

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 August 2009 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. H.R. Saunders, County Cllr. C. Salisbury and PC J. Baldwin

Present

Cllrs. F. T. Wayles, D. Greenway, D. Copley, I. Cragg, M. McPherson, C. Anderson, W. Todd, M. Irving and M. Slinger

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

Mr. M. Jackson

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. D. Greenway.

2) **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

3) **Open Forum**

There were no representations to the Council

4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2009 were approved and signed.

5) **Parish Plan**

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
Highways Cllr. Cragg informed the Council that the roadside trees between Soutergate and Kirkby were to be inspected by the Highways Department, Mr. Graeme Wheelhouse, who it is hoped will advise on the course of action to take. It was also intended to seek his advise on the self routing trees which have sprung up in the verges of Sandside Lane. Cllr. Cragg also spoke of the work being carried out by the Lengthsman, and of the inspection being made of the A595 at Muirlands in preparation for road repairs.

Litter Dist. Cllr. Curwen informed the Council that problems have arisen with obtaining a litter bin for Dove Bank, and he would not be able to give an answer until the next meeting. He noted that the bin at Grizebeck was being emptied.

Neighbourhood Watch The Council were advised by Cllr. Wayles that whilst there was little to report on group activities, he was aware of another incident of car tyre slashing outside the old co-op building at Sandside. The Police have been informed of what appears to be a vendetta against the owner of the vehicle.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. Anderson gave an update on the Group's activities on the 'Incline' and at 'Friars Ground'. Cllr. Cragg advised on the activities of the new tenants of Gill Beck Farm, who were intent on diverting the Public Footpath away from the house. He also spoke of the guard dogs owned by the tenants, and believed a sign should be erected warning of the dogs. Dist. Cllr. Curwen said he had been made aware of the situation from people using the footpath. He would be looking in to it.

There were Nil reports from Affordable Housing, Youth Activities, Community Facility, Burlington School and Coastal Flooding.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk informed the Council of matters arising and correspondence received. These included a letter from Holker Estates relating to the proposed memorial seat on Kirkby Moor, and to discussions held with the tenant of 'the Barn', Becksides, relating to the excavation work on land surrounding the public seat. The deeds show the land is owned by the tenant and is to be reinstated on completion of other work. He is happy for the seat to remain on his land.

The Clerk also gave a report from County Cllr. Claire Salisbury, who was unable to attend the meeting. Her report referred to the Grizebeck footpaths funding she was involved in, and to capital availability for playground equipment.

Cllr. Irving expressed his views on the proposed changes to the new traffic arrangements at Grizebeck service station. In discussion with Dist. Cllr. Curwen on these proposals he stated that Councillors should have an input into the final decision making.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Soutergate Car Park

The Clerk advised that whilst there had been no further communication from the preferred Contractor, 'Marsh Plant Hire & Contracting Ltd', there was a need to place a formal order and to obtain funding before the work could be started. Cllr. Wayles advised that in his discussion with Mr. Marsh it had been agreed that should costs of the work be less than anticipated, then there would be a reduction in the price quoted. Cllr. McPherson proposed, and the Council were in unanimous agreement, that the contract should be awarded to Marsh Ltd. The Clerk was instructed to write to the contractor awarding him the contract subject to funding being obtained from the Trust.

Hotline Reports

Cllr. Irving observed that there was a need for tree cutting-out in the Grizebeck area, and on exiting left out of the service station a large bush obscured the view of on-coming traffic. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised that 'cutting-out' was scheduled to take place at Grizebeck Brow and near the service station.

Hotline Progress

A progress report was tabled by the Clerk, who noted that whilst there had been a status change on some reports, there was little progress on clearance of defects.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

It was agreed by all present that there would be no representation at the LDNP Tours event in September.

In response to the letter regarding the closure of 'The Church of the Good Shepherd' at Grizebeck, the Clerk was instructed to inform the Authorities that the Parish Council had no objections.

9) Statutory Requirements

The Clerk informed the Council that he had attempted to contact both prospective candidates for the position of Councillor to the Lower Quarter Ward. One had chosen not to respond, and therefore Mr. Michael Jackson, who was present at this meeting, was to be considered for co-option.

The Council were unanimous in their decision to co-opt Mr. Jackson, and he was invited to complete the statutory 'Declaration of Acceptance' witnessed by the Clerk.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of the recent awards made by the Trust Fund:

£50	Little Acorns	For ‘Teddy Bears Picnic’	
£230	Community Centre	For Gala evening entertainment	
£200	Burlington School	Sets of wet weather clothing	
£250	Individual	for educational purposes	
£518	Footpaths & Cycleways Group	Insurance for volunteers and production of ‘walks’ brochure.	
£330	Footpaths & Cycleways Group	Petrol brush cutter and strimmer	

11) Accounts

- (a) The monthly financial report for July 2009 was presented by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerks salary of £110 and expenses of £49.13 for August 2009 were approved for payment.
- (c) The sum of £315 was approved for payment to Mr. D. Penellum for construction of the bus shelter base at Grizebeck
- (d) The sum of £141.07 was approved for payment to G. Barker & Sons for repairs to the bus shelter at Marshside.
- (e) The sum of £35.64 was approved for payment to E.On for electricity supplies May to July inclusive.
- (f) The second payment of £210 to Mr. D. Cooper for grass cutting was approved.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed:

SL/2009/0602 50 Burlington Close

Change of use of adjoining land to form domestic curtilage.

The Parish Council has ‘No Objections’ to this application

SL/2009/0618 Burlington Slate New signage to main entrance.

The Parish Council has ‘No Objections’ to this application

SL/2009/0701 Ship Inn, Sandside Erection of a Barbecue Hut

Whilst the Parish Council has no objections to this application, it notes the concerns expressed by local residents on the likelihood of nuisance smells emanating from repeated use of this facility. These concerns will be notified to the Planning Authority.

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

CALC	Training prospectus
	District Association minutes – notification of next meeting
SLDC	CIEP – notification of event
	Gambling Act 2005 – Review of policy statement
CCC	Neighbourhood Forum summary of minutes
	Youth Support Services – September newsletter
	Recycle Review
LDNP	Advance notice of consultation on LDF
	Local Access Forum – Annual report
GOV.	Consultation on submitted draft North West Plan.

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of his concerns and the inquiries he was making in relation to drains at Marshside. He has also requested that 'drop-kerbs' be installed at Malt Kiln to aid pushchair and wheelchair users. He reminded the Council that ideas and comments were required for the station décor. In response to a question from Cllr. Irving on the wall at Beggars Stile, he undertook to make further inquiries.

Cllr. M. Slinger Informed the Council that refurbishment of the Four Lane Ends signpost would be completed shortly. Because of the difficulties he had experienced he was making inquiries as to the whereabouts of the sign making machinery that formally was held at the Malt Kiln depot.

Cllr. M. McPherson Inquired if there had been any further contact with the Evening Mail regarding the proposed web page for this community. He requested the Clerk make contact with Jonathan Lee, the Editor, and set up a meeting for all interested parties.

Cllr. McPherson advised the Council that there was repeated use of the motor cycle practise track at Soutergate. The original agreement permitted use one day per week. It was now the case that it was being used 3 or 4 days a week.

Cllr. McPherson observed that street furniture and signage was in poor condition, and suggested they be further examined with a view to replacement, using the Trust Fund to finance purchase. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised SLDC will provide street name plaques free of charge. The Council were resolved to draw up a list of requirements for the next meeting.

Cllr. D. Copley Spoke of the noise nuisance caused by an articulated lorry parking in the lay bye at Dove Bank. This vehicle has previously parked at Malt Kiln where it had caused problems, and before that in front of the service station. In general discussion on the issue, the Council was resolved to seek advice from PC John Baldwin on what were the Council's rights in this matter.

Cllr. Copley also noted that the sight line at Metcalfes Corner was once again obscured by high grass. Dist Cllr. Curwen stated it has been reported and the Lengthsman will take care of it.

Cllr. M. Irving advised the Council that it has been necessary to re-submit the planning application for the Grizebeck Village Hall rebuild because of changes to the entrance and pedestrian access.

15) Deferred Matters

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

16) Date of next meeting

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