

# Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council

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

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council Held on Thursday 21st May 2009 in Kirkby Village Hall

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Irving, R. Hartley and W. Todd

**Present**

Cllrs. H.R. Saunders, D. Greenway, F. Wayles, D. Copley, M. Slinger, M. McPherson, C. Anderson, and I. Cragg (part time)

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

5 members of the public

In welcoming those present, the Chairman thanked Cllr. Dora Greenway for taking the Chair during his absence in recent months.

2) **Election of Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson, and seconded by Cllr. Wayles that Cllr. Saunders should remain in office. There being no other nominations, Cllr. H. R. Saunders was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

3) **Election of Vice-Chairman**

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson and seconded by Cllr. Wayles that Cllr. Greenway should remain in office. There being no other nominations, Cllr. D. Greenway was unanimously elected Vice-Chairperson for the ensuing year.

4) **Declarations of Acceptance of Office**

Declarations were completed by Cllrs. H.R. Saunders and D. Greenway, and witnessed by the Clerk

5) **Election of Representatives to other bodies and committees.**

It was proposed by Cllr. McPherson, and seconded by Cllr. Slinger that current representatives, with the exception to that of the Community Centre, should remain in office. All were in agreement. It was noted that a representative to the Community Centre was no longer necessary.

6) **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

7) **Open Forum**

There was no representation from members of the public.

8) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2009 were approved and signed.

9) **Parish Plan**

The Chairman invited Councillors to report on the progress of their groups:

Affordable Housing An update on the development land allocation by SLDC was given by Cllr. Slinger. He noted that some previous Holker Estates proposals had now been removed, and a letter had been received concerning small plots which were also to be removed. A report was to be circulated.

Highways In the temporary absence of Cllr. Cragg, the report on Highways was deferred.

Litter The Council were advised by Dist. Cllr. Curwen that the bin for Dove Bank was still awaited, he had every hope it would be in place soon. He noted that the Grizebeck bin was only being emptied occasionally, he would make efforts to ensure it was emptied on a regular basis.

Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. F. Wayles spoke of a meeting held in Barrow at which one of our coordinators, Mr. Harris of Soutergate, had been elected to the committee for this area.

Dist. Cllr. Curwen gave an update on the 'Farmwatch' initiative which has been set up to reduce theft from farms and rural properties.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. Anderson spoke of further meetings with the PPI Rangers in an attempt to gain more funds for new gates, particularly on the 'Incline' footpath where it was hoped to enable disabled access. He advised that his group were to produce a pamphlet of walks in this area. The Chairman proposed that this pamphlet should be included in the 'Parish Welcome Pack' All were in agreement. Cllr. Anderson further advised of a survey of pathways being conducted by the County Council.

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

#### **10) Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

The Clerk informed the Council of a number of letters received:

A letter of resignation had been received from Cllr. Hartley, who felt he could no longer continue because of his illness. The Council were saddened by this news and requested the Clerk write to Cllr. Hartley thanking him for his many years of service to the community.

Notification of a proposed footpath diversion. This had been passed to the Footpaths Group for a response.

Advice of a road closure at Woodend to assist work by BT.

Proposed sale of land by SLDC at rear of 50 Burlington Close to resident

Request by VAC for copy of final accounts statement from Parish Plan organising committee. This has been provided.

#### **11) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**

**Police Report** A report from PC John Baldwin, who was unable to attend, was given by the Clerk. In his report PC Baldwin warned of increased criminal activity in the south of the county, and urged residents to be on their guard and to report any matters of concern. He noted the recent vandalism to bus shelters and telephone boxes, and requested anyone with information to contact him.

##### **(a) Soutergate Car Park**

An update was given by the Clerk, who advised the Council of estimates received and from which a preferred contractor had emerged. Further information had however been received which suggested less hard core was required and therefore a possible reduction in costs. Following a site visit by the Project Team, it had been decided to split the task into 2 phases, and for which new estimates would be obtained.

The Council considered the information received, and instructed the Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Slinger on a letter to go to the preferred contractor, inviting him to provide estimates on the 2 phase basis.

The Chairman expressed his concern at the likely costs of the car park construction.

##### **(b) Grizebeck Bus Shelter**

It was reported the Highways Department had completed the traffic rearrangement, and the position of the shelter and bus stop had been determined. A contractor has been requested to lay a concrete base for the shelter. When this is completed the shelter will be erected.

##### **(c) Hotline Reports**

It was noted by Cllr. Anderson that the 20mph signs at Marshside and Head Cragg required attention.

(d) Hotline Progress

The Clerk presented a progress report which showed little change from the previous month.

**12) Miscellaneous Matters**

In considering its position on the proposed Kirksanton nuclear power station, and the resulting overhead power lines, the Council were advised by the Clerk of a number of communications received. Whilst initially this Parish had not been considered for public consultation, we were now invited to respond to the relevant government department, and would be consulted on future occasions.

In general discussion the Council were resolved to forward comments arising from this meeting, and to consider a further response when Councillors had been given time to view the correspondence received.

Dist. Cllr. Curwen spoke of the need for a joint meeting with Broughton on this subject, since the A595 was totally inadequate to handle the traffic envisaged on such a major building project as a nuclear power station.

**13) Statutory Requirements**

The Clerk advised the Council that following the resignation of Cllr. Hartley, notification of an election would appear on Notice Boards during June

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

Cllr. McPherson informed the Council of the following grants which had been made by the Trust at their recent meeting:

Burlington School	£50	Visit to Gymnastics Club by children.
History of Kirkby Group	£374	Purchase of metal detectors
Friends of Burlington School	£350	Band & flooring for Gala marquee
Kirkby Community Centre	£200	Sponsorship of junior Fell race at Gala
Individual	£200	Towards cost of marquee for Gala
	£250	Towards cost of Gymnastics Course in order to coach village children
Greyhound Inn Volunteers	£100	Towards costs associated with Community effort to keep pub open.

**15) Accounts**

(a) The monthly financial report for April 2009 was presented by the Clerk and approved for circulation. The Clerk advised the Council that the annual internal audit for the financial year 2008/09 had been completed and there were no comments. The government external audit was scheduled for July.

(b) The Clerks salary of £110 and expenses of £37.50 for the month of May 2009 were approved for payment.

(c) The sum of £210, being the first payment for grass cutting was approved for payment to Mr. D. Cooper.

(d) The sum of £47.44 was approved for payment to E.ON being electricity supply during January to April inclusive.

(e) The sum of £21 being affiliation fee to Cumbria Playing Fields Association was approved for payment.

(f) The Clerk advised the Council that the increase in insurance cover for the 2 new bus shelters would be £33.63 per annum. The Council were resolved to accept the quotation.

**16) Planning**

The following planning notifications were received by the Council:

**GRANTED** LDNP 7/2008/5650 Bridge End Farm, Woodland  
Haulage Operators Licence, Bell Hall Farm, Wallend

The Clerk informed the Council of a message received concerning the barn conversion taking place at Pearl Syke. The Planning Department has been advised that the applicant has completely demolished the barn and intends rebuilding with block walls.

**17) Correspondence**

The following correspondence was received for circulation to Councillors:

<b>CALC</b>	Circular for May Notification of District meeting 18 <sup>th</sup> June Minutes of meeting Lake District Parish Councils.
<b>SLDC</b>	Letter regarding 'Open Spaces'
<b>CCC</b>	Minutes of Neighbourhood Forum Meeting Recycle magazine
<b>GOV.</b>	Letter & pamphlet regarding 'Equality & Human Rights'
<b>Councils Direct</b>	Magazine for May
<b>Duddon Estuary Partnership</b>	Minutes of Consultative Committee
<b>Friends of Lake District</b>	Newsletter 'Overhead Wires Project' Annual Report
<b>FLAG</b>	Notification of AGM
<b>Barrow B.C.</b>	Development Plan for Barrow Port Area

**18) Councillor's Reports**

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of his concern for local roads and their inability to cope with the construction traffic envisaged for the Kirksanton Power Station. It was his belief the power station would be built, and cited the construction of the Greenodd roundabout as preparation for it. He believed there was an urgent need to involve local people in the discussions on what construction of the power station would entail.

He advised Cllr. McPherson of a possible member for the speed monitoring team.

Cllr. M. Slinger Advised the Council that the Local Area Partnership meeting had not taken place, and there was no future date set.

Cllr. C. Anderson Informed the Council of vandalism to road signs at Marshside. He requested Dist Cllr. Curwen take a look at the litter bin sited at Marshside since its fixings appear incorrect. He noted that the Kirkby-in-Furness road sign at Soutergate is regularly hit by passing traffic and requires resiting.

Cllr. M. McPherson Observed that heavy goods vehicles have been seen on the Moor road, and there has been an increase in traffic attempting to come down from the moor through Bank House to Soutergate. There was a belief that 'Sat Navs' were sending them that way. He believed Highways Dept. should be contacted about erecting appropriate road signs to warn drivers.

**19) Deferred Matters**

The Chairman reviewed deferred agenda items. There were no changes.

**20) Date of next meeting**

**Thursday 18th June 2009, 7.00pm at Grizebeck Village Hall**