

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

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. D. Greenway and County Cllr. C. Salisbury.

**Present**

Cllrs. F.T. Wayles, I. Cragg, W. Todd, C. Anderson,

M. McPherson, M. Slinger, M. Irving, M. Jackson and H. Saunders.

Dist. Cllr.J. Curwen

Sgt. Flett Cumbria Police

Mr. W. Metcalfe NWEM

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. M. Slinger

2) **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. Slinger expressed an interest in item 11(f)

Cllr. Irving expressed an interest in item 12(a)

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 16<sup>th</sup> December 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 observed that the consultation period on land allocation for building had been extended. There was to be a consultation 'drop-in' day at the Community Centre on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.
2. Highways Cllr. Cragg advised he was pushing to get actions relating to flood prevention carried out. There was urgent need for Highways Dept. to provide a tanker and colour dye to determine the flow of drains at the A595 / Kirkby Hall location
3. Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles spoke of the need for more information from the Police on the incidence of 'cold-calling' in this area. Cllr. Slinger spoke of the need to be reassured on any situation changes following the Police reorganisation. He believed changes to the Neighbourhood Watch organisation are planned. Cllr. Wayles undertook to make enquiries regarding any changes.
4. Footpaths & Cycle-Ways Cllr. Anderson gave an overview on the plans for various work parties. He anticipated receipt of saplings from the Woodland Trust in the coming week, decisions on planting would be required. He spoke further on the missing footpath gate, and would be chasing Transco to replace.

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 number of matters relating to correspondence received: In regard to insurance provision, the insurer was unable to provide annual costs and savings relating to the changes we had requested until they had determined the 2011 rates. The Clerk advised we had been approached by another insurer, and had requested a quote from them.

He noted that the Boundary Commission had postponed decisions relating to Cumbria whilst gathering further information. On the question of replacement street signage, the long awaited visit by the department responsible had taken place, and accompanied by Cllr. McPherson, had determined our requests would be actioned.

Cllr. McPherson gave an overview of the emergency planning meeting held with Julia Wilson on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January. Further action will be dependant on the response to an item to be placed in the 'Caller', and to letters to be sent to selected individuals who are regarded as having particular skills, or attributes which would be required in the plan.

It was agreed by all that the generation of an 'Emergency Plan' should be transferred from the deferred list to become a main agenda item.

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

Police Report Sgt Flett gave an in depth view of the changes to be made to policing in the South Cumbria area. This reorganisation would make savings in back room activities, but would not diminish front line policing at present. There would be a team of 5 community patrol officers for this area, with a further 2 working with problem groups. In future calls to the Police, the Ulverston office should be contacted, not Dalton, and as from 7<sup>th</sup> February all emails should use the Team email address [ulverston&lakesnpt@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:ulverston&lakesnpt@cumbria.police.uk)

In response to questions, Sgt. Flett stated the question of 'dumping' at the railway station is being handled by the Transport Police, and the problem of overtaking at Grizebeck is being looked at by the Traffic Police. He further observed that in order to combat theft, 'Smart Water' is being introduced locally

Cllr Todd advised him of illegal parking outside Wallend Church on Tuesday evenings. It was agreed it would be better if this was resolved locally. Cllr. Jackson undertook to talk to those using the Church.

(a) A595 Matters Councillors expressed their concern about the quality of the work carried out on the highway in recent years. That between Cross Beck bridge and Bailiff Ground was breaking up in places, possibly as a result of tarmac being laid in the rain and or on top of surface water. There was still a problem with poor drainage on this road, and a number of outstanding actions for which contractors had yet to return.

School road was another problem area between Bell Hall and Four Lane Ends. There were a number of cracks and depressions in the surface which had been reported, but Contractors has not returned to remedy. Following general discussion, the Council was resolved to write to the CEO of the County Council informing her of their concern. The Clerk was instructed to write such a letter, with a copy to the Highways Department, and to County Cllr. Salisbury.

(b) Hotline Reports The following were reported by Councillors for inclusion on the Hotline: Muirlands to Peartree whole of road requires relaying due to potholes and surface wear. Soutergate to Cross Beck Bridge, road edging requires relaying. Soutergate near to 'Police Station' drain blocked and overflowing. Sandside West View, road flooded, drains blocked. A595 near to Bell Hall, potholes in road

(c) Hotline Progress In presenting the progress report, the Clerk observed there was little change from the previous month

- 8) **Miscellaneous Matters**
- (a) The Council were asked to consider a letter requesting support to a proposal that the Community Centre Tennis Courts be converted to a multi sports arena. In discussion the Parish Council were of the opinion they cannot respond unless and until the request comes from the Community Centre Committee.
- (b) The Council were asked to consider a response to the consultation on land allocation for affordable homes. In general discussion the question arose as to why this parish of 8 settlements had only one area allocated. Cllr. Slinger advised he would call a meeting of the Affordable Homes Group, and consider an update of the 'Needs' survey, after which there should be a public meeting. Dist. Cllr. Curwen undertook to arrange for a housing officer to attend the public meeting. It was agreed a copy of the land allocation map, together with the consultation notification should go on all notice boards.
- (c) The Council have been requested to respond to the LAP Review questionnaire. Cllr. Slinger, as Chairman of the High Furness LAP, requested all Councillors who were able, to respond to the questionnaire online.
- 9) **Statutory Requirements**
- The Clerk advised the Council that there was a requirement to post a 'Notice of Vacancy' for the position in Lower Quarter Ward, following the resignation of David Grisdale. It was his intention to post such a notice in the coming weeks if the Council were in agreement. He observed that the Council may choose to leave the position vacant until the Parish Council elections in May, when all Councillors would need to seek re-election. The Council were in agreement the vacancy should be posted.
- 10) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**
- There was no report of trust fund activities.
- 11) **Accounts**
- (a) The financial statement for December 2010 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerk's salary of £117 and expenses of £31.89 for the month of January 2011 were approved for payment.
- (c) The payment of £1586.25 to Marsh Ltd. for final car park work was approved. It was noted that the County Council grant had been received, less vat. The vat element was to be paid by the Parish Council and reclaimed in April.
- (d) The payment of £11 to the Methodist Church, for hire of the hall in December, was approved
- (e) The payment of £94 to the Village Hall committee, for hire of room between April and December 2010, was approved.
- (f) The payment of £23.60 to Cllr. Slinger, for travel expenses to District Association meeting, was approved.
- 12) **Planning**
- The following Planning Application decisions were reviewed and noted:  
**SI/2010/1089 Dove Ford Farm, Grizebeck** Conversion and extensions of cottages & barn into 2 dwellings and holiday let.  
Cllr. Irving, having expressed an interest, abstained from consideration of this application.

The Parish Council wishes to express its support for the above application.

**SL/2010/0847 Yew Tree Cottage, Sandside Lane REFUSED**  
**SL/2010/0905 The Barn, Becksid GRANTED**

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

**SLDC** Consultation on 'Waste Collection Service'  
**CCC** 'Better Highways' December newsletter  
Duddon Estuary Partnership minutes of November meeting  
**LDNP** Notice of revised arrangements for Development Management  
**'Infinergy'** Minutes and letters relating to Liaison Group meeting  
**British Legion** Invitation to hold a 'Poppy Party' in June 2011  
**Clerks & Councils** Direct January magazine

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Observed that there was now an SLDC Waste Consultation form, to be completed for all people who were infirm or elderly and were having difficulty with waste bins. He advised of Highways work, having arranged for drains to be cleared at Gawthwaite, and of discussions relating to Buckhorn Lane surface water being diverted in to the beck. He noted there was an urgent need for a grit bin to be located near to Burney Farm, Woodland. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised the Council that the Polling Station at Marshside was to be retained.

Cllr. H. Saunders Noted that if drains were cleaned out in Buckhorn Lane, there would be no necessity for curb stones to be installed on the corner properties. He further observed that a letter should go to LDNP relating to 'Malt Kiln' and the depositing of rubbish on the footpath by the developer.

Cllr. M. McPherson Reported that large vehicles having parked on grass verges, there would need to be remedial work come the spring. Cllr. Cragg undertook to talk to the Highways Steward on this matter.

Cllr. F. Wayles Observed there was an urgent need for repair of the street light on School Road, damaged in a recent vehicle collision. He was advised it is still the subject of a Police investigation.

Cllr. M. Slinger Gave an overview of current LAP projects, and noted that 2 new grit bins had been ordered for Combe Crescent and Sandside

**15) Deferred Matters**

Deferred agenda items were reviewed. There were no changes to status, with the exception of Emergency Plan, which is to become a main agenda item.

**16) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**

R. Morrish  
Clerk to the Council