

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Jackson, D. Copley and I. Cragg.  
**Present**  
Cllrs. H. R. Saunders, C. Anderson, W. Todd, M. Irving, M. Slinger, F. T. Wayles, M. McPherson and D. Greenway  
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen  
County Cllr. Claire Salisbury  
Police Sgt. Stuart Flett
- 2) **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declarations of interest
- 3) **Open Forum**  
There were no members of the public present.
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**  
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:  
Affordable Homes Cllr. Slinger spoke of the inquiries he had made relating to empty properties in the Parish. He has been advised by SLDC that there are 26 properties which are classed as empty. The owners have been contacted, and to date 21 have responded. He noted that grants are available for refurbishment if the properties are brought back into use for 'letting out'  
  
Litter The Clerk advised the Council that he was now in correspondence with 'Northern Rail' over the provision of a litterbin at the railway station. There had been no further word from the Street Care Manager in relation to a bin for Dove Bank  
  
Footpaths & Cycle-ways The Council were advised of the change of date for the meeting to be held at Burlington School, in relation to the proposal for a dual footpath/cycleway between Soutergate and Chapels. County Cllr. Claire Salisbury informed the Council that funding was available for the feasibility study  
  
There were Nil reports from, Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Highways, Neighbourhood Watch and Coastal Flooding.
- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**  
The Council were informed by the Clerk of a number of items of correspondence which related to consultation dates on Government initiatives, and to the proposed tree planting to be undertaken by the Army Cadet Force. Cllr. McPherson undertook to liaise on the choice of tree planting locations.

- 7) **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**  
Police Sgt. Stuart Flett thanked the Council for the opportunity to address the meeting, and provided an update on local matters. He spoke of the ongoing speed monitoring in this area, and of the efforts to catch persons involved in poaching. This has become a serious problem with over 50% of one red deer herd gone in recent months, some carcasses from which were found in Ulverston. To date 3 poachers have been caught and face prosecution. Sgt. Flett spoke of the DNA profiling of deer which has been developed, and which will prove a useful aid in both catching and deterring potential poachers. In response to a questions from Cllr. Irving on sheep rustling and transportation during darkness hours, Sgt. Flett advised there had been no reports but he would pass the information on to PC Baldwin the ‘Wildlife Crime Officer’  
Southergate Car Park The Council were advised by the Clerk that due to the inclement weather there had been no further progress. A response from Mr. Masser of the Highways Department on the subject of a bus pull-in was still awaited  
A595 Improvements ‘Drop-in’ meeting. The Clerk informed the Council that the report was still awaited. C. Cllr. Claire Salisbury advised that she was to meet with Mr. Masser on the 11<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the issues, and the release of the report. The Council were resolved to defer the issue of the A595 until such time as the report was received. In response to a comment from Cllr. Wayles that repairs by Contractors were not being done properly, Cllr. Salisbury advised of a pilot study on the feasibility of ‘hot’ repairs to potholes in future.  
Support for dual footpath & cycleway The Council were resolved to defer this matter until after the revised meeting date of 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
Hotline Reports There were a number of reports from Councillors on highways defects to be included on the Hotline, in addition to road signage which was damaged or down  
Hotline Progress The Clerk noted that whilst all defects reported were identified, problems with the ‘online’ reporting system once more meant that the status shown was not up to date.
- 8) **Miscellaneous Matters**  
There were no matters arising.
- 9) **Statutory Requirements**  
There were no matters to consider.
- 10) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**  
There were no further reports from the Trust Fund
- 11) **Accounts**  
(a) The monthly financial report for December was presented by the Clerk and approved for circulation.  
(b) The Clerks salary of £110 and expenses of £31.16 for January 2010 were approved for payment.  
(c) The sum of £10 being subscription to FLAG for 2010 was approved for payment  
(d) In response to a proposal that a donation be made to the victims of flooding, the Council considered that with its limited resources such a donation would not be appropriate.  
(e) The Clerk advised of a donation request from the British Red Cross for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The Council considered that this too would be inappropriate given the current resources situation.

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**Planning**

The following Planning Applications were reviewed:

**SL/2009/1111 Longlands Caravan Park** Additional 38 caravan pitches.

The Parish Council noted the many comments received, and expressed its own concerns on the size of the intended expansion, the ability of the Marshside sewage plant to handle such an increase, and the general effects on nearby residents. The Council was resolved to write to the Planning Authority stating its objections to this proposal.

**SL/2009/1136 Burlington Slate** Conversion of offices to showroom.

The Parish Council has 'No Objection' to this application.

**SL/2009/1145 Rose Cottage, Grizebeck** 2 story extension and storm porch

The Parish Council has 'No Objection' to this application.

**SL/2009/0732 Headgate Cottage, Soutergate** **Granted**

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**Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

**SLDC** District Association minutes & notification of meeting

**CCC** Duddon Estuary Partnership, minutes of Kirksanton meeting.

ACT – The Gazette Winter 2009

**LDNP** LDF Core strategy submission

**Friends of Lake District** Overhead Wires Newsletter

**Clerks & Councils DIRECT** Magazine January 2010

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**Councillor's Reports**

County Cllr. Claire Salisbury Spoke of the Infrastructure Capital needed for flood repairs, some £25M, most of which will be recovered from Central Government. She also detailed the 'Civil Contingency Act' which is under review and likely to include Town and Parish Councils. It will be necessary for the Parish Council to have an 'Emergency Planning Pack', a model of which will be obtainable from the District Council. She noted that an Emergency Planning Officer was to talk on the subject at the next Neighbourhood Forum meeting.

Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen Reported on his conversation with Marshside residents. He had advised them that the flooding would not have occurred if the requested road sweeping and drain clearance had taken place. He placed the blame on the Highways Department and District Council, and believed such a statement was necessary in the light of difficulties which may be experienced with Insurance claims by residents. He noted the Marshside Pumping station was running to capacity and expressed his support to the Council in its objections to the proposed expansion of Longlands.

Cllr. Curwen spoke further on the monies allocated previously for the upkeep of the A595 and the A5092, monies which had been transferred by the County Council for use elsewhere. He believed a letter to the Highways Minister was required demanding to know why this had been allowed, and insisting the monies be made available. He further advised on the 'Malt Kiln' planning application and stated the land to the front of the building was definitely not owned by the applicant.

Cllr. H.R. Saunders Observed that the Kirkby Hall drainage scheme had still not been implemented, and asked why. Cllr. Salisbury stated that it was to be undertaken at the same time as road resurfacing, scheduled to commence in March, which she would confirm.

Cllr. C. Anderson Spoke of the letter he had received from local residents, who were clearly upset at the recent flooding, and partially blamed the removal of the curb stones at the Methodist Church. Cllr. Curwen informed the Council that he was getting the curb stones replaced. Cllr. Anderson was advised to talk to the Methodist church on the matter.

Cllr. W. Todd observed that the grit bins in the Parish still required filling. The Clerk informed him that it had been reported. Cllr. Salisbury requested she be informed if they were not filled within the week.

**15) Deferred Matters**

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

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish  
Clerk to the Council

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### **Present**

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

Police Constable John Baldwin

- 2) **Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr. M. Slinger declared an interest in items 11 (c) and (e)  
Cllr. F. T. Wayles declared an interest in item 11 (e)

- 3) **Open Forum**  
There were no members of the public present.

- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 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 of the recent visit by Graeme Wheelhouse to review and discuss the proposed drainage measures to overcome the flooding at Kirkby Hall and Marshside. This work was to take place in March. He also spoke of the work to fill pot-holes being conducted by the Lengthsman. In general discussion the Council expressed the need for much more drainage and gully clearance, and were concerned that known problems such as Beckside were not programmed as yet.  
Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles advised the Council of 'cold-calling' taking place, particularly to elderly residents  
Footpaths & Cycle-ways A review of the Groups work was given by Cllr. Anderson. This included agreement with the tenant farmer to scrape off the Beckfields path. He also noted that the County Council were working on the Dove Bank / Marshside footpath. Cllr. Anderson also advised of the Parish Paths Initiative, monies from which would be used to replace stiles by gates at a number of locations within the Parish.

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

- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**  
The Clerk detailed correspondence received. These included an invitation to attend the 'Gala', and a reminder of the 'Code of Conduct' training for Councillors.

Cllr. McPherson spoke of the tree planting to be conducted by the Army Cadet Force. He requested that Councillors advise him of any proposals as to where they might be planted.

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

Police PC John Baldwin informed the Council there had been no notable crime within the Parish in the last month. He believed there was a possible trend in the theft of heating oil. Speed monitoring had been quite productive with a number of prosecutions pending. Cllr. Wayles asked if he was aware of an increase in cold-calling. PC Baldwin said he was not aware and requested he be advised of further incidences. Cllr. Irving observed that sheep rustling was on the increase, PC Baldwin informed him that they were aware. Cllr Irving also informed him of large vehicles using the Bank End road to avoid Grizebeck. Cllr. McPherson requested the Police attempt to catch the motor-cyclist who speeds through the village.

Soutergate Car Park Cllr. Wayles spoke of his telephone conversation with the Contractors, who had apologised for the recent lack of progress. They advise of a source of hard-core material at a very competitive rate. Councillors expressed concern that this might be costs over and above that agreed, and requested Cllr. Wayles inform Marsh Ltd. that any additional costs over and above the agreed price for Phase 1 of the project, must be approved by the Council before expenditure. The Clerk informed the Council of the letter received from the Highways Department relating to the proposed bus pull-in. Our plan was under consideration as to viability.

A595 Improvements 'Drop-in' meeting. In the absence of the formal report by the Highways Department, this matter was deferred to a later date.

Support for dual footpath & cycleway An overview of the meeting at Burlington School was given by Cllr. Anderson. The Council were agreed that support for this project cannot be decided until the results of the feasibility study are known.

Hotline Reports There were no reports for inclusion on the hotline.

Hotline Progress An updated report was presented by the Clerk for distribution.

**8) Miscellaneous Matters**

There were no matters arising.

**9) Statutory Requirements**

There were no matters to consider.

**10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

There were no further reports from the Trust Fund

**11) Accounts**

(f) The monthly financial report for January 2010 was presented by the Clerk and approved for circulation.

(g) The Clerks salary of £110 and expenses of £32.90 for February 2010 were approved for payment.

(h) The sum of £12, being travel expenses to the LAP meeting, were approved for payment to Cllr. M. Slinger.

(i) The sum of £35.64 was approved for payment to E'ON, being electricity costs for the months of November to January inclusive.

(j) The Council were resolved to make a contribution to electricity costs of street lighting in 2009/10, in the sum of £30 each to the 7 properties involved. It was further agreed that the amount to one property should be divided between the former and present resident.

(k) The Council were resolved to call a Finance Sub-Committee meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> February, to finalise the budget for 2010/11

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Applications were reviewed:

**SL/2010/0003 'Glencragg', Sandside** Rear single story extension

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application

The following were also noted:

SL/2009/0856	'Malt Kiln' Grizebeck	Refused
SL/2009/1136	Burlington Slate	Granted
SL/2009/1145	Rose Cottage, Grizebeck	Granted

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

<b>CALC</b>	February circular Submission to National Parks consultation Spring Training programme
<b>District Association</b>	Notification of meeting & minutes of previous meeting. Renewable energy seminar
<b>SLDC</b>	Parish remuneration panel report Request to review 'DRAFT' procedure Notification of meeting INFO ONLY
<b>CCC</b>	Neighbourhood Forum Agenda for 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010
<b>Friends of Lake District</b>	February newsletter
<b>Duddon Estuary Partnership</b>	Submission to Nuclear Power Generation

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen Spoke of the Renewable Energy Seminar at which it was stated a number of wind turbines were to be replaced. He also advised from that meeting that the Environmental Agency will not permit water from becks to be used for power generation.

Dist. Cllr. Curwen further advised on the School Road pot-holes and the deterioration to the surface which had only been laid within the last 2 years. He had advised the Highways Department to pursue the Contractor for the repairs.

He further spoke of an inspection visit to be made to this area by Mr. Laurence Conway, a senior member of the District Council.

Cllr. M. Irving Provided the Council with an up-date on the Greyhound Public House. An offer to purchase has been received from the present Manager, but there has been an alternative bid from a group of local residents.

Cllr. C. Anderson Observed that many of the grit bins had still not been refilled. The Clerk undertook to advise the authorities on this requirement. Cllr. Anderson spoke further on the Marshside Floods, and of the need for the curb stones to be replaced outside the Methodist Church. He has written to the Church and they are considering the issue.

Cllr. Anderson also expressed concern at residents dogs running free to the rear of Marsh Garth, which were very intimidating

Cllr. M. McPherson Spoke of the need for replacement name signage on a number of roads and streets within Kirkby. A list was given to the Clerk who will attempt to obtain replacements from the Highways Department

Cllr. M. Slinger Gave an overview of the recent LAP meeting, and of the issues deemed to be important.

**15) Deferred Matters**

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

**16) Date of next meeting**

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**Present**

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

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

County Cllr. Claire Salisbury

Police Constable John Baldwin

Two members of the Public

Chairman of the meeting was Cllr. F. T. Wayles

- 2) **Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr. M. Irving expressed an interest in item 7 (b)

- 3) **Open Forum**  
The Chairman invited members of the Public to address the Council:  
Ms. Christine Adams informed the Council of a Heavy Goods vehicle which was parking in front of the 'Malt Kiln', particularly at night, despite the white line now marking the road edge and footway. This was blocking the footway forcing pedestrians out into the road. PC John Baldwin undertook to investigate the matter. Dist. Cllr. Curwen spoke further on the Malt Kiln proposal, and advised that new plans were being submitted by the owner. He believed however, that these did not address the problem of the sewage treatment plant. It was still the case that its proposed location contravened the regulations by being too close to the adjoining property.

County Cllr. Salisbury informed the Council that with the extension of the footway to the front of Malt Kiln, dropped curbs would be inserted. She also explained the matter of land control and ownership in relation to this building

- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 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 District Association meeting he had attended, at which there had been a presentation on the subject of 'Choice Lettings'. He had obtained a number of leaflets for inclusion with the correspondence pack.  
Highways Cllr. Cragg gave an update to the Council on the road and drainage works currently taking place. He advised that many new drains were being installed in an attempt to cure the Kirkby Hall and Marshside flooding. These would feed in to the soak-away and beck. He however, had reservations since the state of the soak-away was not to be checked. County Cllr. Salisbury stated that the Highways Department were determined that the work being carried out would cure the flooding problems. They were resolved to carry out further work if this was not the case. There followed a general discussion on road and drainage problems, particularly relating to Beckside.

Litter The Council were advised by the Clerk that there had been no further progress in obtaining a bin from 'Northern Rail' He had however, provided contact information to Jenny Wain, as requested. It was reported that 'fly-tipping' is occurring in the unofficial lay-by on the A595 to the north of 'Muirlands'. Dist. Cllr. Curwen asked that a letter be written to Mr. Laurence Conway reporting this matter.

Coastal Flooding Dist. Cllr. Curwen spoke of the meeting he had attended, at which had been discussed the use of the tidal estuary for power generation. 3 options had been discussed, Walney, Sandscale and Askam. It had been recognised that methods of closure would be necessary to prevent flooding of Sandside. The Duddon Estuary Partnership are involved in these discussions.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles observed there was nothing further to report. In response to a question, he advised there were now 14 coordinators for this area.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways In reviewing the group's work, Cllr. Anderson advised of further new gates being installed, together with new 'way marker' posts. Cllr. Irving informed him that a footpath sign at Chapels was damaged. County Cllr. Salisbury advised that the feasibility study for the proposed cycle-way should be available within 2 to 3 weeks.

There were Nil reports from Burlington School, Community Facility and Youth Activities,

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

The Clerk informed the Council of correspondence received. These included a letter from the Methodist Church advising of their intention to re-install curb stones to the front parking area; notification of a consultation on winter maintenance; information sought on the use of the Soutergate car park to form part of the proposed cycle-way, and acknowledgement of our request for replacement street name signage.

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

Police PC John Baldwin informed the Council of his regret in making a previous statement of no notable crime. Since that time, there had been 2 break-ins to vehicles at Burlington Slate, a large quantity of diesel stolen from Grizebeck Filling station, a break-in at the Moorland Stores and a robbery at Angleton Hall Farm. Inquiries are continuing, and they await the outcome of forensic evidence collected.

Soutergate Car Park Cllr. Wayles spoke of his conversation with the Contractor, who had apologised for the lack of recent progress. It the Contractors intention to continue work in the coming weeks, and he further advised of the use of slate chippings which would be necessary. The Council reiterated its requirement that any increase in price must be approved before work is carried out. Cllr. Wayles undertook to have further discussions with him on this subject.

Cllr. Slinger expressed the need for a method of width restriction at the entrance, to prevent caravans and commercial vehicles entering the parking area. Following general discussion it was decided to erect posts as a width restriction, but to issue keys to the padlocked gate for those residents of Soutergate who have campervans, so that they may park there.

The Clerk advised of the requirement to make repairs to the wall which borders the parking area. A number of Contractors were named from whom quotes will be obtained.

A595 Improvements 'Drop-in' meeting County Cllr. Salisbury gave an overview of the current Highways Department work load, much of it relating to the aftermath of the flooding. This had delayed any reporting of the A595 meeting. She further advised that in any proposals or plans arising from the meeting, funding will be a problem. She thought that a better response on funding might be obtained if it was a Community Group who put forward the proposals, since the funding would need to come from other sources.

Cllr. McPherson spoke of the route action study put forward to Clive Pickering in the 1990's. He further advised that the level of maintenance and attention is determined by the accident rate. Since the level of accidents has been deemed to be relatively low, possibly because the road being so bad people tend to be more cautious, then it gets less attention, and as a consequence, is in a much worse state. Similar reasons account for the lack of data on this road. Cllr. Slinger expressed his belief that without the data we cannot agree the priorities and determine a way forward. He was of the opinion, the list of comments from the meeting was of little use in forming a plan for the way forward.

Cllr. Wayles proposed that a group be set up to discuss the list and determine the objectives. All were in favour. The group will consist of Cllrs McPherson, Slinger, Saunders, Cragg and Wayles.

Hotline Reports There were no reports for inclusion on the hotline.

Hotline Progress An updated report was presented by the Clerk for distribution. Cllr Irving spoke of a previous hotline item at Grizebeck. A road wall was down as a result of an accident and the owner of the property below has been told by the Highways Department that the repair is his responsibility. This would entail scaffolding being erected to a height of circa 13 feet. County Cllr. Salisbury undertook to obtain clarification of this statement by Highways.

**8) Miscellaneous Matters**

The Clerk presented to the Council an amended contract from BT, for the purchase of the Soutergate phone box. The Council were resolved to accept the contract.

**9) Statutory Requirements**

The Clerk reported on the recent Neighbourhood Forum meeting, at which was discussed the need for an emergency plan. It is highly likely that from 2011 onwards, all Councils, including Parish Councils, will by law, be required to have an 'Emergency Plan'. Cllr. McPherson stated that such a plan for this Parish had been compiled many years ago, but the whereabouts of copies was unknown. Following discussion it was agreed that information relating to this requirement, available from the SLDC & CCC web pages, should be forwarded to all Councillors for possible discussion at the next meeting.

**10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

There were no further reports from the Trust Fund

**11) Accounts**

- (l) The monthly financial report for February 2010 was presented by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (m) The report from the Finance Sub-Committee and the recommendation for the 2010/2011 budget, having been previously distributed to all Councillors, was further updated by the Finance Officer. Following discussion, the Council was resolved to accept the recommendations and adopt the proposed budget.
- (n) The payment of donations to worthy causes, being £50 to each of the ten recipients, was approved for payment.
- (o) The Clerks salary of £90 and expenses of £29.49 for March 2010 were approved for payment.
- (p) The payment of £25 being Soutergate Land rental for 2010/11 due to Holker Estates, was approved
- (q) The payment of £122 being room rental costs for 2009/10 due to Kirkby Village Hall, was approved.
- (r) The payment in April of £250 being annual subscription, and magazine cost of £13.50, for 2010/11, due to CALC, was approved.

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Decisions were noted:

**GRANTED SL/2010/0008 'Riggator', Chapels**  
**SL/2010/0015 'Prospect Mount', Sandside**  
**Confirmation of Path Diversion Order – 'Tomsteads'**

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

<b>CALC</b>	March Circular Training & Development Opportunities Choice Based Lettings
<b>SLDC</b>	Work programme consultation – Overview & Scrutiny Com.
<b>CCC</b>	ACT Gazette Spring 2010 Review – recycle newsletter Winter Maintenance Consultation
<b>Cycle-ways Group</b>	Minutes of Public meeting
<b>Clerks &amp; Councils</b>	Direct Magazine March 2010
<b>NALGO</b>	LCR Magazine Spring 2010

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen Spoke of the intended work by the railway authorities to overcome flooding and erosion in the vicinity of Sandside Station. The plans for this are awaited. He also advised of his discussion with the County Council Highways Department to ensure the contractors are recalled to repair the defects in the School Road surface, which was laid less than 2 years ago.

Cllr. M. Slinger Observed that the LAP meeting had been postponed due to the forthcoming elections, and questioned why. Dist. Cllr. Curwen stated he had no reason, but believed it had been put off by SLDC.

Cllr. M. McPherson Observed that local organisations were good at putting notices up to advertise forthcoming events, but not at taking them down. The Clerk advised it was often the case that he had to remove these outdated notices.

Cllr. McPherson spoke of the tree planting carried out by Mr. Barker, and of that to be carried out by the ACT in the near future. It had been suggested that the area alongside the A595, between Chapels and Kirkby Hall, where the trees are to be planted, should be designated as a Memorial Garden, perhaps to forces serving overseas. It was agreed there should be an item in the Kirkby Caller asking for suggestions and proposals as to what this area might be called.

Cllr. W. Todd Spoke of the work to overcome flooding at Marshside. He believed a new culvert had been promised, but they appeared to be only adding additional drain covers to the existing drainage arrangements. Cllr. Cragg advised him that there are new pipes going in, and dropping the flood waters into the beck.

Cllr. Todd also expressed his concern at the condition of the road supporting wall at the end of Marshside going towards the Incline. Various sections have collapsed into the garden below. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to inspect the wall and further advise.

Cllr. M. Irving Observed that since the bridges went down in the Workington/Whitehaven area, there has been a significant reduction in traffic in our area

Cllr. C. Anderson Noted that the phone booth at Marshside still has no glass in the windows, some 2 years after the vandalism occurred

Cllr. F.T. Wayles Reported on comments received relating to an increase in dog fouling on the Marshside/ Sandside road. He believed extra signage was required.

Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to provide.

**15) Deferred Matters**

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**16) Date of next meeting**

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Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

Mr. W. Metcalfe NW Evening Mail

Mr. L. Richards

2) **Declaration of Interests**

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

3) **Open Forum**

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

Mr. L. Richards gave an overview of his planning application relating to Low Mill House, Beckside. This concerned retention of the existing workshop.

4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010 were approved and signed, with one minor typographical correction.

5) **Parish Plan**

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

Highways Cllr. Cragg gave an update to the Council on the road and drainage works which had taken place, and of the need for a drainage check now that the work was completed.

Bethels had been booked to return with an Engineer to check drains in the area, particularly those known to suffer from blockages.

Litter The Council were advised by the Clerk that there had been no further progress in obtaining a bin from 'Northern Rail', nor any further response from Jenny Wain on this matter. The Clerk reported on his efforts to have the 'fly tipping' at Muirlands removed, and of a report he had received that asbestos sheeting had been dumped close by the railway station at Sandside. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to investigate and inform the Environmental Authority. Cllr. Slinger believed the dumping of asbestos was a criminal offence and that the Police should be called in to investigate.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles reported on the recent break-in at the Burlington Inn. He observed that whilst nothing had been taken, and the culprits, who had been frightened off by the dog, have since been apprehended by the Police, there was a need for residents to be watchful and keep their doors and windows locked. He proposed the message should go into the 'Kirkby Caller'. Cllr. McPherson undertook to organise. Cllr. Wayles also spoke of the NW organisation, and of the need for more NW 'window stickers' for residents.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways In reviewing the group's work, Cllr. Anderson spoke of the clearance work being undertaken on the Beckfields footpath, and of the costing being done for the extension of this footpath at the Community Centre playing fields end. He advised of new 'Way Markers' being installed by the County Council. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised that a new stile had been erected at Black Bridge.

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

- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**  
 The Clerk informed the Council of a number of letters of thanks received from recipients of donations and contributions. Letters had also been received from BT advising they would not replace the glass in the telephone booth at Marshside, and a second letter from BT with the signed contract for the booth at Soutergate. There was also formal notice of the parliamentary elections for our new constituency of ‘Barrow & Furness’
- 7) **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**  
Soutergate Car Park Cllr. Wayles spoke of his efforts to contact the Contractor, so that any further costs could be identified and a completion timescale agreed. The Council recognised the need to complete this task as soon as possible.  
 On the question of repair of the stone wall, the Clerk advised that he had not as yet contacted local stone wall builders, and needed telephone numbers of those Councillors considered suitable contractors.  
Winter Maintenance Consultation The Clerk advised that all Councillors had seen the documents relating to the consultation, but not all have seen a subsequent pack requesting they give their answer to the various questions raised.. In general discussion the Council was off the opinion the answers received to date should be collated and forwarded to the authority. Cllr. Slinger undertook to review the documents to ensure all aspects had been covered. The Clerk would then collate.  
A review of A595 matters Cllr. Slinger gave an overview of the meeting held to discuss the issues of the A595, and of the advice provided by County Cllr. Claire Salisbury. She had provided an outline of how maintenance is determined, and how funding is obtained from the various budgets. In general discussion the meeting had recognised that the list of comments received from the previous ‘drop-in’ meeting were of limited use in obtaining proper maintenance for the road. What was needed was accident data, and more importantly, the Inspectors reports on the road condition. Only then could pressure be applied for an update of the road, and funding obtained for its improvement. County Cllr. Salisbury had undertaken to obtain all the data which was available.  
Hotline Reports Cllr. McPherson spoke of the condition of the A595 to the north of Muirlands, and of the very dangerous deep pothole which had appeared on the bend of that stretch of road. He advised that in addition to the Parish Council reporting these particular defects, a number of residents had also done the same, so the County Council were well aware. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised that he had spoken to the Highways Authority, and had been told something will be done. There was real concern that an accident could be caused. Cllr. Greenway observed that the road defects had been marked out, which suggested work was to be done. Cllr. McPherson urged all Councillors to contact Graeme Wheelhouse, and to report it individually to the ‘Hotline’  
Hotline Progress. An updated defect list was tabled by the Clerk for circulation, who observed that whilst a number have changed status, very few had been repaired.
- 8) **Miscellaneous Matters**  
 There were no matters arising.
- 9) **Statutory Requirements**  
 The Clerk reminded the Council of the probable legal requirement for an Emergency Plan, and of the documentation generated by the County Council to assist communities in preparing one. The Council were resolved to review the requirement, and all Councillors were requested to comment on the documentation, which would be included in the correspondence pack.
- 10) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**  
 Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of the recent grants made by the fund:  
 £250 To an individual towards cost of a cricket coaching course at Penrith  
 £3000 To Kirkby Bowling Club towards cost of a new grass mower  
 £500 To Kirkby Football Club towards cost of a football trip to Portugal  
 £170 To an individual towards cost of a mosaics course.

**11) Accounts**

- (a) The financial statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 was given by the Clerk, and approved for circulation.
- (b) The requirements of the audit submission for 2009 / 2010 were explained by the Clerk. He gave an explanation of the accounting entries made, and of the governance statements which are required to be approved, and minute reference made. The Council were resolved to approve the submission, and it was duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
- (c) The Clerks salary of £117 and expenses of £31.62 for the month of April 2010 were approved for payment.
- (d) The sum of £24 being travel expenses to a meeting at Kendal, were approved for payment to Cllr. M. Slinger.
- (e) An affiliation fee of £21 was approved for payment to Cumbria Playing Fields Association.
- (f) The payment of £134.62 to Mr. Mark Bell for street lighting repairs was approved for payment.
- (g) The Clerk advised the Council of a 6% increase in the Insurance premium for 2010/2011, and of the transfer by Allianz to Aon Limited of the administration of the policy. Following general discussion on the increase, the Council were resolved to pay the new premium of £632.25, but to seek ways and means of reducing this cost for future years.

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Applications and notifications were reviewed:

**SL/2010/0178 Meadow Croft, Grizebeck** Raised decking and an LPG Tank

**SL/2010/0254** Low Mill House, Beckside

Retention of building as Agricultural & Joinery workshop

The Parish Council has 'No Objection' to either of these applications.

The following were noted:

**Granted** **SL/2010/0095** **1 Head Gate, Soutergate**

**Withdrawn** **SL/20100003** **Glencrag, Sandside**

**Property Naming** **Unit 4, Co-op building Sandside to be known as 'Eskdale'**

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

**CALC** April Circular  
District Association minutes and notice of meeting

**SLDC** Minutes of Winter Maintenance meeting  
Standards Committee minutes and report – Info only

**CCC** CYSS March newsletter  
Consultation on coastal access  
Minutes of High Furness Neighbourhood Forum meeting  
Notice of LAP meeting 12<sup>th</sup> May

**GOV.** Message from CEO Nuclear Development

**LDNP** Notice of events for Councils and booking form

**FLAG** April newsletter

**Cumbria Playing Fields Association** Annual report

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen Referred to the derelict cars reported to be partially blocking the footpath to the railway line at Sandside. He advised that they were actually parked on private land, and provided the footpath was maintained, then parking where they were was legal. He spoke further on the roadside wall at Grizebeck which was down. He has requested Highways erect a crash barrier whilst responsibility for repair of the wall is determined. He noted that the drains in this area, and which pass the 'Malt Kiln' had been found to be blocked when a camera examination was carried out. He also noted that the proposed location of the sewage plant for the Malt Kiln would interfere with Highways drains. He noted that the LDNP granting of permission for the Malt Kiln development was under investigation since the matter had been referred to the Ombudsman.

The Chairman observed that money was allocated every year for drains to be cleaned out, and this work was not being done.

Cllr. M. McPherson Informed the Council of Estate Agents signage at Wallend, which was an eyesore, and asked who owned the land on which they had been erected. In discussion the Council came to the opinion it was Highways property and therefore the signage was illegal. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to make inquiries.

Cllr. McPherson also advised on the proposed memorial garden at Chapels. There had been no response from the local population, and so the tree planting would go ahead, but without any formal naming of the area. He requested advice on when the ACF proposed to plant the trees. The Clerk undertook to provide details.

Cllr. W. Todd Remarked on the defects in the School Road surface. He was advised by Dist. Cllr. Curwen that this was known about, and he was pressing the Authority to pursue the Contractors. Cllr. Todd also spoke of defects in the A595 to Beckside road, and of the Beckside to Friars Ground road, parts of which were washed out. He complained of inconsiderate parking at the junction of the Beckside to Ulverston road, forcing vehicles on to the other side of the road on a blind corner. Cllr. Greenway advised she would talk to the owners again about their parking.

Cllr. M. Irving Observed that the HGV previously causing problems by parking in front of the Malt Kiln, was now parking to the rear of the service station.

Cllr. C. Anderson Reported that a local Contractor's HGV's were still speeding through the village and travelling in convoy. The Chairman undertook to talk to the Contractor. Cllr. Anderson also observed that a crane had been seen at the Marshside Pumping Station again, lifting out the pump to clear blockages. This was possibly related to an increase in holidaymakers at the caravan site, since it was known the blockages were usually caused by plastic materials and nappies. Cllr. Slinger advised the occasions when the crane is at the pumping station should be logged, so that we can relate it to the periods of increased usage of the caravan site. This would be used as evidence of over capacity when there were any further moves to increase the size of the site by Holker Estates. The Council were of the opinion a letter should go to both United Utilities and Holker Estates re blockage of the system by plastics and other materials.

Cllr. Anderson also spoke on the state of the grass verges following the recent road works. Whilst some attempts had been made by the Contractor to fill in the ruts and generally tidy the verges, there were areas of no grass. He believed the verges needed properly reinstating with new turf where necessary. Following discussion the Council were resolved to seek full reinstatement through our County Councillor.

Cllr. F.T. Wayles Informed the Council that large vehicles had been observed using the Bank End short cut.

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. Whilst there were no changes to current status, Dist Cllr. Curwen noted that the possibility of a road bridge across the top of the proposed Duddon Energy Barrage was under discussion. There was also general discussion on the current state of 'Tippins Lane'

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

**This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, followed by the AGM of the Parish Council**

R. Morrish  
Clerk to the Council

# 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 20th May 2010 in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Irving, M. Jackson, M. Slinger, M. McPherson and C. Anderson.  
County Cllr. Claire Salisbury  
PC John Baldwin  
**Present**  
Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Greenway, F. Wayles, W. Todd and I. Cragg  
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen (part time)  
Mr. W. Metcalfe North West Evening Mail  
3 members of the public  
  
The Chairman asked all present to stand for a short while in memory of Cllr. Derek Copley, who had passed away on the 11<sup>th</sup> May following an illness bravely fought
- 2) **Election of Chairman**  
The current Chairman Cllr. H.R. Saunders, expressed his desire to stand down at this meeting. He thanked the Council for its support during his term of office. The Vice-Chair, Cllr. Dora Greenway was nominated as Chairwoman. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Dora Greenway was unanimously elected Chairwoman for the ensuing year.
- 3) **Election of Vice-Chairman**  
The Clerk advised the Council that there had been one nomination for this position, Cllr. Michael Slinger, who unfortunately was absent working abroad for a short while. In the absence of any other nominations, the Council was resolved to defer the appointment until Cllr. Slinger returned.
- 4) **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**  
A Declaration was completed by Cllr. D. Greenway, and witnessed by the Clerk
- 5) **Election of Representatives to other bodies and committees.**  
The Council was advised by the Clerk that all representatives would require re election in the next Parish Council Election year 2011. He suggested the current representatives remain in office until that time, and in line with a previous decision, should in future remain in office for the period of the Parish Council. Following a proposal by Cllr. Wayles that the current representatives remain in office, there was unanimous agreement.
- 6) **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 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 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were approved and signed.
- 9) **Parish Plan**  
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:  
Affordable Housing On behalf of Cllr. Slinger, the Clerk gave a brief report on the current situation.

Highways Cllr. Cragg reported on the recent visit of an Engineer, and of the concerns expressed relating to blocked drains. We still await a visit by Bethels to test and clear drains, particularly those recently installed on the A595 at Marshside.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways A report was tabled on behalf of Cllr. Anderson. This detailed the current work of the group, in particular the Beckfields project. It highlighted their need for more helpers, and of the assistance being offered for those persons taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme

There were Nil reports from Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Litter, Neighbourhood Watch and Coastal Flooding groups.

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

The Clerk informed the Council of matters arising from correspondence received. These included a letter from BT advising that the Soutergate Phone Booth was now the property of the Parish Council, and a notification of road closure. The Bank House road, U5095 Soutergate to Kirkby Moor, is to be closed in due course for drain repair work.

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

(a) Soutergate Car Park Cllr. Wayles informed the Council of his attempts to contact the Contractor, which had proved unsuccessful. The Clerk advised that the invoice had been received for Phase 1, and therefore we should assume the Contractor believed he had completed the task. There was however still work to be done as Phase 2, in laying a topcoat and rolling it in before the weeds took over. This would need to be costed and funding obtained.

There was also the question of the dry stone wall. One contractor had viewed the task but had declined to quote. Another unsolicited quotation was very expensive. It was the general consensus of opinion this was a road supporting wall and should therefore be repaired by the Highways Department at their cost.

Following general discussion the Council was of the opinion representations should be made to Highways again, via our County Councillor, before proceeding on any further work to either the car park or the wall. The invoice should be handed to Cllr. McPherson for payment by the Trust.

(b) A595 matters In a report from Cllr. Slinger, he noted there had been little progress whilst further data was awaited.

(c) Hotline Reports The following defects were reported for inclusion on the 'Hotline': Deterioration of the road subsidence on the Beckside Road, close to the shop. Beckside to Low Ghyl road surface in poor condition. Problems arising from the Beckside and Soutergate floods are still to be addressed, and action taken before next winter.

(d) Hotline Progress

The Clerk presented a progress report which showed little change from the previous month.

**12) Miscellaneous Matters**

The Council considered its representation at the forthcoming Village Gala. The Clerk was given authority to purchase presentation boards and other materials which would be required. Cllr. Greenway undertook to obtain a Parish Council banner, with details to be provided by the Clerk.

**13) Statutory Requirements**

The requirement for an Emergency Plan was further discussed by the Council. In order to achieve public participation, Cllr. Wayles proposed we utilise the Neighbourhood Watch group to assist in its preparation. He would discuss with them, and if they were in favour, a combined group of Councillors and NW could be given the task. The Council were in favour of this approach and requested Cllr. Wayles proceed with his proposal.

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

There was no report from the Trust Fund

**15) Accounts**

- (a) The monthly financial report for April 2010 was presented by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerks salary of £117 and expenses of £43.24 for the month of May 2010 were approved for payment.
- (c) The sum of £35.64 was approved for payment to E.ON being electricity supply during February to April 2010 inclusive.
- (d) The sum of £25 as a donation to Furness Mountain Rescue, in memory of Cllr. Derek Copley, was approved.
- (e) The Clerk advised of the recent internal financial audit by J. F. Hornby & Co. which whilst having proved satisfactory, was likely to raise comment from the Government Auditors because of corrected clerical errors on the official form. The Clerk also advised of insurance matters due to the high increase in premium this financial year. This had come about because all our property is index linked, and the Council should consider if this was necessary. The Clerk undertook to draw up recommendations.
- (f) The Chairman observed, that due to the recent death of Cllr. Copley, there was now a need to appoint another signatory to the bank account. He suggested this should be the incoming Chairwoman. Cllr. Greenway agreed to this proposal and the Clerk was requested to draw up the necessary paperwork.

**16) Planning**

The following planning notifications were received by the Council:

**SL/2010/0332 Glen Cragg, Sandside** Single Story rear extension – **re submission**  
The Parish Council has ‘No Objections’ to this application

**GRANTED SL/2010/0178 Meadow Croft, Grizebeck**

**17) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received for circulation to Councillors:

<b>CALC</b>	Lake District Parish minutes of meeting May Circular District Association notice of meeting – minutes & agenda
<b>SLDC</b>	LAP April newsletter LAP notes & pack from <b>Cllr. Slinger</b> Annual Meeting Agenda CIEP Participatory Budgeting Events
<b>CCC</b>	Minerals & Waste – Site allocation policies & proposals Real Nappy Campaign
<b>LDNP</b>	LDF Housing provision consultation
<b>Barrow B.C.</b>	Statement of Community Involvement - Consultation
<b>Friends of Lake District</b>	April newsletter & Annual Review
<b>Clerks &amp; Councils</b>	Direct Magazine

**18) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of the need for support to get drains and verges cleared before leaves start to fall. He urged the Council support him by writing to Mr. Laurence Conway urging the Authority to take action. It was important that all drainage problems were reported, particularly at Marshside and the other areas where flooding had occurred.

He noted that at the recent Neighbourhood Watch meeting, the subject of house allocation in this area had been discussed. There was a real danger that houses would be allocated to 'outsiders' rather than locals.

Cllr. Curwen also warned of nefarious characters operating in this area, particularly 'hunters' after deer and other live stock.

Cllr. W. Todd Advised the Council of sewage smells in the area of Marshside, particularly following the Bank Holiday when there had probably been an increase in residents at the caravan site. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to make inquiries.

Cllr. H. Saunders Spoke of the need to respond to the National Park consultation. Whilst the proposed expansion did not effect this area, the Council should respond on the principal of parks expansion. The Clerk observed that he had received no other comments relating to the consultation.

**19) Deferred Matters**

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

**20) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 17th June 2010, 7.00pm at Kirkby Village Hall**

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairwoman: Mrs. D. Greenway, 2 Mill View, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

## Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Irving and W. Todd. County Cllr. C. Salisbury and PC J. Baldwin

**Present**

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

- 2) **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declarations of interest

- 3) **Open Forum**  
The Chairwoman invited members of the Public to address the Council:

Ms. Christine Adams expressed concern that the Cemetery was not being maintained. In recent weeks she had observed that the grass was not being cut. Cllr. Wayles advised that following the retirement of David Cooper, a group of local residents had now taken on the responsibility.

Ms. Adams also requested any further developments relating to the 'Malt Kiln'. The Clerk informed her that there had been a request for information from the builders, relating to the Council's objections, and he had provided such information.

- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2010 were approved and signed.

- 5) **Parish Plan**  
The Chairwoman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:  
Affordable Homes Cllr. Slinger advised the Council there had been no further progress whilst awaiting publication of the South Lakeland Development Plan.  
Burlington School The Council were informed by Cllr. McPherson, that the school had achieved excellent inspection reports from both 'Ofsted' and the Church Authorities. The school has been classified as 'outstanding' by Ofsted.  
Highways Cllr. Cragg spoke of an accident occurring at the Chapels / A595 junction, possibly as a result of the 'Give Way' signage having been obscured by Estate Agents hoardings. He had spoken to the Estate Agents in question, requesting removal of their signs, but to date there had been no response. Cllr. McPherson expressed the opinion we should inform the Estate Agents in writing, whilst Cllr. Slinger was concerned of the legal rights in the matter. The Council instructed the Clerk to ascertain the legal position from the Highways Department, and write to the Estate Agents if necessary.  
Coastal Flooding Cllr. Cragg observed that the work carried out by Network Rail to shore up and prevent further erosion of the railway line banking may cause problems with coastal flooding in the future due to the amount of earth works removed.  
Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles spoke of a number of area group meetings held.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways The Council were advised by Cllr. Anderson that recent work by the group had involved the Herschel Terrace – Sandside footpath. The Group AGM had been held, with present incumbents remaining in office. It was the intention of the group to set up a stall at the Gala, and to hold a photographic competition for the event.

There were Nil reports from Community Facility, Youth Activities and Litter.

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

The Clerk advised the Council of correspondence received, in particular a small refund from the Insurance Company following our complaint regarding an administration charge. Other matters concerned a ‘Listed Building’ condition survey within the National Park, and a request for information from the developers of the ‘Malt Kiln’ Grizebeck.

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

Police In the absence of Police representation, the Clerk read a brief report from PC Baldwin in which reference was made to an increase in cases of unsociable behaviour, particularly in the National Park.

Soutergate Car Park The Clerk informed the Council that the Contractor had returned to the site to lay the top cover, but in conversation had expressed his difficulty in providing an estimate for the work because at this stage he was unable to estimate the tonnage of materials required. He would however, provide an estimate as soon as possible. He had been informed of, and understood, the Council’s position in funding this phase of the work.

A site visit by Highways and Stagecoach was also to take place on Monday to review the proposed move of the bus stop and shelter.

The Clerk read a brief report from County Cllr. Salisbury on her meeting with Highways, at which ownership of the roadside wall had been discussed. It remained their position that repair of the wall was the responsibility of the land owner or lease holder.

Dist. Cllr. Curwen informed the Council of a legacy letter, in which Lancashire County Council had agreed with Holker Estate to maintain the wall. Such an undertaking would have become the responsibility of Cumbria County Council. A copy of this letter had been seen some years back, but was now likely to have been ‘lost’ in the move to archive at Carlisle. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Estate in an attempt to obtain a copy. The ‘History Society would also be requested to make a search. Cllr. Saunders observed that many undertakings by Lancashire CC had not been taken up by Cumbria.

A595 matters It was agreed that until all Councillors had read the dual footpath/cycle-way report, A595 matters would be held over to another meeting.

Hotline It was noted that drains were being cleaned out in various areas. There were no additional reports for the hotline

Hotline Progress The Clerk presented a progress report, but noted it may not be up to date since the online monitoring was ‘down’ once again.

**8) Miscellaneous Matters**

The matter of residential flooding during last winter’s rains was discussed at some length. The Clerk advised of the letter he had written to the acting CEO of SLDC, which had been copied to the Highways Department. This concerned the residential flooding at Marshside, Beckside and Soutergate, and requested action to overcome these problems, and the problem of blocked drains generally in this area. The response received from SLDC was disappointing. That from Highways informed us the details had been passed to a multi-agency group who were looking at such matters, and who would contact us direct. District Cllr. Curwen urged the Council to

support him in his efforts to obtain the same treatment for this area as was being given to others. We need to highlight every property flooded during last November, and write once again to SLDC urging action. The Clerk was instructed to work with Cllr. Curwen in composing a further letter.

**9) Statutory Requirements**

- (a) The Council were requested to consider for nomination as Vice-Chair, Cllr. Michael Slinger. There being no other nomination Cllr. Slinger was duly elected and signed the necessary 'Declaration of Acceptance.
- (b) The Clerk advised that it was likely that co-option would be necessary to fill the vacancy in Lower Quarter Ward, and requested Councillors consider possible candidates. We would be advised following the election nomination period, ending on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.
- (c) Cllr. Wayles advised he had yet to consult all local Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators, regarding their participation in the Emergency Planning Team. He would inform the Council when there was progress to report.

**10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

Cllr. McPherson advised the Council that the Trust Fund meeting had been postponed until later this week. There were a number of applications to be considered, and therefore he was unable to give a report at this time.

**11) Accounts**

- (a) The financial statement for May 2010 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerk's salary of £117 and expenses of £36.70 for the month of June 2010 were approved for payment.
- (c) The 1<sup>st</sup> payment of £220 to Mr. David Cooper for grass cutting was approved.

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Applications and notifications were reviewed:

**SL/2010/0425 Cross Beck Farm, Soutergate** Installation of conservation velux windows

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application.

**SL/2010/0431 Grizebeck Village Hall** Provision of pedestrian footpath

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application, but notes a requirement for additional road signage to warn vehicles of crossing pedestrians.

**Granted SL/2010/0254 Low Mill House, Becksides** Renewal

**Property Naming High Ghyll Farm** New dwelling to be known as 'Langwaite Cottage', High Ghyll, LA17 7YB

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

**CALC** June Review

**SLDC** Consultation on new leadership arrangements  
Standards Committee Annual Report on Ethical Standards  
Standards notification of meeting – Info Only  
'Wildlife Grants' – Big Lottery Fund

**CCC** 'Your Cumbria' magazine  
Emails & correspondence relating to High Furness LAP

**LDNP** Consultation on 'Management Plan'  
LDF - changes to submitted core strategy

**ACT** Executive Summary

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen Reiterated the need for reports of flooding drains to be reported back to the Clerk, so that they can be included in the list of problems to be overcome. He spoke of the recent Partnership meeting at Millom Network Centre to discuss the proposed Duddon Energy Barrier, and the possibility of a road across the top. He believed it was recognised that without the barrier there never would be a road crossing of the Duddon. In response to fears that such a barrier would kill fish, he had advised there were few fish in the Duddon Estuary. The feasibility of a road across the barrier will be reported on at the July meeting of the Partnership

Cllr. C. Anderson Observed that the kerb across the front of the Methodist Chapel at Marshside, had still not been replaced. He was advised it was going to be installed in the near future. He further observed that the crane had been called out again to remove the sewerage pump at the Marshside pumping station, indicating further blockages.

Cllr. M. McPherson. Advised the Council of the need to update 'Welcome Packs' and requested Councillors inform him of how many they held. He also noted there had been no move to replace street furniture and requested an update. The Clerk advised that he had received acknowledgement of the request from SLDC, but as yet there had been no other communication.

Cllr. M. Slinger Spoke of the additional data which had been inserted into the A595 pack. He observed the figures did not make sense. In his role as Chairman of the High Furness LAP group, he stressed his determination that the group should not be dictated to by members or employees of the County Council who would seek to restrict what the group may discuss, or whom they may invite to speak at their meetings. In this respect he had discussions with Keith Masser, the Area Highways Engineer, who had agreed to attend the next LAP meeting.

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairwoman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. Cllr. Wayles proposed the provision of an Emergency Plan should be added to the list. All were in agreement.

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish  
Clerk to the Council

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairwoman: Mrs. D. Greenway, 2 Mill View, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness , Cumbria

## **Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting**

Held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. McPherson, M. Slinger and County Cllr. C. Salisbury.

**Present**

Cllrs. D. Greenway, H.R. Saunders, F. T. Wayles, C. Anderson, M. Jackson, M. Irving, W. Todd and I. Cragg.

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

PC John Baldwin

W. Metcalfe NWEM

3 members of the public

2) **Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs. Irving and Anderson expressed an interest in item 7(b)

3) **Open Forum**

The Chairwoman invited members of the Public to address the Council:

Mr. David Anderson spoke of the Cycle-ways report, and of the support, and comments, needed from the Parish Council. He believed the scheme does not require all the aspects listed, and could be completed at much reduced costs.

Mr. Anderson also spoke of the work being carried out by the footpaths group at Beckfields. A lot of effort had been put in to make it more accessible. The rubble and turf removed in clearing the footpath had been piled each side of the path, but the tenant farmer was insisting it be removed. Mr. Anderson stated it would be exceedingly difficult to get transport to the site, and sought the advice of the Council on how to proceed. Following general discussion, the Council advised him to contact the County Council and their Footpaths Officer in the first instance, since the footpath was their responsibility ultimately.

4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 were approved and signed.

5) **Parish Plan**

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

Highways Cllr. Ian Cragg informed the Council that fly tipping had taken place at Dove Bank. This has since been removed. He advised that branches from trees on the Soutergate /Kirkby road had been brought down by a passing heavy goods vehicle. These have subsequently been removed following phone calls made by Cllr. Jackson to the Highways Authority. Cllr. Cragg observed that the pothole / subsidence on the Beckside road, close to the shop, has at long last been repaired.

The Clerk advised that the forthcoming resurfacing work on the A595 involved total closure of the road, but there had been no formal notification as yet, nor any information on diversion routes or provision for emergency vehicles. He was instructed to contact the County Council to obtain such information.

Litter The Council were advised by the Clerk that he had spoken to Ms. Jenny Wain of the County Council, and she would be writing to Northern Rail about the provision of a waste bin at the railway station.

Cycle-ways & Footpaths Cllr. Anderson spoke of the current work being carried out, and of the interest shown at the Village Gala, which had proved very successful.

There were Nil reports from Affordable Homes, School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Coastal Flooding and Neighbourhood Watch.

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

The Clerk informed the Council of continuing correspondence relating to drains and flooding. Following consultation with District Councillor Curwen, he would be writing to the Acting CEO of SLDC again because the previous response had not addressed the problems. The Clerk also advised of further requests for information from the developers of the 'Malt Kiln', which he had provided.

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

Police In his report, PC Baldwin informed the Council of two crimes in this Parish during the previous 30 days. One involved theft from a vehicle, and the other theft of a vehicle from Grizebeck, later found burnt out. He warned of criminals from the north of the County visiting this area during the day, and returning later at night to commit crimes. In response to a question from Cllr. Wayles, he advised there was no specific information relating to drugs in this area.

Soutergate Car Park The Clerk informed the Council that with the completion of Phase 2 of the project, the Contractors work was now complete. Their invoice has been received and this reflected the wisdom of splitting the work into 2 phases because overall costs of the project had been some £2300 less than anticipated. Following a site visit, Highways and Stagecoach had agreed repositioning of the bus stop and shelter to a position outside the northern end of the car park. A quotation for this relocation, and other related tasks, had been obtained from the Contractor. The Clerk advised that the Council now had to approve the financing of the invoice, and that of the new quotation if it was acceptable.

In reviewing the project, the Council noted that favourable comments had been received on its completion, and were unanimously resolved to pay the phase 2 invoice from reserve funds. Whilst the new quotation was acceptable, it could not be progressed until funding was obtained from other sources. The Clerk was instructed to seek grants for this work.

The Clerk further advised that Holker Estates were unable to assist in the matter of the road wall, and the responsibility for maintenance.

A595 Following the circulation of the 'Dual Footpath and Cycle-way Report' the Council were requested to comment on the contents. There was general agreement that quoted costs were unacceptable, there were errors in the proposals and some of these had implications which had not been considered by the author. The Council voted by a majority to defer any further support to this project until more realistic costs and acceptable proposals had been promulgated.

Hotline The following defects were reported by Councillors for inclusion on the 'Hotline': A595 at Dove Ford Farm, pothole in road opposite to barn. Potholes in road below 'Little Croft'. Cattle grid on Moor road, concrete structure breaking off. A595 new section at Marshside, weeds appearing in roadside gutters.

Hotline Progress In presenting the progress update, the Clerk advised there were a number of defects cleared or were being progressed, but this was not reflected in the 'online' report

**8) Miscellaneous Matters**

- (a) Representation at the Duddon Estuary Partnership.  
The Clerk advised the Council of the need for representation at the Partnership meetings, since important subjects effecting this Parish were being discussed. At the meeting he had attended the previous day, there had been a presentation on the proposed energy barrage across the estuary which included a road across the top. There had also been further information on the new electricity grid which was to be built around the County irrespective of the Kirksanton nuclear proposal. Following general discussion on the implications of the proposals, Cllrs. Jackson and Cragg volunteered to act as representatives, and were duly elected.
- (b) Public meeting to form 'Flood Forum' group.  
The Clerk informed the Council that as a consequence of the flooding in this area having been notified to the multi-agency group looking at residential flooding, we had been contacted by Heather Shepherd of the 'Flood Forum Organisation' requesting we set up a public meeting with the objective of forming an action group comprising residents effected by the floods, and the Parish Council. Heather would address the meeting and advise how best to identify and engage with the various agencies to get work done in an attempt to prevent re-occurrence of the residential flooding. The Council were in agreement with this approach and instructed the Clerk to arrange such a meeting. Councillors would speak to residents effected and ask them to attend.
- (c) To receive comments on the CCC Core Strategy for Transport.  
The Clerk in noting that few comments had been received, informed the Council of C. Cllr. Salisbury's advice that we should respond. Following general discussion, the Council were resolved to submit a response based on that generated for the nuclear consultation relating to roads and transport.
- (d) To consider a response to the Furness Wind Farm report.  
The Council were resolved to defer further comment until Councillors had the opportunity to study the report in more detail.

**9) Statutory Requirements**

- (a) To consider a nomination for co-option to fill the vacancy in 'Lower Quarter Ward' – The Clerk advised that only one nomination had been received, Mr. David Grisdale of 'Duddon View' Askewgate. Cllr. Wayles spoke of Mr. Grisdale and his work as a 1<sup>st</sup> Responder to this community. The Council were unanimous in its resolve to appoint Mr. Grisdale, who was present, and duly signed the 'Declaration of Acceptance'.
- (b) To appoint a trustee to the Kirkby Ireleth Charities.  
The Council were informed by the Clerk of a letter received from Mr. Pudsey, requesting the Council appoint a nominated trustee following the death of Derek Copley. Cllr. McPherson had been approached and had indicated his willingness to take on this role. The Council were resolved to appoint Cllr. McPherson.

**10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

In the absence of Cllr. McPherson, the Clerk read a report detailing the recent grants made by the trust:

Community Centre	£250 for bands at the Gala evening dance
Friends of Burlington School	£350 for band and flooring at pre-Gala celidh
Burlington School	£250 towards school trip costs
Community Centre	£558 for hire of marquee and sponsorship of fell race.
Footpaths Group	£536.50 for hire of mini-digger and insurance for volunteers.
Footpaths Group	£233 for second print of footpaths leaflet
Kirkby Cricket Club	£2250 towards refurbishment of 'gang mowers'

Cllr. McPherson also detailed in his report various recommendations and comments from the annual meeting with CGP Officers. He further advised the Council that Cllr. Michael Jackson was to become a trustee of the fund.

**11) Accounts**

- (d) The financial statement for June 2010 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (e) The Clerk's salary of £117 and expenses of £41.42 for the month of July 2010 were approved for payment.
- (f) The 2nd payment of £220 to Mr. David Cooper for grass cutting was approved.
- (g) The purchase of a Council banner and car park signage from Furness Plastics Ltd at a total cost of £103.40 was approved.
- (h) The Council were asked to consider a donation to the retirement gift for the CALC Executive Officer, Guy Richardson. The sum of £10 was approved.

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Applications and notifications were reviewed:

**LDNP 7/2010/5303 'The Old School', Grizebeck.**

Convert loft to form bedroom, install new window and roof lights

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application.

**Granted SL/2010/0332 Glen Crag, Sandside** Single storey extension

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

<b>CALC</b>	Circular for July & August 2010
<b>SLDC</b>	Parish Remuneration Panel letter
<b>CCC</b>	ACT Gazette – Summer 2010
	Notice of consultation re Landscape Character Guidance.
<b>GOV</b>	Nuclear new build – assessing reactor designs
<b>NALC</b>	LCR magazine – summer 2010
<b>Clerks &amp; Councils</b>	Direct magazine – July 2010
<b>Cumbria in Bloom</b>	2010 Questionnaire
<b>Infinergy</b>	Wind Farm scoping report
<b>Duddon Partnership</b>	Energy Barrage Feasibility Study – Executive Summary
<b>Barrow BC</b>	Adoption of Port Area Action Plan

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen Reiterated the need for drains to be cleared of vegetation roots, and plastic sleeves to be inserted to prevent re-occurrence. He observed that the A5092 needed bringing up to standard, but the funding set aside for its maintenance, following de-trunking, had been used elsewhere.

Cllr. C. Anderson Observed that the crane had been called out again to remove the sewerage pump at the Marshside pumping station, indicating further blockages. He was recording dates for future reference.

Cllr. R. Saunders Observed that new road signs had been installed at Beanthwaite.

Cllr. M. Irving Commented that following the recent accident at Grizebeck, there was an urgent need for 'no overtaking' lines down the centre of the road. He noted that CCTV had been installed at the Service Station. Cllr. Irving further observed that fire hydrant signage had fallen from the A595 road wall, which was the side of his barn. He was advised to inform the Fire Department.

Cllr. W. Todd Reported that the road is being washed away at Low Ghyll. It was noted this has been reported to the 'Hotline' on more than one occasion. Cllr. Todd

also remarked how attractive the area of land was becoming now that trees had been planted between Chapels and Kirkby Hall

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairwoman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. The Clerk proposed the item relating to the dual footpath and cycle-way should be removed now that the 'report' had been received. All were in agreement.

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish  
Clerk to the Council

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairwoman: Mrs. D. Greenway, 2 Mill View, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

## Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

### 1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Anderson and PC. J. Baldwin.

### *Present*

Cllrs. D. Greenway, H.R. Saunders, M. Irving, F.T. Wayles, I.Cragg, D. Grisdale, M. Jackson, W. Todd, M. Slinger and M. McPherson.  
District Cllr. J. Curwen  
County Cllr. C. Salisbury  
15 members of the public

### 2) Declaration of Interests

Cllrs. Slinger expressed an interest in item 11(e)

### 3) Open Forum

The Chairwoman adjourned the meeting at 7.10pm to facilitate a public meeting on the formation of a 'Flood Action Group'. The objective of the meeting was to address the actions needed by Local Authorities to overcome residential flooding, such as occurred in November 2009. The guest speaker was Heather Shepherd of the 'Flood Forum Organisation'

Following strongly worded representations by those present, the Parish Council was requested to press for a group meeting with the various agencies such that actions to overcome flooding can be attributed.

The Parish Council meeting was reconvened at 8.30pm and considered support to Mr. & Mrs P. Bradley in their proposal to build a home for local occupancy. The Council had no hesitation in offering its support to the proposal, and instructed the Clerk to write to the Planning Authorities as such.

### 4) Minutes from the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010 were approved and signed.

### 5) Parish Plan

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

Affordable Homes Cllr. Slinger informed the Council of a recent visit by Mr. Ian Withington to view land proposed for affordable housing

Highways Cllr. Cragg spoke of his discussions with the Highways Steward on drain cleaning and other tasks which were necessary

Litter Correspondence with Northern Rail relating to the provision of a litter bin at the station was reported by the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles advised the Council that to date he had received little response from Co-ordinators, who had been requested to become involved in the provision of an emergency plan for the area.

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

- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**  
There were no matters arising.
- 7) **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**  
 (a) Southergate Car Park The Clerk gave an update on the project and advised that the Highways Department were adamant they were unable to assist in repair of the wall, but had referred the matter to their legal department. 2 quotations have been received for this work. Funding for the move of the bus shelter and associated works was still being sought. County Cllr. Claire Salisbury informed the Council she was happy to fund the move of the shelter from her Capital budget, and would make arrangements for the money to be made available. The Council thanked Cllr. Salisbury and instructed the Clerk to arrange commencement of the work.  
 (b) A595 Matters ( i ) The Clerk gave an update on correspondence relating to the provision of emergency services and diversion route during the programmed road closure. A start date for the closure was still awaited. Cllr. Slinger observed there was a need for residents to be informed about bus schedules, and we should seek this information from 'Stagecoach'. Cllr. Salisbury advised that it was unlikely these had been programmed because the road works had yet to be finalised and a start date agreed.  
 ( ii ) The Council were asked to consider a request that the cycle-way report be further discussed at the October meeting. In general discussion Councillors expressed their concerns and were of the opinion no one would want to move the project forward with such costs. County Cllr. Salisbury expressed the view that the project could be split into small packages of work and costs reviewed. She would discuss the issues with Mark Brierly and report back to the Council. The Council were resolved to await proposals before agreeing to further discussion on this matter.  
Hotline The following defects were reported by Councillors for inclusion on the 'Hotline': Cllr. Todd advised of a large pothole in the road above 'Bluestones'. Cllr. Irving noted that on the A595 where a previous truck incident occurred, trees were in danger of falling into the road. Cllr. Slinger informed the Council of a report made to the Hotline concerning a trip hazard at Lower Beckside.  
Hotline Progress An updated progress report was tabled by the Clerk for circulation. He noted there was little change from the previous month.
- 8) **Miscellaneous Matters**  
Request for comments relating to the Wind Farm report. Their being no further comments, the Clerk was instructed to submit those he had received
- 9) **Statutory Requirements**  
There were no matters arising
- 10) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**  
There was no report from the Trust Fund
- 11) **Accounts**  
 (i) The financial statement for July 2010 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.  
 (j) The Clerk's salary of £117 and expenses of £24.82 for the month of August 2010 were approved for payment.  
 (k) The sum of £35.64 was approved for payment to Eon being electricity costs for the period May to July inclusive  
 (l) The payment of £103.40 to Furness Plastics for goods received, was approved.  
 (m) The payment of £12 travel expenses to Cllr. Slinger for attendance at LAP meeting was approved

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Applications and notifications were reviewed:

**SL/2010/0590 ‘Riggator’ Chapels** Single storey extension and alterations.

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

<b>Granted</b>	<b>SL/2010/0431 Village Hall, Grizebeck</b>	Footpath
	<b>SL/2010/0425 Crossbeck Farm, Soutergate</b>	Velux Windows

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

**CALC** District Association minutes and agenda

**SLDC** Briefing notes on Strategic Partnership

Review of Polling Districts & Places

**LDNP** Access Forum annual report

‘Friends’ email July & August update

**Duddon Estuary** Partnership minutes & notification of AGM

**Network Rail** Erection of mast for communications system

**Barrow BC** Notification of Supplementary Planning Document

**14) Councillor’s Reports**

Dist. Cllr. Jos Curwen In his report he made the following observations: Bogus BT men were demanding money with the threat of disconnection; There was a new party drug in circulation ; It is reported firearms are being used in the area. Cllr. Curwen in response to a previous question noted that the period for recalling road contractors to repair defects was up to 2 years, not the 1 year stated previously.

Cllr. M. Irving Observed that the Committee running the Greyhound Inn will cease trading shortly. The previous Landlord was to move back in.

Cllr. M. McPherson Advised the Council that membership of the Civilian Speed Camera Group had diminished over the last 18 months, and there were now only 6 people who were able to go out. There was an urgent need for volunteers, who must be prepared to work a minimum of 1 hour per week. A new camera was available on loan since our own required expensive re-calibration. Cllr. McPherson also noted a volunteer was required to put out the monitoring equipment at Beckside during the forthcoming A595 closure. He made a further request for numbers of ‘Welcome Packs’ held by Councillors, which required updating.

Cllr. M. Slinger Gave an overview of the current activities of the LAP group. He noted the recent session on Highways had gone well, but observed that Highways Department did not know where many of the drainage gullies were. The group had now adopted new working procedures for the High Furness area.

Cllr. W. Todd Observed that in a recent visit by the road sweeper it had turned round at Low Ghyll, and had not touched Friars Ground or High Ghyll.

Cllr. I. Cragg Raised the question of grit bins which required replacement. He was advised that the Local Authority were aware of the requirement.

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairwoman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. There were no amendments.

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish Clerk to the Council

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairwoman: Mrs. D. Greenway, 2 Mill View, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

## Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 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. D. Greenway, F.T. Wayles, I. Cragg, W. Todd, C. Anderson,  
M. McPherson, M. Slinger, M. Irving, D. Grisdale and M. Jackson  
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen  
W. Metcalfe NWEM  
2 members of the public

- 2) **Declaration of Interests**  
Cllr. Slinger expressed an interest in item 11 (c)
- 3) **Open Forum**  
There were no representations from members of the public
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**  
The Chairwoman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
  1. Affordable Housing Cllr. Slinger informed the Council of his discussions with Mr. Withington on the ownership of land identified as possible development sites for affordable homes. He noted that there were more areas identified on the latest maps than we had been advised of. A copy of the maps will be included in the correspondence pack. He further advised that sites considered suitable will be reviewed by the Cabinet, and presented for public consultation in January 2011.
  2. Highways The Highways Steward has advised Cllr. Cragg that blocked drains at High Gyhll are to be cleared. Dist Cllr Curwen stated that drains near Bolton Ground also needed cleaning.
  3. Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles warned of sheep rustling taking place in this area.
  4. Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. Anderson spoke of the continued work to the path, fence and gateway adjacent to the playing fields.

There were Nil reports from Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Coastal Flooding and Litter.
- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**  
The Clerk informed the Council of a letter received from the 'Infinergy Group' relating to a restart of the Wind Farm Liaison meetings. The next meeting was unfortunately to be the same night as our Parish Council meeting. There was a need to appoint a representative to this group, a position formerly held by Derek Copley. This appointment would become an agenda item for our next meeting.

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

The Clerk advised the Council of a Police report on sheep rustling in this area.

(a) Soutergate Car Park The Clerk informed the Council of the work carried out by the Contractor in moving the bus shelter, and other tasks. This however had not been completed before the A595 was closed, and was now held until the road was open. The Clerk further advised that we now had 3 quotations for the road wall repair, but there was a need to await Highways legal deliberations on the responsibility for repair.

(b) A595 Matters The Council were informed of a number of problems with access for those residents living within the area effected by the road closure. There was also increasing concern on the speed of vehicles using the Kirkby Moor / Beckside route to bypass the A595 closure. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Police requesting monitoring of traffic at Beckside.

Cllr. Irving requested support from the Council in the provision of a continuous white line down the centre of the A595, between Sturdy Bank road and the 'Old School' at Grizebeck. Vehicles were overtaking in a very dangerous manner, as evidenced by CCTV footage held by the service station. Dist Cllr. Curwen proposed a letter on this matter should go to the CEO of SLDC.

(c) Hotline Reports There were a number of defects reported by Councillors for inclusion on the 'hotline': Cllr. McPherson reported a loose road grating outside of Moorland Service Station, and of a loose hydrant cover to the grass verge adjacent to Moorland Stores. Cllr. Irving advised of potholes on the Bank End quarry road, and blocked drains at Dove Ford and Dove Bank. Cllr. Todd spoke of a loose cattle grid above 'Little Croft', and of a loose hydrant adjacent to the Marshside post box. He also noted that the road between 'Low' and 'High Ghyll' does not get swept or drains cleaned – on this matter Dist Cllr. Curwen proposed a strongly worded letter should go to the CEO of SLDC. Cllr. Anderson spoke of an area of tarmac requiring attention opposite to the Methodist Church at Marshside.

(d) Hotline Progress In presenting the progress report for distribution, the Clerk noted that this 'online' report did not reflect all the work known to have been completed in the last month.

8) **Miscellaneous Matters**

(a) Flood Action The Clerk informed the Council of discussions held with the Chairwoman, Cllr Greenway, and Cllr. Todd on how best to proceed following the public meeting. It was agreed to follow the 'Flood Forum Organisation' proposals, and set up a multi-agency meeting to address the residential flooding problems. This meeting has now been set for Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> December, with Environmental Agency, United Utilities, SLDC and CCC (Highways) in attendance.

The Clerk further advised the Council of a request that the Parish becomes affiliated to the 'National Flood Forum' organisation, which is a registered charity. Following discussion on the merits, the Council were resolved to become affiliated.

(b) Welcome Packs Cllr. McPherson spoke of the need to update the packs, and provided amended sheets for insertion into those held by Councillors.

9) **Statutory Requirements**

(a) The Clerk advised the Council there was a need to appoint a representative to the Sandside Coastal Flooding Group, a position formerly held by Derek Copley. He had discussed the issue with the Chairman of the Sandside Group, who recognised the need for continued close association with the Parish Council. Cllr. David Grisdale had indicated his willingness to take on this role. The Council were unanimous in appointing Cllr. Grisdale to this position.

- (b) The Council were advised that the appointment of a representative to the board of Burlington School Governors was scheduled for renewal. Cllr. F.T. Wayles was the current appointee. The Council were unanimous in re-appointing Cllr. Wayles as its representative.
- (c) The Clerk gave an overview to the Council on the need for an 'Emergency Plan', and of discussions held relating to this requirement. He requested the Council consider forming a sub-committee to further progress the requirement. Following discussion, Cllrs. Slinger, McPherson and Grisdale undertook to form such a committee, with the Clerk assisting. A date for its first meeting would be set at the next Parish Council meeting in November

**10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

There was no report from the Trust Fund

**11) Accounts**

- (n) The financial statement for August and September 2010 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (o) The Clerk's salary of £234 and expenses of £49.87 for the months of September and October 2010 were approved for payment.
- (c) The payment of £31.92 to Cllr. Slinger, being travel expenses was approved.
- (d) The payment of £220 to Mr. D. Cooper for grass cutting was approved.
- (e) The payment of £29 to CALC for a training course was approved.
- (f) The payment of £141 to BDO Stoy for audit services was approved.
- (g) The purchase of 2 Remembrance Day wreaths from RBL at a cost of £33 was approved.
- (h) To consider a letter of request for donations to the St. Cuthberts Christmas Draw. The Clerk was instructed to respond to the letter proposing that personal donations from Councillors were more appropriate.
- (i) The annual audit report 2009/10 was reviewed by the Council and approved.
- (j) The Clerk requested a Finance sub-committee meeting be arranged to set the precept for 2011/12. He was instructed to arrange a date with members of the committee.

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Applications and notifications were reviewed:

**SL/2010/0847 Land to rear of Yewtree Cottage, Sandside Road**

Erection of new dwelling for local occupancy.

The Parish Council has 'no objections' to this proposal

**SL/2010/0874 Ship Inn, Sandside**

Removal of 'Condition 1' relating to the operation of the BBQ Hut.

The Parish Council has 'no objections' to this proposal

- Granted**
- SL/2010/0720 1&2 Sturdy Bank Barn, Grizebeck**  
Change of use of land, replacement porch, erect double garage.
  - SL/2010/0536 High Beanthwaite, Grizebeck**  
2 storey cable extension
  - LDNP7/2010/5303 The Old School, Grizebeck**  
Convert loft to form bedroom and new window openings
  - LDNP7/2010/5300 Heathwaite Farm, Grizebeck**  
Reposition boundary walls and oil storage tank

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

- CALC**                   Circulars for September and October  
District Association Minutes and Agenda  
'Right to Build' letter
- SLDC**                   Licensing Policy review  
Standards Committee minutes and review
- CCC**                    Changes to local bus services  
Newsletter – 'News & Views'  
Minutes of Neighbourhood Forum held at Burlington School
- GOV.**                    Notice of Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Cumbria
- ACT**                    Autumn newsletter  
Notification of AGM
- Friends of Lake District**       Management of Open Green Spaces  
Update of World Heritage Project  
October newsletter
- NALC**                    LCR Autumn magazine
- Clerks & Councils**       Direct magazine
- FLAG**                   August newsletter
- Playing Fields Association**    Annual report

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Expressed his concern over recent comments and reports relating to the proposed Duddon Estuary barrage. He noted that in Local Council Committee, Kirkby was regarded as one large settlement, rather than the 6 hamlets it was comprised of. He has made it known it must be regarded as the 6 hamlets when considering development issues. In relation to the Malt Kiln proposal for parking, he has written to the Secretary of State to express his concerns.

Cllr. M. Irving Reported the removal of all salvageable materials from Grizebeck village hall, in preparation for its demolition. They now await the formal contract with WREN before building work can commence.

Cllr. M. McPherson Advised that continuation of the civilian speed monitoring group was difficult because of lack of numbers. Without more volunteers it would cease operations.

Cllr. McPherson noted the poor condition of salt boxes, particularly at Marshside.

Cllr. M. Slinger Gave a report on current LAP activities, which included guidance on the employment of Highways Stewards, and of the 'Better Highways' initiative which was scheduled to be rolled out in our area on 6<sup>th</sup> December. He noted that LAP projects had been agreed and monies received. These included an additional 2 salt bins for this area. He noted that other proposals such as a broadband survey, an interactive screen for meetings, and a leaflet drop on the dangers of washing powders had been rejected.

He requested Cllr. McPherson set up a link from the Parish web site to the High Furness LAP web site

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairwoman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. There were no amendments.

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish   Clerk to the Council

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairwoman: Mrs. D. Greenway, 2 Mill View, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. Grisdale, County Cllr. C. Salisbury and PC. J. Baldwin

### *Present*

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

**The Chairwoman asked all present to stand in memory of Mr. Fred Postlethwaite, a former Chairman of the Parish Council who had recently passed away**

- 2) **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declarations of interest
- 3) **Open Forum**  
There were no representations from members of the public
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**  
The Chairwoman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
  1. Affordable Housing Cllr. Slinger gave further details of the letter received relating to land allocation for housing. This would be going to a Cabinet meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> December, with public consultation taking place in January 2011.
  2. Highways The Council were advised by Cllr. Cragg of a visit by Steve Salisbury of SLDC, in response to a request by a resident of Lower Beckside, whose property had been flooded. An opportunity had been taken to escort Mr Salisbury on his visit and explain to him the problems of Beckside flooding, and the lack of attention to drains and road sweeping which contribute to the flooding problems, particularly from High Ghyll and Friars Ground. Cllr. Cragg also noted that the A595 had been flooded at Kirkby Hall again despite the drainage works carried during road resurfacing earlier in the year.

There were Nil reports from Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Coastal Flooding, Litter, Neighbourhood watch and Footpaths Group.
- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**  
The Clerk reminded the Council of the briefing session on 'Land Allocation' to take place at the Coronation Hall on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.  
In response to a question from Cllr. Saunders, he noted the forthcoming Boundary Commission deliberations relate to the whole of Cumbria.

- 7) **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**
- (a) Soutergate Car Park The Clerk informed the Council there was no further progress to report. We still await the Contractor to complete movement of the Bus Stop and Shelter.
  - (b) A595 Matters In discussion Councillors expressed their concern relating to safety issues, and the need to complete the outstanding tasks arising from the recent resurfacing at Soutergate. Cllr. Irvine spoke of inappropriate parking causing visibility problems on School Road in the centre of the village. Cllr. Saunders requested details of when Contractors were to return to complete tasks. Dist. Cllr. Curwen informed him they would return to sort drainage problems, and remove the road wall between Gargrave and Cross Beck. Cllr. McPherson observed that the curb stones at Metcalfe's Corner required further consideration, since the current design was a potential hazard.
  - (c) Hotline Reports Cllr. Jackson observed that water was running from roadside pipe work in the vicinity of the ex 'Police Station' location. It was noted that drains required cleaning in the vicinity of the School and on the road down to Wallend
  - (d) Hotline Progress In presenting the progress report for distribution, the Clerk noted that once again, this 'online' report did not reflect all the work known to have been undertaken in the last month.
- 8) **Miscellaneous Matters**
- (a) The Clerk advised the Council of the organisational arrangements for the forthcoming briefing by Heather Shepherd of the Flood Forum Group, on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, and of the subsequent Multi Agency meeting to take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December
  - (b) A date for the first Emergency Plan meeting was agreed as following the flood forum briefing on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December
  - (c) In regard to the need for a representative to the Wind Farm Liaison Group, the Chairwoman Cllr. D. Greenway volunteered to undertake this role.
- 9) **Statutory Requirements**  
There were no statutory matters to consider
- 10) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**  
Cllr. McPherson detailed the recent awards made by the trust:
- £200 To an individual for a gymnastics coaching course for school use
  - £300 For school visit to the Tutankhamun exhibition
  - £64.64 For printing of Christmas draw tickets to St. Cuthbert's PCC
  - £250.28 St. Cuthbert's PCC for printing this years calendar
- He also advised that additional bulbs were to be planted around the village, and the planters restocked.
- 11) **Accounts**
- (p) The financial statement for October 2010 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
  - (q) The Clerk's salary of £117 and expenses of £37.52 for the month of November 2010 were approved for payment.
  - (r) The payment of £35.64 to Eon for electricity supplies August to October inclusive was approved.
  - (s) The Finance Sub-Committee report was presented to the Council. They were unanimous in accepting the following recommendations:

- a. There should be no increase in precept for 2011/12. It will remain at its present level of £5508
- b. Donations to worthy causes shall be determined at year end, and be a maximum of £25 per recipient, with all remaining monies going to reserve
- c. A review of insured property and index linking should be undertaken with the objective of reducing annual increases in premium.

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Applications and notifications were reviewed:

**SL/2010/0905 The Barn, Becksid** Extensions and alterations.

The Parish Council has 'no objections' to this proposal

**SL/2010/0913 Kirkby Hall, Marshside** Variation to Condition 1

The Parish Council wishes to state its support for this application.

The following are noted:

**Granted LDNP 7/2009/5586 Malt Kiln, Grizebeck**

The Parish Council has concerns relating to this granting of approval.

**Refused SL/2010/0751 High Bridge House Mill, Merebeck.**

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

**CALC** November circular

Annual Report – November 2010

**CCC** Letter regarding winter gritting service

**SLDC** Review of Polling Stations

Land Allocation – invitation to briefing

LAP minutes and land allocation maps.

**LDNP** Consultation on governance arrangements

**Clerks & Councils** Direct Magazine – November 2010

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of the work he had instigated to get roads swept and drains cleared in the High Ghyll and Friars Ground areas. He advised of the recent Duddon Estuary Partnership meeting at which flooding had been discussed, and the involvement of Network Rail in flood prevention. Dist. Cllr. Curwen further observed that in recent weeks flooding had taken place in Chapels, with Crown Cottage and the 'Old Smithy' being flooded out.

Cllr. H. R. Saunders Observed that action was needed on salt/grit bins. He questioned why the tree planting by the ATC had not taken place, and was advised there had been no further communication from them. He noted that a particular drain at Beanthwaite always overflowed across the road, which became a sheet of ice in the current weather.

Cllr. M. Slinger Gave an overview of the recent LAP meetings, and noted the 'Better Highways' initiative was to commence in January. He advised that the proposed additional salt/grit bins awaited a budget decision. The question arose as to where to site them when received. The favoured positions appeared to be one at Sandside, and one at Groglin. He noted that Colton PC had requested a broadband survey. From the District Association minutes it was evident SLDC were intent on making additional charges for services, particularly planning, and he requested Dist. Cllr. Curwen to investigate these proposals.

Cllr. C. Anderson Also observed tree planting had not taken place. He believed trees could be obtained via the Woodland Trust, which he suggested could be planted by

the local Scouts. He expressed concern that local residents had resorted to clearing drains themselves, and that uncovered salt/grit piles were being washed away. Cllr. W. Todd Also spoke of residents clearing drains, the problem however was that pipe work between drains was blocked. He noted that a resident of High Ghyll had requested refuse bins from SLDC, a vehicle had gone up to deliver but had returned without delivering. It was subsequently discovered that they were delivered elsewhere because the driver of the vehicle had been concerned about taking his vehicle any further up the road.

Cllr. M. Jackson Reported on the Duddon Estuary Partnership meeting he had attended. He noted much discussion on flooding, and also the fact that funding had been withdrawn from the 'barrage' feasibility study.

The Chairwoman expressed her thanks to Cllr. Wayles for his attendance at the quarry Remembrance Service and laying the Parish Council wreath. She herself had attended the Church Remembrance Day service and laid a wreath on behalf of the Council. She noted the wreath laying ceremony had been somewhat later than is usual.

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairwoman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. There were no amendments.

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish  
Clerk to the Council

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairwoman: Mrs. D. Greenway, 2 Mill View, Beckside, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Jackson and County Cllr. C. Salisbury.

### *Present*

Cllrs. D. Greenway, F.T. Wayles, I. Cragg, W. Todd, C. Anderson,  
M. McPherson, M. Slinger, M. Irving and H. Saunders.  
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen  
PC. John Baldwin and PCSO Diane Wilcox.

- 2) **Declaration of Interests**  
There were no declarations of interest
- 3) **Open Forum**  
There were no representations from members of the public
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**  
The Chairwoman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
  3. Affordable Housing Cllr. Slinger spoke of the presentation made in Ulverston, which related to the land allocation for affordable homes in each area. He expressed his concern that the maps did not reflect all the areas identified as potential building sites. The consultation would last for a period of 6 weeks commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January.
  4. Highways Cllr. Cragg spoke of the delivery of new grit bins, and of their location. He noted the broken one at Marshside had at last been replaced. Cllr. Slinger advised that the additional bin at Four Lane Ends was to be relocated to Beckside. He further noted it was already broken. Cllr. Slinger also spoke of the need for a bin at Coombe Cres following requests by residents. Cllr. McPherson questioned the need for a bin in this location, but was assured it had been requested by a number of residents at the top of the close. Cllr. Anderson advised the new bin at Marshside was to close to the edge of the road, it needed moving closer to the bus shelter to avoid damage.
  5. Footpaths & Cycle-Ways Cllr. Anderson spoke of the proposal to plant trees on the roadside land between Chapels and Kirkby Hall. He noted we had been placed on the waiting list for a supply from the Woodland Trust. He further advised that with the installation of new gates, the 'incline' footpath was now complete and open for use. He noted that the footpath gate, removed when 'Transco' were working on the pipe bridge, has disappeared and replaced by simple wire mesh. He intended to contact Transco to ascertain its whereabouts. Cllr. Cragg observed that the footpath sign-post at Bell Hall has been knocked over.

There were Nil reports from Burlington School, Community Facility, Youth Activities, Coastal Flooding, Litter and Neighbourhood watch.

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

The Clerk informed the Council of a number of correspondence matters which had arisen, these included Police reorganisation in this area, the need to register an interest in additional salt and grit supplies from the County Council and a matter of 'rubbish dumping' at the railway station being investigated by the Transport Police.

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

Police Report A report was given by PC John Baldwin who provided further information on the Police reorganisation and its effects on Community Policing. He noted that whilst we would retain Diane Wilcox, requests for police assistance to this area may be answered by Ulverston or Windermere units. He noted that whilst crime within this area remained low, there was a need to be vigilant following theft from allotments on two occasions.

In response to a question from Cllr. Slinger on the rubbish dumping at the railway station, he advised he would make enquiries. Cllr. Slinger also questioned whether the Neighbourhood Watch organisation was to be enhanced given the reduction in police strength. PC Baldwin stated it was being reviewed.

Cllr. Irving also brought to his attention the incidences of dangerous over-taking on the A595/A5092 at Grizebeck. PC Baldwin advised he would liaise with the Police Traffic Unit on this matter. The Clerk informed him that John Bell had been contacted with a view to having a continuous white line down the centre of the road to overcome this problem.

- (a) Soutergate Car Park The Clerk advised the Council that with the relocation of the bus shelter, all Contractors work was now complete. Their invoice has been received and forwarded to the Community Unit for payment. The only remaining task was rebuild of the road wall, which awaited deliberation by the Highways Legal Department on responsibility for maintenance of the wall. He proposed this matter be moved to the 'Deferred Agenda' list. All were in agreement.
- (b) A595 Matters Cllr. Saunders spoke of the need for improved signage at Grizebeck. Many motorists from the direction of Broughton failed to realise the A595 turned right at the service station for the direction of Barrow, and found themselves at Beanthwaite having to ask for directions. It was agreed the Clerk should write to Highways requesting improved direction signage.
- (c) Hotline Reports Cllr. Slinger advised that he had reported 'break-up' of the Becks side road adjacent to the grit bin. Cllr. Wayles commented there were many areas of road damaged by the severe weather which needed reporting to the 'hotline'. It was agreed Councillors should forward details of all known instances of road damage to the Clerk, so that they may be collated and reported.
- (d) Hotline Progress In presenting the progress report for circulation, the Clerk noted there had been little improvement in the overall picture.

**8) Miscellaneous Matters**

(a) The Clerk gave an overview of the current annual insurance provisions, and of his recommendations for revision to reduce costs. He advised that a quotation had been requested from the Insurance Company, who had yet to respond. The recommendations would be circulated for comment.

(b) A review of the Multi -Agency Flood Action meeting, and the subsequent site meeting with Highways and SLDC representatives, was given by the Clerk. He expressed the opinion that the meetings had gone well, with all actions and responsibilities identified. Actions to overcome flooding problems would now be investigated. A review of progress with all parties was scheduled for February 2011.

(c) The Council were asked to consider a suitable date for the attendance of Julia Wilson, who wished to give a presentation on Emergency Plan preparation to the sub-committee. There was subsequent agreement this should be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

**9) Statutory Requirements**

The Chairwoman informed the Council of a letter of resignation received from Cllr. David Grisdale, who, with regret, has found it necessary to resign because of family commitments. In accepting the resignation Councillors expressed the hope that at some point in the future David Grisdale would feel able to serve the community again.

There was general agreement that the statutory notice of vacancy should not be displayed until early in the new year.

**10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

Cllr. McPherson detailed the recent awards made by the trust:

- £40 To 'Little Acorns' group for a Christmas Party
- £250 To enable the local branch of the British Legion to continue operating
- £200 To Burlington School for a Christmas party at Keppleway

Cllr. McPherson noted that 2 previous grants had not been proceeded with, and thus the monies awarded had been withdrawn.

**11) Accounts**

- (t) The financial statement for November 2010 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (u) The Clerk's salary of £117 and expenses of £75.65 for the month of December 2010 were approved for payment.
- (v) The payment of £10 to FLAG, being subscription for 2011, was approved.

**12) Planning**

The following Planning Application decisions were noted:

**Granted SL/2010/0874 Ship Inn, Askewgate**  
Removal of Condition 1 relating to BBQ hut

**SL/2010/0913 Kirkby Hall Farm**  
Variation of Condition ! relating to workshop building

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

<b>CALC</b>	December/January Circular
<b>SLDC</b>	Budget individual consultation Notice of Council meeting – info only Policy Briefing notes
<b>CCC</b>	Budget consultation Travel scheme for young people ACT Gazette – Winter 2010 Local News magazine
<b>GOV</b>	Nuclear Development update
<b>Barrow BC</b>	Notification of adoption of Local Planning regs.
<b>NALC</b>	LCR magazine – Winter 2010
<b>FLAG</b>	Newsletter – December 2010
<b>Friends of Lake District</b>	December newsletter
<b>High Furness LAP</b>	Proposed leaflet for comment

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of actions he had undertaken in recent weeks. He noted that the Bell Hall Tractor workshop was parking vehicles in an adjacent field. This was in contravention of the planning conditions, and he had advised the Enforcement Officer. He further advised he had arranged gritting of Bank End road during the severe weather. Cllr. Slinger informed him that a grit bin had now been provided for that location. Cllr. Curwen observed that it was likely more Neighbourhood Watch persons would be required, given the proposed cutback of Police resources. Cllr. Curwen also informed the Council that if any residents had problems with waste collection, they should advise him.

Cllr.M. Irving Informed the Council that the outer framework of the new Grizebeck Village Hall was now up, and a part time Project Manager had been appointed.

Cllr. W. Todd Observed that many of the Neighbourhood Watch phone calls received related to incidents some distance away, such as Carnforth. Cllr. McPherson advised that he receives the information by email, as well as by phone, and only passes it on in his area if relevant.

Cllr. M. McPherson Requested the criteria for positioning of grit bins. Cllr. Slinger advised him of the various reasons.

Cllr. H. Saunders Expressed the opinion that there would be more accidents and fatalities if the problem of the overflowing drain at Beanthwaite was not resolved. In this type of severe weather it becomes a sheet of ice across the road. It was agreed the Clerk should add this problem to the flood action sheet, and report it to the 'hotline' again.

Cllr. F. Wayles Observed there was a 'dead tree' in Burlington Close which required felling.

Cllr. M. Slinger Observed that a fire hydrant sign required attention at Bank House, and asked to whom it should be reported. Cllr. Saunders advised SLDC, but the Clerk informed him that on the last occasion we had been instructed to report it to the Fire Station. Cllr. Slinger gave an overview of the recent LAP meeting and informed the Council of the various tasks the LAP Group had determined it would pursue.

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairwoman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. Cllr. McPherson expressed his opinion that the Beckside Rooms disabled access problem was perhaps a little nearer to being resolved. Cllr. Jackson observed that the Duddon crossing proposal was now on hold following the withdraw of funding for the feasibility study. It was noted the Soutergate Car Park road wall action would need to be included.

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish  
Clerk to the Council