

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 16th April 2009 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall

1) **Apologies for Absence**

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

Present

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

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen

Claire Salisbury – Prospective County Councillor

Cllr. D. Greenway chaired the meeting

2) **Declaration of Interests**

Cllr. McPherson expressed an interest in item 11(f)

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 March 2009 were approved and signed.

5) **Parish Plan**

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

Affordable Housing A brief overview of the current situation was given by Cllr. Slinger

Highways Cllr. Cragg informed the Council of a visit from Highways to discuss the overgrown land alongside the A595 between Chapels and Kirkby Hall. If it is determined Highways own it, then they would be willing to hand it over to us for maintenance. Councillors were of the opinion that since this is the place where the 'Welcome to Kirkby' stone will be sited, then it should be made to look attractive. Cllr. Cragg further advised that the resurfacing work on the A595 between the School and Marshside is scheduled for September.

Litter Dist. Cllr. Curwen advised the Council that he had arranged for a litter bin to be placed at Dove Bank. He requested information on the bin at Grizebeck, was it being emptied regularly ? On being advised that it was not, he undertook to make representations to those responsible.

Neighbourhood Watch Both Cllr. Wayles and McPherson informed the Council of an improvement in the crime message service. Cllr. Wayles expressed concern that we still awaited the promised 'window stickers' and coordinator packs.

Footpaths & Cycle-ways Cllr. Anderson spoke of a meeting with the Countryside Rangers, at which funding was discussed, more money being available from the PPI organisation. He further advised on the work to the Incline wall.

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

- 6) **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**
The Clerk advised the Council of two items of correspondence, firstly a letter from John Bell of Capita detailing a proposal to overcome the parking difficulties being experienced by Mr & Mrs. Stephens, and secondly the annual Kirkby Charities report from Mr. C. Pudsey.
- 7) **Police, Traffic, A595 & Highways**
Soutergate Bus Shelter & Car Park
The Council were advised by the Clerk that all paperwork was now complete, and the next step was to agree and prepare a specification for construction of the car park. Councillors forming the Project Team undertook to carry out a site inspection on Saturday 18th April.
Grizebeck Bus Shelter
The Clerk informed the Council that work on the traffic rearrangement had started but was subsequently halted by the Highways Department because of contractual problems with the sub-contractors. Further information was awaited.
Hotline Reports
There were no defects reported for inclusion
Hotline Progress
A progress report was tabled by the Clerk, showing some work identified as complete. Cllr. Slinger observed that if we are to refurbish the 'Four Lane Ends' signpost ourselves, then we need to obtain suitable timber to which the metal direction slats can be mounted. He spoke of possible sources for this timber.
- 8) **Miscellaneous Matters**
The following matters arising were considered:
- (i) A venue for the June meeting of the Council was needed should the Grizebeck Village Hall not be available. Cllr. Irving advised that the Hall programme has been delayed and therefore the Hall was available.
 - (ii) Arrangements for the APM and AGM were discussed and agreed.
 - (iii) The Council discussed a letter from Kirkby Charities advising of the need to reappoint a Charities representative from the Council. Cllr. Wayles informed the Council that he was prepared to continue in this role. The Council were therefore unanimously resolved to reappoint Cllr. Wayles formally at the AGM in May.
 - (iv) The Clerk observed that some Councillors had expressed an interest in the LDNP Parish Tours, to take place in September of this year. There was a need to book places. In discussion the Council was resolved to make this decision at the July meeting.
- 9) **Statutory Requirements**
Nil report
- 10) **CGP Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council Trust Fund**
Cllr. Mcpherson informed the Council that whilst there had been no recent meeting, the Trust Fund was in a very healthy state.
- 11) **Accounts**
(a) The financial report for the year ending 31st March 2009 was presented to the Council for approval. The Clerk gave a detailed explanation of the financial position, and of the requirements of the Audit Commission return which required approval and authorisation. The Council were unanimously agreed to accept the report and approved the signing of the audit return by the Chairman and the Clerk

- (b) The Clerk's salary of £110 and expenses of £35.70 for the month of April 2009 were approved for payment.
- (c) The sum of £13.50 being the annual subscription for LCR magazine was approved for payment to CALC.
- (d) The sum of £558.36 being the insurance renewal cost for 2009/10 was approved for payment to Allianz Insurance plc.
- (e) The Clerk requested the Council consider increasing the insurance to cover the 2 new bus shelters purchased. The Council were resolved to include these shelters and instructed the Clerk to obtain a quotation.
- (f) The sum of £48 being travel expenses incurred on Council business were approved for payment to Cllr. McPherson

12) Planning

The following planning activities were noted :

Granted **Bell Hall Farm**
Widening of vehicular access to A595 at Wallend

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

The Council were represented at the public inquiry by Cllr. M. McPherson, who gave a report on the conduct of the inquiry. In his report. Cllr. McPherson spoke of the legal advice he had sought prior to the inquiry, and of the concerns he had hoped to present to the Traffic Commissioner. He had however, not been permitted to speak since the Parish Council does not own, or has no vested interest in the land surrounding the intended operating site. A local resident had been permitted to speak, and many of the Councils concerns were mentioned in the resident's presentation. Cllr. McPherson noted the proceedings had been conducted in a very proper manner by the Commissioner who had made a site visit prior to the inquiry.

The Commissioner has ruled the applicant be granted a licence for 2 specific tractor type vehicles with trailers. Other restrictions apply to operating hours, maintenance and location of vehicles, and to additional screening to be provided between the site and the local properties at Wallend.

13) Correspondence

The following correspondence received was reviewed for circulation:

CALC Circular for April 2009
District Association minutes & agenda

SLDC Letters relating to Allocation of Land Development

SLSP Notification of grant scheme for parishes

CCC Youth support services newsletter – March 2009
Highways Working together magazine – Spring 2009

GOV Commission for Rural Communities request for information
Letter & DVD on Freedom of Information Act.

NWDA Newsletter – April 2009

14) Councillor's Reports

Dist. Cllr. J. Curwen Spoke of properties being targeted by thieves, and of the recent attempt to steal a trailer. He urged people to report all incidents. Cllr. Slinger observed that tools had been stolen from a van parked outside the 'Punchbowl' at Beckside, and Cllr. Wayles believed an attempt had been made to steal fuel from his vehicle.

Cllr. Curwen further observed that dogs were not being kept on leads and as a consequence ground nesting birds were being disturbed, with many nests abandoned.

Cllr. M Irving Advised the Council that the Greyhound Pub under community operation was doing well and was now seeking a Manager . He further advised that the Village Hall demolition has been delayed.

Cllr. M. Slinger Asked if the timber from Grizebeck Village Hall was available when the building was demolished. Cllr. Irving undertook to investigate. Cllr. Slinger also expressed the view that road markings were required at Little Croft to prevent further damage to property when vehicles attempted to pass each other. He was advised that contact should be made with John Bell of Capita regarding this requirement.

Cllr. W. Todd Spoke of the difficulties being experienced by the residents of 'Ellermire' at Grizebeck. Inconsiderate parking was blocking their view when attempting to exit the property. They believe the situation will be made worse when the new traffic arrangements are implemented. He was advised to raise their concerns with John Bell of Capita.

Cllr. M. McPherson Informed the Council that the speed monitoring team had not been functioning for some time, and he would be seeking volunteers by placing an appeal in the 'Caller'

15) Deferred Matters

The Chairman carried out a review of deferred agenda items. It was noted the Bell Hall Farm entry should be removed

16) Date of next meeting

**Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting
Thursday 21st May 2009 at 7.00pm in Kirkby Village Hall**