

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 19th March 2009 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. H.R.Saunders and R. Hartley

Present

Cllrs. D. Copley, F. T. Wayles, M. Slinger, I Cragg, D. Greenway, C. Anderson, M. McPherson, M. Irving and W. Todd

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

2 members of the public

The meeting was chaired by Cllr. D. Greenway

2) **Declaration of Interests**

There were no declarations of interest

3) **Open Forum**

There were no representations from members of the public.

4) **Minutes from the previous meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on the 19th 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 spoke of the last meeting of his group, at which had been discussed, houses required and land allocation. Cllr Wayles expressed his thanks to Cllr. Slinger for his continuing efforts.

Highways Cllr. Cragg spoke of the roadside land on the A595 between Chapels and Kirkby Hall. It has become an eyesore and it was his opinion it should be taken over by the Parish Council. Dist Cllr. Curwen undertook to talk to the County Council about the state, and of the possibility it be maintained by the Parish Council. Cllr. McPherson reminded the Council that it was on this land the 'Welcome to Kirkby' stone was to be placed, and therefore the appearance of the land was important. Cllr. Cragg spoke further on the bus shelters which have been erected, and of the road resurfacing which is to take place shortly between the school and Marsh Garth. He believed it was an ideal opportunity to obtain, at minimal cost, hard core material for use on Soutergate car park.

Litter Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised that a new litter bin should have been provided for Dove Bank. He would make further inquiries. The Council also discussed the incidents of 'fly-tipping' in this area, particularly at the unofficial lay-by at Muirlands Neighbourhood Watch Cllr. Wayles informed the Council of an area NW meeting which had recently taken place. Kirkby had been represented at the meeting. Cllr. Slinger expressed his concern at the number of Post Office robberies taking place in Cumbria, and believed we should warn the local post offices to take extra care.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. Anderson gave the Council an update on the new footpath gates erected, and of discussions with the Community Centre to extend the Beckfields footpath up to the car park. He also spoke of footpath clearance work being carried out in this vicinity.

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

6) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

The Council were advised by the Clerk of a number of items of correspondence. These included a letter from the Community Centre advising of a change of management structure, and requesting a decision by the Council on the continued representation to their committee.

A quotation has been received for the refurbishment of the Four Lane Ends signpost. The Clerk advised the Council that at £2491 this was beyond our ability to fund. In general discussion the view was expressed this could be done at much cheaper cost by local volunteers.

7) Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways

Soutergate Bus Shelter & Car Park

- (i) A further update was given by the Clerk, who expressed the opinion that since the formal lease had been received, there was now an urgent need for the Project team to finalise a specification and put in place plans to commence work on the car park. In discussion the Project Team took the decision to hold a site meeting and make provision to use the road 'turnings' from the A595 resurfacing as hard core if it became available
- (ii) The Clerk presented the lease and statutory documentation to the Council, and requested they formally authorise him to sign and date these documents. The Council were resolved to instruct the Clerk to do so.

Additional Bus Shelters

The Clerk advised the Council that since these were installed, and the grant had been received, it was now unnecessary to make provision for a short term loan.

Grizebeck Bus Shelter

It was reported that workmen had been observed making preparations for the traffic re-arrangements.

Hotline Reports

There were no defects reported for inclusion

Hotline Progress

In presenting the progress report, the Clerk observed that some work was known to be completed but this was not shown on the 'on-line' reports

8) Miscellaneous Matters

Cllr. Slinger gave an overview to the Council on 'Locality Working', and of the response he had prepared to the consultation paper. He requested the Council endorse both his comments, and his recommendation that this Parish Council become part of the 'High Furness' group.

The Council were resolved to endorse his comments, and accept his recommendation. It was agreed the comments should be sent to all parishes and SLDC.

Cllr. McPherson in commenting on his understanding of 'Locality Working' and the reason for choosing the High Furness Group, expressed his personal opinion that this Council should go it alone and not be part of any group.

9) Statutory Requirements

Nil report

10) CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund

Nil report

11) Accounts

- (a) The financial report for February 2009 was presented to the Council and approved for circulation.
- (b) The Clerk's salary of £100 and expenses of £28.61 for the month of March 2009 were approved for payment.
- (c) The sum of £1459.50 being legal fees for preparation of the Soutergate Lease were approved for payment to Curry & Co.
- (d) The sum of £25 being rent payable on the Soutergate Land for 2009/10 was approved for payment to Holker Estates.
- (e) The sum of £248 being annual CALC subscription for 2009/10 was approved for payment in April 2009
- (f) The sum of £144 being the cost of hall hire during 2008/9 was approved for payment to the Kirkby Village Hall committee.
- (g) The sum of £19.20 being travel expenses to District Association meetings was approved for payment to Cllr. M. Slinger
- (h) The sum of £2001.00 being the cost of supply and erection of bus shelters was approved for payment to Barker & Son Ltd.

12) Planning

The following planning notifications were reviewed:

LDNP 7/2009/5110 Field 6087, Heathwaite Farm, Grizebeck
Erection of Bungalow with Oil & Septic Tank installation

The Parish Council has 'No Objections' to this proposal

Notification **Bell Hall Farm** Haulage Operators Licence.
Notice of Public Inquiry, Kendal 8th April 2009

The Parish Council will seek to be represented at this inquiry.

Granted **SL/2009/0043, Broom Lea, Beckside**
Extension & change of use of field to garden.

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence received was reviewed for circulation:

CALC	Circular for March
	Minutes of conference on 'locality working'
CCC	Notification of 'online' survey re Landscape
	Minerals & Waste development framework consultation.
Standards Board	February newsletter
ACT	Gazette Spring issue
	Community exchange project funding availability
	Village of the year competition
SLDC	Scrutiny Committee – Request for issues & topics
LDNP	Notice of 'Parish Tours' 2009
	Notification of conference 'Lakes for Living'
NWDA	Regeneration funding from 'Big Lottery Fund'
NALC	LCR magazine for March
Clerks & Councils	'Direct' magazine for March
Infinergy	Community newsletter

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Gave an overview of the Estuary partnership intentions and aims. He presented a pamphlet on the subject. He also presented a map of the intended car parking area at Sandside Station. Cllr. Curwen further advised the Council of local government intention to impose rates on village halls during 2010/11

Cllr. M Irving Warned of lambs being stolen in the Chapels area and asked that everyone be on their guard. He gave an update on the Greyhound Pub progress, and advised they were now seeking a Manager.

Cllr. M. McPherson Spoke of the problems of litter, and his understanding of the law and responsibility for removal. He requested a letter be sent to Lawrence Conway on the matter. The Council were in agreement. He further remarked on the claims made in a recent Lib Dem flyer, relating to roads in this area, and asked if anything was being done to investigate the claims. He was advised that inquiries are being made.

Cllr. W. Todd Informed the Council that the 'Welcome to Kirkby' slabs were ready for installation, but he needed to find a crane to lift them into position.

15) Deferred Matters

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

16) Date of next meeting

Thursday 16th April 2009 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall