

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 17th February 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. McPherson and H.R. Saunders
Present
Cllrs. D. Greenway, F.T. Wayles, I. Cragg, W. Todd, C. Anderson, M. Slinger, M. Irving and M. Jackson
Dist. Cllr.J. Curwen
County Cllr. C. Salisbury
2 members of the public
- 2) **Declaration of Interests**
Cllr. Slinger expressed an interest in item 11(d)
- 3) **Open Forum**
There were no representations from members of the public

County Cllr. Claire Salisbury informed the Council of a number of matters relating to County Council operations. The contract for Highways matters with Amey was to cease in March 2012, with much of the work being brought 'in-house'. Major tasks would be contracted out. Cllr. Salisbury noted that this Parish appeared to have the lowest reporting of Highways defects. Councillors expressed their disbelief at this statement and referred to the recent letter to the CEO on the standard of highways work in this area.
In referring to the County Council budget cuts, she advised that there were to be 600 job losses. It was also the case that the 'single status equal pay' negotiations, which had been ongoing since long before the present budgetary problems, would cost even more money because 68% of salaries would need to be increased.
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2011 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 that the group had met to discuss the land allocation proposal. It had been decided to propose a public meeting be held on 16th March. The outcome of that meeting would determine the response to SLDC
 2. Highways Cllr. Cragg spoke of inspections made with SLDC officer Graham Metcalfe, to determine work to be carried out to prevent flooding. He noted that no work was to be carried out in the vicinity of 'Well House' since the property was reliant on underground springs to provide fresh water. He also advised of the Highways Department 'sweeper team' who were scheduled to be in the area in the coming week, and had been contacted by the team leader, Scott Bradshaw.

3. Footpaths & Cycle-Ways Cllr. Anderson advised of work to clear bridleways, and of the further discussion with Transco relating to the gates removed during the recent work on the pipe-bridge. In response to a question on what saplings were provided by the Woodland Trust, he believed them to be oak, rowan and birch

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

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

A number of correspondence matters were reported by the Clerk. These included a letter of response from the County Council CEO, in relation to the A595, details of a travelling band of entertainers who wished to set up their stall on the Community Centre field during July for a day, more information on the proposal to convert the tennis courts into a multi purpose sports arena, and notification of a survey to be conducted by CALC in conjunction with ACT.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Police Report The Clerk informed the Council of a report from the Police, advising of thefts from outbuildings and sheds in this area. Householders should be on their guard, and ensure their property was kept under lock and key.

(a) A595 Matters County Cllr. Salisbury advised of County Council plans to improve the A595 between Barrow and Sellafield. District. Cllr. Curwen spoke of his proposal for piping the waterway alongside Tippin's Lane hill going up to Paradise. This would enable the road to be widened.

(b) Hotline Reports There were a large number of road defects reported by Councillors, particularly potholes on the A595. All were recorded by the Clerk for inclusion on the hotline

(c) Hotline Progress In presenting the report, the Clerk observed there was little progress to report being early in the year

8) Miscellaneous Matters

(a) The Clerk gave a review of insurance provision, and of the 2 quotations received from an alternative provider. Both quotations were significantly less than the current provider and had much improved terms and conditions. One quotation was for basic, fixed insurance, and the other had provision for later expansion and changes. The Clerk recommended that allowing expansion. Whilst recognising the need to change provider, the Council requested further information on the merits between the 2 quotations.

(b) Emergency Plan provision. The Clerk noted there had been very poor response to the letters sent out, only one response to date. It was to be hoped the item in the 'Caller' would elicit greater response from residents.

(c) Development Land Allocation. Cllr. Slinger gave further details of the proposed allocation by SLDC. He believed it was important the views of Councillors and residents were collated for presentation to SLDC. To this end he proposed a public meeting be held on Wednesday 16th March. There was unanimous support for this proposal.

(d) Flood Action review meeting. Cllr Slinger gave an overview of the Flood Action group meeting held on 16th February with the multi agency personnel. He noted Highways, on whom most actions fall, were once again absent, and there was a need to ensure the next meeting was arranged around their availability. He believed a representative from Holker Estates should also be invited to attend. In reviewing the individual action sheet items, he noted the flooding caused by the

cable run excavation from the Wind Farm should be included. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised him of a method of overcoming the problem of this cable run, which Cllr. Slinger undertook to discuss with the land owner.

Cllr. Cragg requested a letter of thanks be written to the Quarry Management for their recent assistance in further flood prevention work. The Clerk was instructed to write such a letter.

Cllr. Anderson observed that the beck, which was prone to flooding his garden, had, in the past, been discoloured by what appeared to be quarry waste.

9) Statutory Requirements

The Clerk observed that he had received a timetable of events leading to the Parish Council elections scheduled for the 5th May.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There was no report of trust fund activities.

11) Accounts

- (a) The financial statement for January 2011 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerk's salary of £117 and expenses of £20.52 for the month of February 2011 were approved for payment.
- (c) The payment of £35.64 to Eon Ltd. for electricity supply, November to January inclusive was approved for payment.
- (d) The payment of £12 to Cllr. Slinger, for travel expenses to LAP meeting, was approved.
- (e) The payment of £11 to the Methodist Church for hire of hall on 16th February was approved
- (f) A Finance Sub-Committee report was tabled by the Clerk. This detailed the recommended budget for 2011/2012, and advised levels of contributions and donations to be paid with monies remaining from the 2010/11 budget. Contributions to electricity costs for street lighting to be increased to £40 per household, whilst donations to worthy causes should be £25 per. Any remaining monies would go to reserve.
The Council were unanimous in accepting and approving the recommendations of the Finance Sub-Committee.

12) Planning

The following Planning Application was reviewed

SL/2011/0043 Yewtree Cottage, Sandside Lane

Erection of dwelling for local occupancy – formerly SL/2010/0847

The Parish Council wishes to express its unanimous support for this application, and will be expressing its concern to the Planning Authority that the Council's letter of support for the original application was not considered by the Committee.

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

CALC	February Circular Letter re disposal of Forestry Commission Land District Association minutes and agenda
CCC	Details of 'Better Highways' roll-out Minutes of Neighbourhood Forum
SLDC	For Information Only – minutes of Standards Committee

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of the various matters he is concerned with, and reiterated the Police message concerning thefts from Sheds and outhouses. He advised Councillors who had been clearing drains and culverts, that under no circumstances are they to go on to private land, only Environmental Staff are permitted to do this. Cllr. Curwen sought the Council's support in a matter relating to common land in Kendal. SLDC are to spend £70,000 in grassing over a free car park which is on common land, thus forcing motorists to use designated parking areas with meters. Many consider this a disgraceful waste of public money, and he asked the Council to write to SLDC expressing its concern. The Clerk was instructed to liaise with Cllr. Curwen on such a letter.

Cllr. M. Irving Advised the Council of another accident on the A5092, and gave an update on the progress of work on the new village hall

Cllr. C. Anderson Observed that the grit bin on the junction of Marshside / A595 had been relocated, and a quantity of sand bags stored within the bus shelter. Other bags had now been stored to the side of the Methodist Church, following a letter of complaint from the church about storage on their car park.

Cllr. W. Todd Raised the question of grass cutting since there were areas, such as Yewtree and the verge between Chapels and Kirkby Hall, which were not cut on a regular basis. It was agreed this should be discussed at the next meeting of the Council.

Cllr. F. Wayles Advised that a request had been received to place a memorial plaque on the public seats at Wallend. A resident wished to place a plaque in memory of his wife, who during her life had liked to sit there. The Council were in general agreement to permit this request but asked Cllr. Wayles to obtain more details.

Cllr. M. Slinger Informed the Council that the LAP comments had been distributed, and gave a report on the recent LAP meeting. He asked that Cllr. Cragg attend a meeting with him, so that he might be introduced to Highways Officers. He noted that location of the anticipated grit bin had proved a problem in Sandside. Its intended location at the lane junction, adjacent to 'Tethers End' had been ruled out by the landowner. In the interim it would be located outside the 'Co-op building'.

15) Deferred Matters

Deferred agenda items were reviewed. There were no changes to status.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 17th March 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

R. Morrish
Clerk to the Council