

## IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 commencing at 7.35 p.m.

Present:

K. Bridges  
R. Cockburn  
A. Forrest  
J.W. Hall  
J. Logan  
G. Moore

Also Present:

Six parish members  
J. Rae (Clerk)

### **1/24 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2024/25**

Nominations were invited for the election of Chair. It was proposed by Cllr G. Moore and seconded by Cllr J.W. Hall 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.

### **2/24 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIR'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr K. Bridges signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

### **3/24 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2024/25**

A proposal was received from Cllr R. Cockburn and seconded by Cllr A. Forrest 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 2024/25.

### **4/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr P. Normington. The reason for absence was noted and accepted. An apology for absence was also received from J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

### **5/24 MINUTES – 7 MARCH 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2024 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair subject to the following amendment proposed by Cllr P. Normington. ***Min Ref 95 "The discussion took place about the posting of relevant information/news on website and Facebook and it was agreed that such should be added to the website. It was also confirmed that the Parish Council has no Facebook account and therefore whether information be posted on any Facebook page is not a matter for the Parish Council. Individuals, including councillors, are at liberty to post on their own or their group Facebook pages any information which is already in the public domain"***.

### **6/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Cllrs. Moore, Forrest and Logan declared an interest in item 16 on the agenda donation request from the Black Lion Community Group.

Cllrs Moore and Logan submitted a request for a dispensation in relation to item 16 on the agenda – donation request from the Black Lion Community Group. RESOLVED that the dispensation requests be granted.

### **7/24 REPORTS**

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cllr J. Perry had submitted apologies and provided a written report:  
"The council has an adopted policy on 20 mph speed limits now. It's not very enabling and all the bullet points on page 6 under assessment criteria heading have to be fulfilled.

<https://cumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s18296/20mph%20Speed%20Limit%20Policy%20Appendix%201.pdf>

I should draw the council's attention to the consultation on the climate and biodiversity strategy which is open until 20<sup>th</sup> May for individual or PC or other group comment. see

<https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/communications-and-marketing/climate-and-nature-strategy>

You can also submit a word document to [Steven.okeeffe@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Steven.okeeffe@cumberland.gov.uk)”

## **8/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

- Withdrawal of the 73 bus service - Cllr K. Bridges reported there had been no progress. It was suggested LDNPA be approached to see if they can offer any assistance.
- As Rural Wheels operate a taxi service for residents to get to the bus pick up point in Uldale to catch the new 553 service what are the Parish Council prepared to do to coordinate a scheme for residents. Cllr A. Forrest agreed to put together a notice to go on the website and noticeboards advising residents of the service provided by Rural Wheels.
- Bench on Greengate Lonning. This is ongoing and awaiting the contractor to carry out the repairs.
- Road closures and other relevant information to be included on the website/parish facebook accounts. It was agreed that any information such as this would be included on the website. Any information in the public domain can be published on facebook. As the parish council does not have a facebook account any individual can post a link to road closures and other information in the public domain on any facebook account. It was noted that Cumberland Council do post road closures on their website.
- Road closures and diversion routes not suitable for motor vehicles – The comments were noted and had been raised with Cumberland Council
- Locality Plan – The item is included on the agenda
- Overwater and Chapel House reservoirs – The Parish Council had not received any further updates since UU held the drop-in session last year.

The meeting was re-convened.

## **9/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 5 MARCH 2024**

The contractor had not yet carried out the work on the benches on Greengate Lonning.

The Clerk had contacted LDNPA regarding the issue at the village greens in Uldale raised by the grass cutter. The Ranger at LDNPA had confirmed this had been forwarded to the Property Department at LDNPA.

## **10/24 ANNUAL INSURANCE/REVIEW OF ASSETS**

The renewal invitation had been received from Clear Councils (formerly BHIB) at a premium of £448.78 an approximate increase of £80.00. An alternative quotation had been received from Zurich at over £700. RESOLVED that the policy be renewed with Clear Councils. A visual check had been undertaken of the assets and they appear to be in good condition. It was noted that the noticeboard at High Ireby may require some minor repairs. Cllr K. Bridges agreed to inspect the noticeboard to see what work is required.

## **11/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

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

Balances 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024

Business Current Account	£5,593.80
Business Savings Accounts	£6,815.82

Balance Cfwd £12,409.62

(b) Income Received  
Cumberland Council Half Yearly Precept £3,000.00

(c) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

CALC – Annual Subscription	£197.71
Clear Councils – Annual Insurance	£448.78
Internal Auditor	£ 85.00

Donation granted to:

The Black Lion Community Group	£400.00
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## 12/24 ANNUAL AUDIT

- (i) Internal Audit Report - The internal audit had been carried out with no issues raised.
- (ii) Annual Governance Statement – The Annual Governance Statement was considered. It was agreed that arrangements are in place for effective financial management and the accounting statements are prepared in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- (iii) Accounting Statement 2023/24 – 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 2023/24 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 12 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 Clerk reported the requisite documents will be uploaded to the parish council's website

## 13/24 PLANNING

(a) Applications received: None

(b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2024/2014 – Pyerigg, Aughertree, CA7 1EP

Refurbishment of existing summer house

GRANTED

## 14/24 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The ongoing issues with the roads in the Parish and the standard of repairs carried out were discussed. It was noted that some repairs had been carried out on the High Ireby road and near Wat Riggs Wood.

## 15/24 PARISH PLAN/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Cllr Logan reported that he together with Cllrs Forrest and Normington had met on 25<sup>th</sup> March to discuss ideas around putting together a Parish/Community Plan. It was proposed that a Steering Group be formed to liaise with community groups/organisations/stakeholders. The Parish Council supported this suggestion.

**16/24 DONATION REQUESTS**

The following donation request were considered:

Ireby PCC – Grass cutting at Ireby Churchyard – Members agreed to defer this item. The request will be considered once the request for grass cutting at Udale Church has been received.

Ireby PCC – Repairs to Churchyard Wall – Members agreed in principle to support the request but suggested further information should be requested regarding the cost of the repairs.

Black Lion Community Group Ltd. – Members agreed in principle to support the request. Three proposals regarding the amount to be awarded were considered. RESOLVED to award a grant of £400.

**17/24 RESIGNATION/VACANCY**

Following the last meeting Cllr E. Alexaner had submitted a letter of resignation. The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council had been notified 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. RESOLVED that the vacancy be advertised inviting expressions of interest for consideration at the next meeting.

**18/24 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

- Cumberland Council - Road Closure - U2110 High Ireby - ELNW - 25/03/2024
- Cumberland Council - Letter to Uldale Residents – Election May 2024
- Fibrus - Invitation to HyperfastGB Community Meeting in Caldbeck Tuesday 7th May 2024
- Cumberland Council - Planned Road Closure - C2021 Aughtree
- Cumberland Council - Planned Road Closure - U2111 Ireby
- Black Lion Share Launch
- NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin
- CALC – Allotment Survey
- Cumberland Council - Environment and Climate for Cumberland Council Newsletter
- CALC Newsletter
- Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
- Cumberland Council Updates
- Cumberland Council - Public Space Protection Order and Litter Champions Event in Cumberland
- Cumberland Council – Public Space Protection Order Presentation
- Letter from the LDNPA re Visitor Management
- Cumberland Councils draft Climate and Nature Strategy
- LDNPA Members Newsletter

**19/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2024 - WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm

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