

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 5 May 2026 commencing at 7.35 p.m. following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Present:

M. Boswell
K. Bridges
R. Cockburn
J.W. Hall
G. Moore

Also Present:

Members of the Public: 4
J. Rae (Clerk)

1/26 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2026/27

Nominations were invited for the election of Chair. It was proposed by Cllr G. Moore and seconded by Cllr M. Boswell that Cllr K. Bridges be re-elected Chair. No other nominations were received. RESOLVED that Cllr K. Bridges be re-elected Chair for the ensuing year.

2/26 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr K. Bridges accepted the nomination and signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

3/26 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2026/27

A proposal was received from Cllr K. Bridges and seconded by Cllr M. Boswell that Cllr G. Moore be re-appointed Vice Chair. No other nominations were received. RESOLVED that Cllr G. Moore be re-appointed Vice Chair for council year 2026/27

4/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

5/26 MINUTES – 3 MARCH 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2026 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

6/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr K. Bridges declared an interest in item 16 on the agenda – Donation request from Northern Fells Group.

Cllr M. Boswell, declared an interest in item 18 on the agenda – Update on the Black Lion.

Cllr M. Boswell declared an interest in item 13 on the agenda – Planning.

A request for a dispensation in relation to item 18 on the agenda – Update on the Black Lion was granted to Cllr M. Boswell. A dispensation had previously been granted to Cllr G. Moore.

7/26 REPORTS

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cllr J. Perry was not in attendance.
Cllr J. Perry had reported that the final recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England were published today. lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/cumberland. Cllr Perry's ward will be split in two. Ireby and Uldale will fall within the Caldbeck and Bothel Ward.

8/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public the opportunity to raise any matters of interest. Two matters were raised by a resident

1. Following the abuse received in 2021 does the Parish Council:
 - a) Still support maintaining a public house in Ireby and
 - b) What action will the Parish Council take when the ACV runs out in September.
2. A reminder that there are two Facebook accounts for the parish and both sites can be used equally.

The meeting was re-convened at 7.42 pm

9/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 3 MARCH 2026

None

10/25 ANNUAL INSURANCE/REVIEW OF ASSETS

The renewal invitation had been received from Clear Councils at an annual premium of £600.45 and increase of £10.35. RESOLVED that the policy be renewed with Clear Councils.

11/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 31 March 2026

Business Current Account £2,073.49

Business Savings Account £7,608.02

Balance carried forward £9,681.51

(b) Income Received

Cumberland Council Precept £6,600.00

(c) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

CALC – Annual Subscription £211.65

Clear Councils – Annual Insurance £600.45

T. Gear Internal Auditor £ 85.00

A Knights - Refund Defib Pads £ 77.94

Donation granted to:

Northern Fells Group £250.00

(c) The advance notification of charges received from Barclays Bank was considered. An account fee of £8.50 per month will now be incurred plus a charge of £0.60 per cheque presented. It was agreed to make enquiries with Barclays if online banking is available.

12/26 ANNUAL AUDIT FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-26

(i) Internal Audit Report - The internal audit had been carried out with no issues raised.

(ii) Annual Governance Statement – RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement to confirm that arrangements are in place for effective financial management and the accounting statements are prepared in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations

(iii) Accounting Statement 2025-26 – It was agreed that the Accounting Statement represents the financial position of the parish council. RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the annual return.

(iv) Certificate of Exemption - Members resolved that the Certificate of Exemption should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk certifying that the Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance review and during the financial year 2025/26 the gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure for the year did not exceed £25,000.

(v) Period of Exercise of Public Rights – Members noted that the period for the exercise of public rights will commence on 3 June and will end on 14 July. A notice will be displayed on the parish notice boards notifying electors of their rights to inspect the accounts.

(vi) Publication on website – The requisite documents will be uploaded to the parish council's website.

13/26 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

Cumberland Council

HOU/2026/0069 - Standing Stone Cottage Ireby Wigton CA7 1EA

Proposal: Demolish existing porch and replace with larger porch incorporating a W.C and associated works. Render repairs to east elevation

LBC/2026/0020 - Standing Stone Cottage Ireby CA7 1EA

Proposal: Listed building consent to demolish existing porch and replace with larger porch incorporating a W.C and associated works. Render repairs to east elevation

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2026/2052 - Coach House, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HA

Proposal: Erection of two storey porch

7/2026/2061 - Fell House, Stanthwaite Village, Uldale, CA7 1HB

Proposal: Addition of new window openings, extension of terrace and replacement windows

7/2025/2190 – The Old Mill, Ireby, CA7 1DS

Replacement of the old septic tank with new treatment plant

(a) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2026/2017 - Overwater Hall, Ireby, Wigton, CA7 1HH

Proposal: Change of use to use as either a primary or main residence or short-term holiday letting accommodation. GRANTED

7/2026/2052 Location: Coach House, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HA

Proposal: Erection of two storey porch REFUSED

14/26 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following matters were discussed:

Cllr. G. Moore reported that Highways had jetted the drains in the Aughertree area and had carried out an inspection of the Aughertree bridge.

The Clerk reported that the flood on the road to High Ireby had been reported. Highways had advised that the location had been added to the proposed vector works programme for June 2026, where further investigation will be carried out to assess the issue and identify any additional works required.

Highways had attended the reported location near the junction for Aughertree and carried out a repair to the pothole on the carriageway.

Cllr R. Cockburn reported that the issue with the drain outside Stone Croft, High Ireby had been resolved and the drains on Snittlegarth lanning had been cleaned. It was agreed to make enquiries whether any additional works are to be carried out on the lanning.

Cllr J.W. Hall reported that repairs previously carried out to pot holes on Prior Hall lanning had washed out following the floods. The roadside verges are eroding on the Ireby to Boltongate road just before the Prior Hall road end.

15/26 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Cllr M. Boswell provided an update on the CLP. The questionnaire is now closed. 96 responses had been received equivalent to a 22% return rate. The next stage is for the Committee to look at and present the results. The Committee can then consider the implications in view of the comments made.

16/26 DONATION REQUEST

Correspondence from Northern Fells Group requesting a donation towards the running costs of the mini bus was considered. RESOLVED to grant £250.00.

17/26 PUBLIC BENCHES – IREBY

Cllr M. Boswell reported that the documents required to support the application for a community investment grant had been submitted to the Lakes to Sea Community Panel for consideration at their next meeting.

18/26 UPDATE ON BLACK LION

Cllr M. Boswell reported that the Black Lion Community Group had held their AGM. At that meeting the members of the group were asked if they wanted to continue with the fund raising. It was more or less a unanimous decision that fund raising should continue. Members were advised that the Community Group are considering submitting an application to renew the ACV and were asked if the Parish Council are willing to add their support. It was agreed that as the Parish Council had initially agreed to support the retention of a public house in Ireby their support would continue.

19/26 STREET LIGHTING IN IREBY

A complaint submitted to Cumberland Council from a resident in Ireby relating to street lighting was discussed. Several street lights have recently been replaced by powerful LED lights causing an issue for the resident as they are considered to be far too bright for a village environment and are on all night. It was noted that Cumberland Council had now rectified the issue reported by the resident. Members agreed to approach Cumberland Council to enquire what their views are on promoting dark skies and reducing light pollution. It was also agreed to try to establish if any other residents have issues with the street lights and if Cumberland Council have any plans to replace additional lights in the Parish with LED

20/26 ADOPTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY POLICY

The draft Equality and Diversity Policy had been circulated. RESOLVED that the Policy be adopted.

21/26 ADMINISTRATION OF WEBSITE

Cllr K. Bridges agreed to be registered as an administrator for the website. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with Active Councils if any training/training manuals are available.

22/26 VACANCIES

The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council had been notified of the resignation of Cllr. P. Normington and the vacancy had been advertised. A request for an election had not been received by Cumberland Council. The Parish Council can now fill the vacancy by co-option. There are now three vacancies that can be filled by co-option.

23/26 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Cumberland Council - Ouse Bridge - Planned Closure
- LDNPA - meet the leadership
- Keswick - Neighbourhood Policing Pledge Meeting Wednesday 15 April 2026
- CALC - Great Big Green Week
- Peter Walter's newsletter
- LDNPA Cluster events 2026
- Cumberland Council Newsletters
- CALC News - January & February 2026
- CALC - Neighbourhood Policing Guarantee meetings
- Cumberland Council - Aspatria, Silloth Wigton & Surrounding Area TRO Review
- CALC - Keswick NPP Slides
- CALC/Cumberland Council Highways Event Wednesday 20 May at 7pm via Microsoft Teams
- CALC – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training
- Cumberland Ward Boundary Review - Final Recommendations

24/26 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Any items for the next agenda to be forwarded to the Clerk by 22 June 2026.

25/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 July 2026 - WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm

Chairman Date