

## IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 4 November 2025 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

M. Boswell  
K. Bridges (Chair)  
R. Cockburn  
J.W. Hall  
G. Moore  
P. Normington

Also Present:

Members of the public: Two  
J. Rae (Clerk)

### **70/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

### **71/25 MINUTES – 2 SEPTEMBER 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2025 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chair.

### **72/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

None

### **73/25 REPORTS**

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cllr J. Perry had provided a written report and advised that Cumberland Council is inviting resident's views on Highways and Transport. The consultation can be found on Cumberland Council's website <https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/highways-and-transport-survey>. The deadline for responses is 31 January 2026. Cllr P Normington agreed to add the link to the consultation on the website.  
Cllr Perry had asked for any feedback regarding the new waste/recycling services. Members reported the following issues which will be forwarded to Cllr Perry.  
No recycling bins delivered to High Ireby  
The wagon comes to empty the bins at Aughertree but the bins have not yet been delivered.  
No recycling bins at Prior Hall  
There have been issues with missed collections at the Bank Top Cottage, Ireby and at Town End Farm, Uldale.  
Cllr K. Bridges raised a query why Cumberland Council's telephone payment system does not work at weekends.

### **74/25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

A parishioner reported that the Cumberland Council's online questionnaire does not allow to give a rating less than fair. However, any pot holes they have reported have always been repaired quite quickly.

The Christmas Fayre is on track, with the tree and lights organised. The fayre and lights switch on will be held on Saturday 6 December.

The meeting was re-convened.

### **75/25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 2 SEPTEMBER 2025**

The work on the trees requested by Cumberland Council had been carried out. Highways had been notified.

The footpath maintenance plan received from Cumberland Council had been circulated.

## **76/25 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Balances 31 October 2025

Business Current Account	£6,709.79
Business Savings Account	£7,442.25

- (b) Income Received:

£28.00 Rent of Parish Land

- (c) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Jardine Tree Care	£480.00
Ireby WI Hall – Room Hire	£ 75.00
Ireby WI Hall – Room Hire (CLP)	£ 30.00

Donations granted to:

Uldale Sports Committee	£200.00
Uldale DCC	£220.00

## **77/25 BUDGET 2026-27**

A draft budget had been circulated with the agenda. Members discussed the income and expenditure for financial year 2026-27. It was agreed to include an amount for tree maintenance, an additional amount to cover maintenance of the defibrillators and to include a donation for Wigton Baths Trust for 2026. It was noted that £125.00 income is outstanding from ACT. It was proposed, seconded and resolved that a precept demand of £6,600.00 would be submitted to Cumberland Council.

## **78/25 PLANNING**

- (a) Applications received: None  
(b) Decisions: None

## **79/25 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

Cllr R. Cockburn reported that Highways had not attended to the drains at High Ireby and Snittlegarth lonning.

It was noted that there are floods near Prior Hall lonning and on the Ireby to High Ireby road.

Cllr G. Moore reported that the issue at Aughertree may have been resolved.

Cllr J. Perry had reported the water running down the hill towards the crossroad in Uldale.

Cllr. K. Bridges reported that some pot holes had been filled in Uldale.

## **80/25 COMMUNITY LED PLAN**

Cllr P. Normington reported that the next event planned is the Pie & Peas Supper on 8 November in the Globe Hall which is open to all in the catchment area which had been extended beyond the Parish boundary.

Members considered the request from ACT to attend a meeting with parish councillors to complete some work around the Lake District Local Plan. Members also considered incorporating a resilience plan into the CLP. Resolved to include resilience planning on the agenda for the next meeting and to hold a meeting with ACT at 7.00pm before the Parish Council meeting on 6 January 2026.

## **81/25 DEFIBRILLATOR – IREBY**

Further to minute 58/25 Members resolved to contact the manufacturers to see if a wiring plan for the light in the cabinet is available rather than replacing the cabinet. It was noted that Cllr. K. Bridges had taken over the guardianship of the defibrillator.

## **82/25 DONATION REQUESTS**

The requests received for financial support were considered by Members.  
RESOLVED to award the following donations:

Uldale DCC - £220.00

Uldale Sports Committee – £200.00

## **83/25 DIGITAL AND DATA PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES**

It was noted that the parish council is now fully compliant with assertion 10 of the Good Practitioners Guide.

## **84/25 PUBLIC BENCHES IN IREBY**

Cllr P. Normington reported that the Northern Fells Group had been approached by an Ireby resident who had suggested that the benches in the village could do with sanding and repainting. The resident had kindly offered to cover the cost of materials if the NFG could find some volunteers to carry out the work. NFG had confirmed this could be a job for Men in Sheds or the Lend a Hand team. Members resolved to support the offer and agreed that the benches can be temporarily removed to be renovated rather than do the work on the roads. Cllr P. Normington agreed to liaise with NFG. It was also discussed to enquire whether the Men in Sheds would be interested in doing some work on the gates of the public footpaths.

## **85/25 VACANCIES**

The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council had been notified of the resignation of Cllr J. Logan. As an election had not been requested the parish council can now co-opt to fill this vacancy. It was noted there are two vacancies on the parish council. The vacancies will be advertised.

## **86/25 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

LDNPA - Notice under Article 38 of Proposal for Local Development Order Granting Planning Permission.

CALC - Cumberland Libraries News

CALC - EV Charging Infrastructure Event - Monday 20 October 2025

CALC - Slides from the Hyperfast Broadband Event

CALC - Online food conversation invite 4 November 2025.

Cumberland Council - New reporting system for environmental issues

Peter Walter's Newsletter

CALC Devolution Update

Cumberland Council Newsletters

LDNPA – Meet and Greet Event 18 November – Threlkeld Village Hall

CALC – AGM rescheduled to 15 November 2025

Cumberland Council – Community Governance Review

Cumberland Council - Community Emergency Hubs - Cumbria LFR are providing a free kit of resources for rural areas and communities. It was agreed to request two kits Cllr K. Bridges agreed to be the holder of the kit for Uldale and Cllr M. Boswell agreed to enquire if the local farm shop in Ireby would be willing to keep a kit on their premises.

## **87/25 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Resilience Planning

## **88/25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 January 2026 - WI Hall Ireby 7.30pm with a Pre-Meeting at 7.00 pm with Councillors and the Development Officer, ACT in relation to the Lake District Local Plan.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

Chairman ..... Date .....