

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 July 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. M. McPherson
Present
Cllrs. D. Greenway, H. R. Saunders, F.T. Wayles, I. Cragg, W. Todd, M. Jackson, M. Slinger, C. Anderson, M. Irving and B. Copley
Dist. Cllr.J. Curwen
PC Steve Castle of Cumbria Constabulary
- 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 16th June 2011 were approved and signed
- 5) **Parish Plan**
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
 1. Highways The Council were advised of visits by Bethels on 2 occasions to clear drains
 2. Litter The Clerk informed the Council that despite further letters to Northern Rail, there had been no response regarding the provision of waste bins at the station. Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised that SLDC were also going to contact the Railway Authorities.
 3. Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles advised that 'Internet Registration' had been obtained on his behalf.
 4. Footpaths Group Funding has been applied for to install a footpath between Community Centre car park and the Beckside Fields footpath

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

In response to a request from the Clerk that the 'Parish Plan' be reviewed and updated in line with recommended practise, all Councillors were resolved to review the existing plan, and bring to the next meeting proposals for updating.
- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
Cllrs Cragg and Jackson gave an overview of the recent Duddon Estuary Partnership meeting, which they had attended. On the question of the new grid, they had been advised that due to cost restrictions there could be no submerged cable, the new grid would almost certainly be erected on much larger pylons, following the existing route. It was also reported that longer HGV vehicles are to be permitted. It was believed this would cause problems on the narrow Lake District roads.

The Clerk advised the council of letters received regarding land allocation for house building. SLDC have decided to conduct further consultation, particularly on those areas which had been submitted as alternatives. It is also the intention, using CRHT, to conduct a housing needs survey in this area, similar to that conducted in 2007.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Police Report A report was given by PC Steve Castle. He reiterated the message that whilst crime was low in South Cumbria, everyone needed to be on their guard due to the thefts of metals and fuel. He was aware of the recent theft of fuel from the local railway works.

A595 Matters Councillors expressed concern on the state of Metcalfe's Corner. When the road was relayed, all the land available was not utilised at this corner. As a consequence, the corner is acute and visibility is poor, particularly when vegetation is high. Dist. Cllr. Curwen has undertaken to have these matters resolved.

Soutergate Car Park The problem of weeds was reported by the Clerk, who has requested a local contractor to clear them. The Clerk also advised of the deterioration of the road wall. This would need repair in the near future, and it was likely the Council would need to fund this work

Hotline Reports Cllr. Irving reported deep potholes on the A595 between Dove Bank and Dove Ford. Cllr. Wayles spoke of tarmac break-up in the vicinity of the Ship Inn on Askewgate. Problems with drainage in the vicinity of the Station and West View, have also been reported.

Hotline Progress The progress report was presented for distribution. It was noted that many repairs were now reported as complete

8) Miscellaneous Matters

The matter of the Kirkby Flood Action Group was raised by the Clerk. He advised there had been no meeting since February, and as a consequence there was now an urgent need to review progress with the multi-Agency Team. The Council were resolved to determine work to date and set a date when all parties could attend such a review. Cllr. Cragg undertook to bring action sheets up to date. Dist Cllr. Curwen agreed to ascertain details of work conducted in Grizebeck by SLDC, and what actions were outstanding.

9) Statutory Requirements

There were no matters arising.

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

It was reported that a meeting of fund had been held recently and grants awarded. Details would be announced by Cllr. McPherson in due course

11) Accounts

(a) The financial statement for the month of June 2011 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.

(b) The Clerk's expenses of £57.43 and salary of £132 for the month of July 2011 were approved for payment.

12) Planning

The following notification was reviewed:

LDNP T/2011/0044 Tree Preservation order no. 251

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:

CALC	July, August Circular Minutes of Association meeting Letter relating to Queen's diamond Jubilee in 2012 Broadband Project bulletin NALC update on 'Localism Bill' NALC briefing notes on Public Services 'White Paper'
ACT	Formation of Credit Union in South Lakeland
LDNP	Letter reference 'Landscape Planning 'Consultation
SLDC	Land Allocation consultation invitation to briefing 27 th July
National Flood Forum	Request for stories regarding flooding.
Friends of Lake District	July Newsletter
Clerks & Councils	Direct Magazine

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of his recent tour of inspection with the Safety Officer. A number of tasks had been agreed in principle. These included Metcalf's Corner to go back a metre; road markings at Peartree; extended crash barrier at Bank End road junction and double white lines in Grizebeck.

Cllr. Curwen also undertook to discuss with Keith Masser the need to take action on the roadside trees between Soutergate and Kirkby.

Cllr. M. Irving Informed the Council that the new Grizebeck Village Hall would be open for the public to view on the 7th August. The formal opening would be in September

Cllr. W. Todd Spoke of the road dangers at Beanthwaite and the need for double white lines. He also spoke of the continuing problems with the Marshside pumping station, and of their habit of leaving lights on permanently.

Cllr F. Wayles Observed that details of Grizebeck Village Hall opening had been announced at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting he had attended.

Cllr. M. Jackson Spoke further on the Duddon Partnership meeting he had attended, particularly about the proposed new grid, and about the poor water quality in the Estuary due to grazing sheep on the mosses.

Cllr. B. Copley Observed that Mr. David Anderson is going ahead with plans for a traffic mirror at the Sandside Lane / A595 junction. Residents would be asked to contribute to the costs.

15) Deferred Matters

Deferred agenda items were reviewed. Whilst there were no changes to status, Cllr. Cragg has requested a copy of the Estuary Feasibility Study report.

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 18th August 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

R. Morrish
Clerk to the Council