

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 2 September 2025 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

K. Bridges (Chair)

R. Cockburn

J.W. Hall

G. Moore

P. Normington

Also Present:

J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor

Members of the public: Two

J. Rae (Clerk)

46/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

47/25 MINUTES – 6 MAY 2025 AND 1 JULY 2025

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 6 May 2025 and the minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2025 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

48/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

None

49/25 REPORTS

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cllr J. Perry reported that from the end of September there will be changes to the waste and recycling collections. Collection days and routes may change to streamline collections. Residents are advised to check Cumberland Council's website for updates. From the end of September card and paper will be collected fortnightly and soft plastics can now be put in the plastics bin. Any resident not currently included on door step collections will receive a letter to advise if they are to be added to the route. Cllr Perry also reported that Cumberland Council has launched its Issues and Options consultation for the Cumberland Local Plan. The consultation relates to the areas of Cumberland which are outside the St. Cuthbert's Garden Village (Carlisle) and the Lake District National Park as these areas of Cumberland are covered by separate Local Plans. The Issues and Options consultation will run until Friday 31st October 2025.

50/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public the opportunity to raise any matters of interest.

A new resident in Ireby was welcomed to the meeting and to the village.

A resident raised that a footpath sign had been replaced while others still need to be replaced. The resident agreed to liaise with Cllr P. Normington regarding the locations of the signs needing replaced/repaired.

A resident enquired whether High Ireby would be included in the door step collection recycling. It was noted that any property to be added to the recycling route will be notified in writing.

The meeting was re-convened.

51/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 1 JULY 2025

None.

52/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (a) A copy of the financial report had been circulated with the agenda.

Balances 31 August 2025

Business Current Account	£7,914.98
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Business Savings Account	£7,367.90
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Money In:

Voluntary Action Cumbria	£375.00
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(ACTion with Communities in Cumbria)

- (b) NJC Pay Award 2025 – 2026 – Members noted that the NJC pay award had been agreed on 24 July back dated to 1 April 2025.

- (c) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 2	£469.55
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(includes backdated pay award)

HMRC PAYE Quarter 2	£117.40
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Clerk's expenses Quarter 2	£126.24
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P. Barker – Contribution towards running costs

Uldale defib	£ 30.00
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WI Hall – Room Hire (CLP)	£ 20.00
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Donations granted to:

Wigton Baths Trust	£125.00
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Ireby PCC	£220.00
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53/25 PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority:

7/2025/2010 - Land adjacent to The Hideaway, Uldale, Caldbeck, CA7 1HB

Proposed residential development of two affordable dwellings for local occupancy - amended information (BNG)

Cumberland Council

HOU/2025/0134 - Standing Stone Cottage, Ireby, CA7 1EA

Proposal: Removal front porch and replace with larger porch to accommodate a ground floor W.C and revised access arrangements.

LBC/2025/0023 - Standing Stone Cottage, Ireby, CA7 1EA

Proposal: Listed Building application for the removal front porch and replace with larger porch to accommodate a ground floor W.C and revised access arrangements.

- (b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority:

7/2025/2109 - Limedale Farm, Udale, CA7 1DS

Re-concreting yard area - GRANTED

54/25 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Cllr R. Cockburn reported that there had been no progress with the drains at High Ireby. Cllr J. Perry agreed to pursue this again with Highways. Cllr Cockburn also reported that the drains on Snittlegarth Ionning are blocked and completely covered over. Cllr Perry agreed to report this issue to Highways.

Highways had responded to the issues reported at the last meeting

Repairs had been carried out to the pot holes on the High Ireby to Ruthwaite road

The road leading to the crossroads in Uldale had been inspected on the 10 July. It was confirmed that the surface is worn with no defects that meet Highways investigatory level, no works are required at this time. The road will continue to be inspected.

The Torpenhow to New Park road is due to be inspected within the next six weeks. If any defects meet the investigatory level these will be addressed.

The overgrown footpath in Ireby had been passed to the relevant Team.

It was noted that the road in Uldale had deteriorated since Highways had carried out their inspection. This will be logged again with Highways.

55/25 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Cllr P. Normington provided Members with an update and reported that the Steering Group has now taken the lead in the process with two meetings held in June and a further meeting held in July. The Steering Group are looking at the geographical area with a view to possibly including areas beyond the Parish boundary. The Steering Group are looking at holding an open event with Northern Fells potentially attending to show a film about their work. The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held on 10 September.

Members also discussed whether a local resilience plan should be combined into the CLP. It was noted that CALC/colleagues from the voluntary sector and unitary authorities will deliver a conference on Resilience in Autumn 2025 which is open to any community that is interested in planning ahead for emergencies.

56/25 BUS SERVICE

Cllr Perry advised that the former 73 bus service which served the village of Ireby had not been included in Cumberland Council's tender process to introduce or enhance a number of local bus services. Members discussed the services offered by Rural Wheels and the Northern Fells Mini Bus that are available to residents.

57/25 TREE MAINTENANCE

Members considered the three quotations received. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Jardine Tree Services. Once the work has been carried out Cumberland Council will be notified.

58/25 DEFIBRILLATOR – IREBY

Members considered whether the cabinet housing the defibrillator fitted on the Globe Hall wall should be replaced. A report had been received from the guardian that the light highlighting where the box is situated is no longer working. The approximate cost to replace the cabinet would be £500 plus fitting. RESOLVED that the cabinet should be replaced. Cllr K. Bridges agreed to liaise with the guardian regarding obtaining a replacement cabinet.

59/25 DONATION/GRANTS POLICY AND COMPLAINTS POLICY

Members considered the draft Donation/Grants Policy and draft Complaints Policy. RESOLVED to adopt the policies subject to amendments. The amended policies would be circulated to Members and published on the website.

60/25 DONATION REQUESTS

Three requests for financial support had been received and were considered by Members. RESOLVED that:

£125.00 to be granted to Wigton Baths Trust.

Uldale Sports Committee – Members considered that further information regarding the costs involved should be requested from the Committee. Cllr K. Bridges agreed to liaise with the Committee.

£220.00 to be granted to Ireby PCC.

61/25 FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

The comments made under minute reference 41/25 were reiterated. RESOLVED that meetings would remain bi-monthly.

62/25 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL – CALL FOR SITES

Cumberland Council has launched its Call for Sites - a key stage in the development of its new Local Plan. Local Plans identify where there is the need for future development, where the opportunities are located and where there might be a need to restrict development. Landowners, developers, site promoters, Parish and Town Councils and members of the public are invited to identify sites which they would like to see either protected or developed for a particular use. Uses can include housing, retail, employment, open space, habitat creation, minerals and waste. The Call for Sites process will run until Sunday 4 January 2026. After this date, the council will assess the suitability and development potential of all of the sites put forward

63/25 CALC CUMBERLAND HYPERFAST BROADBAND EVENT

Members noted that CALC has organised an event which will be presented by Paul Cretney of Hyperfast Networks around the work being done to bring Hyperfast Broadband to Cumberland, Project Gigabit and HyperfastGB. The event will be held on Microsoft teams on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.00pm. Cllr P. Normington advised he would be attending.

64/25 RESIGNATION – CLLR J. LOGAN

Cllr J. Logan had resigned due to moving out the area. The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council will be notified of the vacancy. A notice will be displayed in the Parish advertising the vacancy.

65/25 ONLINE BANKING

Members discussed whether it would be beneficial to move to an online bank account. Although an account with Unity Bank would have some advantages it would incur a service charge of £6.00 per month. RESOLVED to leave the accounts with Barclays at the moment.

66/25 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email:

CALC - Devolution update
Cumberland Local Plan Briefing- 16 September
CALC Cumberland Hyperfast Broadband Event - 7.00pm Tuesday 23rd September 2025
CALC - NJC Pay agreement
CALC News
Cumberland Council - Call for Sites
Cumberland Council – Complaint received by the Monitoring Officer
Cumberland Council – Newsletters
Cumberland Council - Councillor Conduct: Respect, Social Media and Refresher Training
CALC - Important Update – New Assertion 10 in the 2025 Practitioners' Guide
Cumberland Councils Issues and Options Consultation

67/25 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Digital and Data Protection Responsibilities – Assertion 10 2025 Practitioners Guide
Budget 2026-27

68/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 November 2025 - WI Hall Ireby 7.30pm

69/25 VACANCY/CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

In accordance with the Co-option Policy the public were asked to leave the Council meeting whilst an application for co-option was considered.

Members considered the application from M. Boswell. A proposal was received that M. Boswell should be co-opted onto the Parish Council. The proposal was seconded. It was therefore resolved unanimously to co-opt M. Boswell onto the Parish Council. Mr. Boswell will sign a declaration of acceptance of office before the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.31 pm

Chairman Date