

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

CHAIRMAN: Mr. H. R. Saunders, 'Hill Farm', Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness. Cumbria

## Minutes of the of Parish Council Meeting

Held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. Hartley, M. McPherson and W. Todd  
**Present**  
Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, M. Slinger, I Cragg, D. Greenway, C. Anderson and M. Irving.  
Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen
- 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 the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009 were approved and signed.
- 5) **Parish Plan**  
The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:  
Affordable Housing Cllr. Slinger gave a report on the Public meeting held to advise residents of the proposals by SLDC to allocate land for development, and to receive comments relating to each of the plots identified. The meeting had been well attended with numerous comments received and much discussion on the suitability of areas identified. The effects on affordable housing proposals, and the further possibility of some areas being suitable for employment purposes were also discussed at some length.  
On behalf of the Council the Chairman thanked Cllr. Slinger for his organisation and running of the meeting, which had been well received.  
Highways Cllr. Cragg informed the Council of the work being carried out by the 'Highways Steward'. He expressed concern at the unsightly nature of the roadside tract of land between Chapels and Kirkby Hall, and asked what could be done with it. Dist Cllr. Curwen advised that it belonged to CCC, who should be approached with any proposals. There followed a general discussion on the cutback of hedgerows on the road to Beckside. This had created much debris on the road. Councillors were concerned that contractors should be made to clear up on completion of work.  
Litter Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised the Council that a litter bin was to be provided for Dove Bank  
Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles expressed his concern that the packs and window stickers had still not been delivered.  
Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. Anderson advised the Council of the imminent installation of the new self closing gates on the Beckside/Soutergate footpath, and of the clearance work being undertaken at Friars Ground. Cllr. Slinger informed him that the old cast iron gates being removed from footpaths were of some value and should be retained for use elsewhere. Cllr. Anderson also spoke of work to be carried out by Holker Estates on the incline footpath retaining walls. This would involve closure of the footpath for some months.

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

**6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

The Clerk informed the Council of correspondence received, - an invitation to set up a display at the Kirkby Gala, and a letter from the Footpaths Group advising of the new gates being installed on the Soutergate/Beckside footpath. The Clerk also reminded the Council of the CALC conference to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> February, and of the Morecombe Bay Partnership AGM to be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February. He further advised of the Neighbourhood Forum meeting he had attended in an effort to obtain a grant for the car park at Soutergate.

Cllr. Slinger spoke of his intention to attend the CALC conference on locality working, but believed the Council needed to make a decision on which group it wished to be aligned with, 'High Furness' or Ulverston. In discussion the Council were of the opinion it could not make that decision without further information on what was intended for 'locality working'

**7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**

Soutergate Bus Shelter & Car Park

- (i) The Clerk gave a status report to the Council. He advised of the receipt of a new draft lease which contained the changes agreed. He also advised of the need for a Project Team to agree a specification which could be used for obtaining further estimates for the cost of the work, and to pursue the obtaining of grants.
- (ii) The Council were advised by the Clerk that there was a need for acceptance of the lease to be formally approved. Following general discussion, the Council were resolved by majority decision to accept the terms and condition of the lease, and instructed the Clerk to write to Holker Estates confirming acceptance.

Additional Bus Shelters

Completion of the 2 bases was reported by the Clerk. He further advised of a delay in delivery of the shelters. These were not now expected until mid March. In anticipation of completion, invoices had been obtained and the grant applied for from the Highways Department.

Grizebeck Bus Shelter

There was no progress to report on the intended traffic reorganisation.

Hotline Reports

Defect reports were submitted by Cllr. Irving. He noted instances of the road breaking up and potholes in and around the Grizebeck area. He also observed that the unofficial lay-by opposite 'Muirlands' was strewn with litter. It was evident a litter bin was needed here.

Hotline Progress

In presenting the progress report, the Clerk observed there had been little action on the clearance of defects reported.

**8) Miscellaneous Matters**

Cllr. Wayles observed that the CGP car park light was still not operational. He was informed it required reconnecting by United Utilities, who had been contacted on a number of occasions.

**9) Statutory Requirements**

Nil report

**10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**

Nil report

**11) Accounts**

- (a) The financial report for January 2009 was presented to the Council and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses of £95.74 for the month of February 2009 were approved for payment.
- (c) The sum of £86.50 for lighting repairs was approved for payment to Mr. Mark Bell
- (d) A report from the Finance Sub-Committee was considered by the Council. Following further explanations by the Clerk of the likely cash flow problems at year end, the report was accepted and the following recommendations approved:
  - (i) Acceptance of the 2009/10 budget as presented
  - (ii) Authority to obtain a short term loan if grants not received by year end
  - (iii) Donations for 2008/09 to be deferred
  - (iv) Release of 'reserve' funding and advance approval of payments for bus shelters and the Soutergate legal costs.
  - (v) Annual approval of the Parish Council accounting and auditing procedures.
- (e) The payment of £425 to Mr. D. Penellum was approved for the construction of the bus shelter bases.
- (f) The sum of £30 as a contribution to annual lighting costs was approved for payment to each of the 7 recipients

**12) Planning**

The following planning notifications were reviewed:

**SL/2009/0043**

**Broom Lea, Becksid**

Extension and change use of field to garden

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this application.

**Granted**

**SL/2008/1201**

**Grizebeck Village Hall**

Rebuild

**13) Correspondence**

The following correspondence received was reviewed for circulation:

**CALC**

February circular

Notification of District Association meeting

Special Conference for SL parishes 'Locality Working'

**CCC**

Bus service 511

CYSS newsletter

**SLDC**

Document and questionnaire relating to 'Locality Working'

Standards Committee minutes and agenda.

**LDNP**

Park Rangers area of responsibility

Minerals & Waste strategy consultation

**RS2010**

NW regional strategy introduction

**Rural Services Network**

Introduction letter

**14) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Gave an overview of the activities he is currently engaged in, and informed the Council of his intention to call a site meeting with a senior member of staff from Carlisle to view road conditions in this and the Broughton areas. He proposed the Chairman and Cllr. Irving attend since he proposes to raise the subject of the Dove Ford bypass. He further informed the Council of the intention to extend the resurfacing of the A595 from beyond the school to Marsh Garth. This work was to be carried out this year.

Cllr. C Anderson Spoke of the dilapidated speedboat parked at Marshside and who should he contact to get it removed. He was advised it was on United Utilities land, and had been the subject of previous requests for removal. Cllr. Anderson also spoke of the dog fouling problem between Marshside and the Station. He also observed that all hamlet name signs were in need of refurbishing. .

Cllr. M. Slinger Advised the Council of damage to private walls in the Little Croft area, caused by vehicles attempting to pass each other, and expressed the opinion a change of road markings was required. He also requested an update on the Four Lane Ends sign problems. He was advised by the Clerk that information was still being gathered, and that in addition the Council would need to make a decision on colour scheme before an estimate could be obtained.

**15) Deferred Matters**

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. There were no changes to status

**16) Date of next meeting**

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