would require the Council to fund the purchase of the shelters and preparation of the bases, following which a grant would be received to cover the total cost up to a value of £3700. Initial estimates has put the total costs at £2500 to erect a shelter at Chaples, and one at Marshside. The design would be as previously purchased.

In general discussion the Council were mindful that this offer was unlikely to be repeated for some years, and therefore they should accept if initial funding could be found. There followed a review of funds available and where a short term loan might be obtained if necessary. It was recognised that a cash flow problem could arise in attempting to purchase the shelters, and pay the legal fees requirement of the Soutergate Project. The Council were resolved to accept the offer of a grant and seek a short term loan for purchase of the shelters.

(c) Grizebeck Bus Shelter

The Council were informed by the Clerk that the plan has been agreed for the traffic rearrangements, and Mr. Elson was to issue the work order shortly. It was intended the task would be completed this financial year, and would include erection of the bus shelter.

(d) Duddon Estuary Crossing

Cllr. Cragg informed the Council there had been no further developments. It was proposed this item be placed on the deferred agenda list. All were in favour.

(e) Hotline Reports

Cllr. Copley advised of potholes on the A595 in the area of Muirlands. Cllr. Greenway advised that the road surface was breaking up between 'Little Croft' and the first cattle grid. The Chairman, Cllr. Saunders, observed that road works were being done up to the Parish Boundary and then stopping. He asked that a letter be sent to the Highways Engineer, Mr. Nick Raymond, to question this action.

(f) Hotline Progress

The Clerk in presenting the progress report, stated that he was still in some difficulty in tracking progress online, and believed there may be a computer problem.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

The Council were asked to consider a request from Mr. Richard Goodson of the Grizebeck Village Hall committee, that the Parish Council put its name to the planning application for the new hall. In this way monies could be saved since the Council enjoys reduced fees for applications.

The Clerk informed the Council of the advice received from CALC on this matter. Whilst not illegal it would prevent the Council from reviewing the application in the normal manner, and would set a precedent which other groups may attempt to exploit. For this reason it was not recommended.

Dist. Cllr. Curwen expressed the view that community groups such as the hall committee, whilst not directly associated with the Parish Council, are working on behalf of the local residents and should in this instance be afforded the reduced rates. He undertook to speak to the Planning Authority regarding this and similar applications.

The Council were resolved to await the outcome of that discussion before making a decision.

9) Statutory Requirements

Nil report

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Nil report

11) Accounts

(tt) The financial report for November 2008 was presented to the Council and approved for circulation.

(uu) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses of £31.21 for the month of December 2008 were approved for payment.

(vv) The payment of £43.20 being travel expenses, were approved for payment to Cllr. M. Slinger, for attendance at District Association and Planning course

meetings. The Chairman expressed the thanks of all present for Cllr. Slinger's attendance as representative of the Council at these meetings.

12) **Planning**

The following planning notifications were reviewed:

SL/2008/1126 Bell Hall Farm

Widening of vehicular access at junction with A595.

The Parish Council has a number of concerns relating to this application, and will advise the Planning Authority as such. It cannot support this application.

LDNP 7/2008/5545 Chapel House, Woodland

Garage extension to north elevation

The Parish Council notes this application has been **GRANTED**

13) **Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

CALC	Circular for December & January Training events programme, Jan to June 2009 District Association minutes & notes on meeting
SLDC	Remuneration, travelling & subsistence allowances. Local Development Framework – Allocation of land. Letter re Parish Summits
CCC	Neighbourhood Forum minutes. CYSS November newsletter Highways & 'recycle' newsletters
GOV.	Response to petition.
Friends of LDNP.	November newsletter.
Duddon E.P.	Minutes of November meeting
FLAG	December newsletter
NALC	LCR January magazine

14) **Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Observed that persons who need to obtain or renew bus passes can get the photograph taken at the Coronation Hall, Ulverston. He further expressed his surprise at the comments made by Cllr. Slinger on the perceived lack of knowledge at the LDF meeting, and undertook to investigate. On the question of road sweeping of minor roads, he noted that some had not been done for more than 10 years. Money had been put into the budget for this, but it required the County Council to clear away road side vegetation before sweeping could be effective.

Cllr. D. Copley Informed the Council of estuary maps he had received from the Duddon Estuary Partnership.

Cllr. M. Irving Noted that the CGP car park light was still not operating. He was advised by the Clerk that we awaited United Utilities to reconnect following replacement of the light by Mr. Bell. Cllr. Irving also advised the Council that letters of complaint should be submitted by the residents of Grizebeck whose postal delivery system was intermittent. He further advised of information circulating which concerned the Greyhound Public House, and the possibility of it having local community involvement.

Cllr. M. McPherson Spoke of the many collections in the area, and in particular the Christmas draw where monies collected were to be divided between the Oncology appeal and the local brownies. He believed this demonstrated a very generous level of goodwill within the community. He advised of re-organisation of the parish website.

Cllr. H. R. Saunders The Chairman noted that funds had been allocated for the A595 more than 10 years ago, but we still awaited improvements. He asked who we needed to contact to raise the profile of the Dove Farm bye-pass. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised him that it needed someone at County level to champion this proposal, but at present there is no-one. He undertook to continue his efforts in promoting this much needed improvement.

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. Whilst there were no changes to status, he noted the Duddon Estuary crossing proposal was to be added.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 15th January 2009 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall