

Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

Chairman: Cllr. M. McPherson, 1 Combe Crescent, Kirkby-in-Furness, Cumbria

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 19th January 2017 in Beckside Rooms

1. Apologies for Absence:

Apologies were received from Councillor F.T.Wayles

Present:

Cllrs. M. McPherson, H.R. Saunders, B. Copley and M. Jackson, M. Cragg.
W. Todd, J. Byrne, R. Hodge, M. Irving

2. Requests for Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensation.

Declaration of Interests

The Chairman expressed a declaration of interest in 12(f).

3. Chairman's remarks

Chairman welcomed the new Clerk, Alison Field.

4. Open Forum

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th December 2016 were approved and signed.

6. Parish Plan/Community Led Plan

Affordable Homes

It was reported that there had been no progress on this issue and noted that if the North West Coast Connections proposal goes ahead and pylons are erected through the village this may have impact on the proposed development adjacent to the school which may then not be commercially viable. Surveys to-date have identified 13 instances of Residents in need of Affordable Housing but it was noted that the surveys are out of date. Councillor Hodge suggested the Council write to SLDC asking them to advise on the following points with regard to the proposed developments: how many of the units will be affordable homes, how many of the affordable homes will be social, how residents will be informed and how qualifying residents of Kirkby Ireleth can apply to be considered as purchasers/tenants.

Action – Council to write to SLDC asking them to advise on the points as noted above.

The Council discussed the impact the levy imposed by SLDC on new built homes may have on affordable housing. District Councillor Joss Curwen stated he will raise the issue of the levy with SDLC.

Action:- District Cllr. Curwen to raise issue of levy with SDLC

Action Team Reports

Community Centre – Grizebeck. The car park has now been resurfaced and the sound improvement system is to be installed shortly.

Flooding Group - Soutergate Beck - There has been a recent inspection by the Environmental Agency and work is to be carried out in the Summer.

Neighbourhood Watch - It was noted that Councillor Wilkinson was responsible for this, together with the Speed Watch Group and that he had stated upon his resignation, that he would continue report back on these issues.

Footpath and Cycleways Group

There are 50 trees available to plant in the Parish and suggestions of where to place them would be welcomed.

It was reported that slate dust is evident in rain water running from the quarry through Marshside. Cllr. Cragg to contact the quarry to report this.

Action:- Cllr Cragg to contact quarry to report the above

A new seat has been provided by Cllr. Cragg in memory of her husband, Ian Cragg, adjacent to the bus stop at Marshside.

7. Matters Arising not on the Agenda

There were no matters arising not on the Agenda.

8. Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

No police report.

a) A595 matters

- i. Watery Lane** – A site meeting had taken place with Lizzie Sedgwick and Rachel Bagshaw from Holker Estates. They have advised that their maps indicate that they own the land either side of Watery Lane, but not the actual lane. David Sankey, Highways Steward, is going to organise the gully wagon to run a die test to see if the Highways drains run into the manhole on Watery Lane. If they do, they will sort out the problem.

A number of problems with the A595 have been reported to David Sankey, Highway Steward which he advised will be addressed as soon possible. Clerk to write to County Cllr. David Fletcher to request a map of the area giving the manholes numbers, in order to ensure correct identification of problem areas.

Action: Council to write to County Cllr. Fletcher

No firm date has yet been given by County Council as to when the road closure of the A595 will take place. It was agreed for the Council to write to County Cllr. David Fletcher to request an update on this.

Action: Cllr Irvine to write to County Cllr. D. Fletcher

A report was made regarding the surface of the A595 at Bank End Quarry. The surface of the A595 at this location becomes very slippery when it rains and there has been approximately 10 accidents at this location over the last 2 years, the most recent being on 7th January 2017 when 3 police cars and an ambulance had to attend following an accident.

- ii. **To consider further the proposal to seek width restrictions on the A595** - This was discussed at some length by the Councillors. Who agreed by a majority vote not to seek width restrictions on the A595.

b) Hotline Reports

None reported.

c) Hotline Progress

No update was given on this.

9. Miscellaneous Matters

a) To receive and discuss Pylon issues

It is reported that 3,000 responses were received a week before the deadline. The National Grid have ensured the Council that every one of them will be read by a person and not merely scanned through a machine. They also say that every question asked and comment made will be considered and replied to in the next round of the planning process. Furthermore every response will be made available to view on their website in due time. All names will be redacted. It was agreed that Action Groups should be thanked for the tireless work throughout the consultation period.

b) To consider and resolve the problems of street lighting repairs

It was reported that at least 2 of the streets lights are defective. The Council have been searching for someone to carry out the repair work for the last 2 years without success. The Council to write to SDLC to ask if it would be possible for them to maintain these lights on behalf of the Council and what the cost for this would be.

Action: Council to write to SDLC regarding maintenance of street lights

10. Statutory Requirements

The Clerk informed that the vacancy for a Councillor has been advertised on the notice boards.

11. CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

There were no items to discuss.

12. Accounts

- a) A financial statement for the month of December 2016 was presented by the outgoing Clerk and approved by the Council for distribution.
- b) The new Clerk signed a contract of employment.
- c) The new Clerks salary of £165 was agreed.
- d) The payment of £33 to HMRC, being PAYE to 5th February 2017, in relation to the new Clerk was approved.
- e) A report from the Finance Sub- Committee was received and approved by the full Council. It detailed the required Precept and proposed budget for 2017/2018 including payment of £10 for the FLAG of subscription and payment to 7 residents of £40 being the annual contribution to electricity costs for street lighting.
- f) Printing costs for December of £35.00 payable to Cllr. McPherson were approved.
- g) The payment of £73.58 to E.on for September to December 2016 inclusive was approved.
- h) Extending the contract of the outgoing Clerk until end February 2017 was discussed and will be put on the agenda for the February meeting for approval.

13. Planning

There were no planning applications received.

Cllr. Saunders raised the issue of the continuing concern of residents relating to the barn conversion at Beanthwaite. As far as is known, planning permission has not been given, yet the National Park seem content to let building work continue. The Chairperson of the National Park to be contacted to discuss these concerns. District Councillor Curwen agreed to do this.

Action: District Councillor Curwen to contact the Chairperson of the National Park

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence was reviewed for circulation:-

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| CALC - | Circular for December & January |
| Clerks & Councils - | Direct magazine for January |
| CALC - | SAAA announcement of appointed auditors by county area 2017/18 - 2021/22 |
| CALC - | Training |
| SLDC - | Request for Topics for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2017/18 |

NALC - Community Housing Fund
CALC – Vacancy Notice – West Coast Development Officer
Ms. Jean Liney – A5092 Stones on road and damage to car at top of
Grizebeck Hill

The email from Ms Jean Liney was considered by the Councillors and it was agreed that the Chairman will reply explaining that the Parish Council do not have the information she has requested.

Action:- Cllr M. McPherson to reply to Ms. Liney.

15. Reports

a) Parish Councillor's Report

- Askew gate is to be resurfaced
- A plaque depicting the position of the mountains surrounding the Duddon Estuary is to be installed at Wallend. It is being organised by the History of Kirkby Group.
- There is a problem with litter on the A595 at Muirlands

Action: District Cllr. Curwen to organise a litter pick

b) Country Councillors's Report

No report

c) District Councillor's Report

Cllr. Curwen gave his report to the Council. He had asked the Council to sweep out and clear the drains as Sandside, but it was not known whether or not this had been carried out.

Also he reported that he has spoken to the Council about the flooding at Pear Tree and the need for clearing this area but this has not yet been done.

16. Deferred Actions Review

There were no deferred actions.

17. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th February 2017

Alison Field
Clerk to Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council