

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 18th August 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**
Apologies for absence and a letter of resignation were received from Cllr. M. Slinger.
Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr. Claire Salisbury
Present
Cllrs. D. Greenway, F.T. Wayles, M. Jackson, M. McPherson, H. R. Saunders,
M. Irving, I. Cragg, I. Anderson, B. Copley and W. Todd.
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen
Representative of Cumbria Constabulary
Mr. D. Anderson
- 2) **Declaration of Interests**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3) **Open Forum**
The Chairwoman invited Mr. David Anderson to address the Council.
Mr. Anderson informed the Council of a problem with moles burrowing amongst the newly planted trees at Chapels. He was advised to contact Mr. Brian Coward.
Mr. Anderson also spoke of the intended traffic mirror to be erected opposite to the Sandside Lane junction with the A595. He was advised that Highways will not sanction it being installed in the roadside verge. It will therefore need to be installed in the hedge of Holker Estates land and will require planning permission. The Council determined this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. Dist Cllr. Curwen undertook to assist in this matter.
- 4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**
The minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 21st July 2011 were approved and signed
- 5) **Parish Plan**
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:
 1. Litter The Clerk advised the Council that a response from Northern Rail was still awaited regarding the waste bin at the station. The Clerk also advised of charges to be made by SLDC for the collection of large / bulky items of household waste. These would be in the order of £30 plus vat.
 2. Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles suggested that as all NW matters were now via the internet, it was perhaps better that someone who had internet access took over his role as NW Coordinator
 3. Footpaths Group It was reported that progress was being made on the new footpath at the Community Centre field.

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

The Council were asked to consider the need for an update of the Parish Plan. It was recognised by all present that it was in need of revision, but this could not be achieved without community approval. There would need to be a group organised to produce the recommendations, which would then need to be put before all residents. The Clerk was instructed to place an item in the 'Caller' asking for volunteers to assist the Council.

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

The Clerk informed the Council of a number of letters, particularly from SLDC on the matter of further consultation on the land allocation for building. The Council would need to consider if the previous submission to SLDC required further update, and if the Council wished to hold a 'briefing' session with SLDC which had been offered. All correspondence on this matter would be distributed for further review by Councillors.

The Clerk also advised of a letter from Tim Farron MP, relating to Government funding being available for coastal community projects. Further details can be obtained from his Constituency Office.

The Clerk informed the Council of a letter received by County Cllr. Claire Salisbury from a local resident who wished to have an additional electronic 30mph sign erected to deter speeding motorists over the brow of the hill leading into Kirkby, on the north bound side from Soutergate. Councillors were aware of the problem and expressed their support of Cllr. Salisbury if she sought the erection of further signage.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Police Report A report was given by the Police Constable, who 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.

Cllr. Copley spoke of a recent newspaper report, and of the intention to remove abandoned vehicles. She asked if this was to be applied in rural areas. Both the Constable and Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised she contact SLDC.

Cllr. Irving spoke of the likelihood of large vehicles attempting to use Bank End when the A595 was closed at Grizebeck on the nights following 23rd August. He asked what steps were the Police taking to prevent this. The Constable undertook to pass on the concerns expressed.

Cllr. McPherson spoke of the recent accident on School Road when a number of parked vehicles were damaged. He asked why the driver of the responsible vehicle had escaped prosecution. He was informed by the Constable that there were no witnesses, the driver was not drunk, and it could not be proven he was on the wrong side of the road.

A595 Matters The Council were advised by the Clerk of intended road closures, the first being the A595 at Grizebeck during 3 evenings following 23rd August, and secondly, the Bank End road for a number of days following the 26th September. Diversions have been promulgated for both closure periods

Hotline Reports There were no further defects reported for inclusion on the Hotline.

Hotline Progress The progress report was presented for distribution.

- 8) **Miscellaneous Matters**
 The Clerk gave a progress report on the intended Flood Action Group meeting. Highways Department had requested it be late September, preferably on a Wednesday. The 21st & 28th of September had been proposed to them, and a response is awaited. It is our preference it be the 21st and to which Dist. Cllr. Curwen and County Cllr. Salisbury would be invited. The meeting with Holker Estates and SLDC to review the proposal to overcome flooding at Soutergate had taken place, and the action agreed. This would need to be funded by the Environment Agency, and the work organised by the Highways Department.
- 9) **Statutory Requirements**
 The question of the appointment of a Vice Chairperson was deferred until the October meeting
- 10) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**
 Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of the recent award of £2676 to the Cricket Club, which added to the recent grant from the 'Lords Taverners' and their own savings, would enable them to purchase much needed training area equipment. Cllr. McPherson also spoke of the CGP annual review of the Trust Fund and its operation. CGP had expressed their pleasure at the manner in which the fund was operated, and were in agreement with the way grants were made.
- 11) **Accounts**
 (a) The financial statement for the month of July 2011 was given by the Clerk and approved for circulation.
 (b) The Clerk's expenses of £17.07 and salary of £132 for the month of August 2011 were approved for payment.
 (c) The payment of £35.64 to Eon Ltd. for electricity supply May to July inclusive was approved
 (d) The payment of £230 to Mr. David Cooper, being the second payment for grass cutting, was approved.
- 12) **Planning**
 The following was noted:
SL/2011/0296 Dwelling on land at Bailiff Ground GRANTED
- 13) **Correspondence**
 The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:
CALC Training & Development opportunities.
SLDC LDF Land Allocation – Further consultation
 Parish Remuneration Panel
 Letter re charges for bulk waste collection
CCC Cumbria Fells & Dales Group – Annual Review
 Duddon Estuary Partnership – minutes of meeting
 Neighbourhood Forum minutes
Furness Wind Farm Briefing notes & disc
RHS 'In Bloom' campaign – invitation to join
FLAG August newsletter

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of matters he has recently been involved with, these included white lines at Peartree, Metcalfe's corner requiring setting back, and the need for further consideration of the planning application at Bailiff's Ground. He had also noted the prevalence of 'Ragwort' in many areas this year, and had advised 'Natural England'

Cllr. M. Irving Informed the Council that the Public viewing on the 7th of the new Grizebeck Village Hall had been well attended.

Cllr. W. Todd Spoke of the water at Springfield running out onto the road. Drains needed to be located and cleared.

Cllr. B. Copley Observed that 'Dog Fouling' signage needed replacing at Sandside. The Clerk informed her that he had signs which could be used.

Cllr. M. McPherson Requested that a discussion of arrangements for next years Queens Diamond Jubilee be put on the agenda. He also observed of the need to progress the Emergency Plan document. Cllr. Anderson undertook to join the group concerned with the plan.

Cllr. C. Anderson Observed that street signage at Marshside was in need of refurbishment. Cllr. McPherson undertook to provide him with the name of the person to contact

Cllr. R. Saunders Reiterated the need for white lines at Beanthwaite, and of the need to overcome drainage problems.

15) Deferred Matters

Deferred agenda items were reviewed by the Chairwoman. There were no changes to status. The Clerk observed that the car park road wall was now in a perilous state. Since it was unlikely its repair would be funded by Highways, there was a need for the Council to consider ways the repairs might be funded

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 20th October 2011 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

R. Morrish
Clerk to the Council