

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 21st April 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. Slinger and County Cllr. C. Salisbury
Present
Cllrs. D. Greenway, H. R. Saunders, F.T. Wayles, I. Cragg, W. Todd, M. Jackson, M. Irving , C. Anderson and M. McPherson.
Dist. Cllr.J. Curwen
PC 1180 Debbie Murrey of Cumbria Constabulary
1 member of the public
- 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 spoke of the continuing problem of the developer blocking the public footpath in front of the Malt Kiln at Grizebeck, thus forcing pedestrians out onto the road. She also advised the Council of the dangerous speeds and overtaking by vehicles in the same area. There was an urgent need for a continuous double white line on the A595 and A5092 roads through Grizebeck.
The Council advised Ms. Adams that both matters were in hand awaiting a response from the authorities. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain reasons for the delay in the proposed site visit.
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**
The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2011, and of the extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 6th April 2011, were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
 1. Highways Cllr. Cragg informed the Council of the work carried out by Highways and SLDC, to investigate and clear the drainage system in the vicinity of Kirkby Hall and Marshside. Drains had been 'jetted' out and were now functioning, with the exception of a drain at the end of Long Row which will need to be dug out. It remains to be seen if the work carried out will resolve the problem of the flooding of the A595 at Kirkby Hall.
 2. Neighbourhood Watch Whilst there were no issues to report, Cllr. Wayles gave an overview of matters in general, and of the need to remain vigilant. On the question of warnings and information, Dist. Cllr. Curwen expressed concern that not all messages are getting through to co-ordinators.
 3. Coastal Flooding The Clerk informed the Council of the need for a representative to the Coastal Flooding organisation. It was agreed this should be an Agenda item at the next meeting.

4. Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. Anderson spoke of the new footpaths leaflet being produced, and of the clearance work recently conducted.

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

Cllr. McPherson raised the question of review of the Parish Plan. He questioned its relevance given that many residents were unaware of its content, or of the many meetings held since it was compiled. Cllr. Irving was of the opinion that the new Grizebeck Hall would not have been built without the Parish Plan. The Clerk observed that periodic review of the Parish Plan was recommended by Local Government, and that this matter should be an agenda item in the future.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk informed the Council of further letters received, expressing thanks for contributions and donations.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Police Report PC Murrey gave an overview of crime within the area, and in particular, of anti-social behaviour on the moor by off-road bikes.

- (a) A595 Matters With the exception of the drainage work reported above, there were no new matters of note.
- (b) Hotline Reports Blocked drains at Soutergate were reported for inclusion on the hotline.
- (c) Hotline Progress The Clerk advised that there had been no work cleared from the progress report this year to date.

8) Miscellaneous Matters

- (a) The Council were advised that a request had been received via 'Stagecoach', for an additional bus stop on the north bound side of School Road, to be sited between Burlington Close and the School. This had been requested by elderly residents. Following general discussion on possible location, the Council were resolved to agree to the request, and instructed the Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Stagecoach, Highways and the Police, to finalise location.
- (b) The Council were requested to consider their response to those public meetings on the Land Allocation consultation called by a local Action Group. Cllr. McPherson, who had attended the previous evenings meeting, gave an overview of the proceedings. He expressed his surprise at the lack of knowledge and understanding exhibited by those present. This had led him to question the relevance of the current Parish Plan, or indeed the continued need for an 'Affordable Housing Team'. Following general discussion it was agreed the Council should, at its next meeting, discuss the Action Group's consultation response which was to be forwarded to SLDC
- (c) The Clerk advised the Council of recent actions relating to the Emergency Plan, and requested they authorise the printing of 'flyers' to be put into the Kirkby Caller. The Council were resolved to authorise the costs of printing.

9) Statutory Requirements

The Clerk advised the Council that there were no other nominations, and thus they would all be returned unopposed on 5th May. They would be required to complete the necessary acceptance paperwork at the AGM of the Council on 19th May.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There was no report of Trust Fund activities

11) Accounts

- (a) The financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2011 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Audit submission and annual governance statement was reviewed, approved by the Council and signed by the Chairwoman and Clerk
- (c) The Clerk's expenses of £23.61 for the month of April 2011 were approved for payment. It was noted that salary for April was withheld whilst the correct procedures for PAYE were ascertained
- (d) The payment of £11 for hire of the Methodist Hall on 6th April was approved.
- (e) The membership fee of £254.50 for 2011/2012 was approved for payment to CALC
- (f) The subscription fee of £15.50 for the 'Local Council Review' magazine during 2011/2012 was approved for payment to CALC
- (g) The Clerk further advised the Council on the imposition of PAYE by HMRC. He considered this to be a major problem and given the lack of knowledge it may be necessary to get accountants or specialist companies in to calculate income tax and make payments to HMRC every month. The Clerk informed the Council he would be discussing this matter with our internal auditor in the coming week, and would report back. The Council should be aware that in addition to any tax to be paid, there was also a likely cost of employing someone to perform this function, none of which has been budgeted.

12) Planning

The following notifications have been received and reviewed:

SL/2011/0096	Gospel Hall, Sandside	Conversion to dwelling
SL/2011/0283	Unit D, Peartree	Erection of conservatory
SL/2011/0296	Land at Bailiff Ground	Replacement dwelling

The Parish Council has 'no objections' to these applications

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

CALC	April Circular
	Town & Parish Council Survey
CCC	Minutes of Neighbourhood Forum
	Minutes of Duddon Estuary Partnership
	Consultation on Libraries
Natural England	Landscape designation project
GOV.	Boundary Commission Electoral Review

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Made a number of observations, in particular: Highways in removing the stone wall bordering the A595 at Gargrave, have not utilised all the land allocated by Mrs. Procter, there are parts of the wall remaining. A letter should be written to the CEO of the County Council regarding the high speeds and overtaking occurring in Grizebeck. A new culvert is to be installed in the vicinity of St. Mary's Well to divert flood water from entering Chapels.

Cllr. H.R. Saunders Observed that drainage works on the A5092 at Gawthwaite had now been completed.

Cllr M. Irving Informed the Council of dumping occurring at the Dove Bank old road again.

Cllr. C. Anderson Spoke of the excellent service from United Utilities when the sewer collapsed in the road outside of his property in Marshside.

Cllr. M. McPherson Observed that trees in Burlington Close were in urgent need of pruning since they were damaging vehicles. Dist. Cllr. Curwen stated that SLDC had a duty to prune. Cllr. McPherson stated he would arrange pruning.

Cllr F. Wayles Observed that parking on the road outside of the Community Centre was becoming a major problem at times, with vehicles having to reverse up for a long distance in order to allow oncoming traffic to pass

15) Deferred Matters

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

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 19th May 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

This will be the Annual Parish Meeting, and the AGM of the Parish Council.

R. Morrish
Clerk to the Council