

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 7 July 2026 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

M. Boswell
K. Bridges (Chair)
R. Cockburn
G. Moore

Also Present:

J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor
Members of the Public: Two
J. Rae (Clerk)

26/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

27/26 MINUTES – 5 MAY 2026

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 5 May 2026 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

28/26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr. M. Boswell updated his register of interests form.

No declarations of interest and requests for dispensations were received.

29/26 REPORTS

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cllr J. Perry reported that Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council are working with their advisers on a government-funded Bus Reform Pilot for Cumbria. The pilot will explore whether new approaches to planning and delivering bus services could help improve public transport across Cumbria, particularly in rural areas, and whether there are gaps in existing provision that could be addressed through reform. Cllr Perry encouraged the Parish Council to respond to the survey.

Following new government regulations introduced in March 2026, all councils are now required to follow a revised plan-making process. The first stage of consultation (scoping) is scheduled for September 2026.

There is no date when the speed limit review will be carried out.

Cllr G. Moore reported the recycling bins at Aughertree had not been emptied that week. Cllr Perry agree to follow this up with Cumberland Council.

30/26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

31/26 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING - 5 MAY 2026

Online Banking – Barclays Bank had agreed to forward information on registering for online banking.

Website Administrator – Cllr K. Bridges had been registered as an administrator for the website.

Update on Black Lion – Cllr K. Bridges agreed to respond to the correspondence received.

Cllr J. Perry agreed to forward Cumberland Council's Dark Skies Policy.

32/26 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 30 June 2026

Business Current Account	£9,821.58
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Business Savings Account	£7,704.75
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(b)	Income Received	
	HMRC – VAT Refund	£ 500.83
	Grant – Cumberland Council	£1977.00
	Interest	£ 21.73

(c) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 1	£455.21
HMRC PAYE Quarter 1	£113.80
Clerk's expenses Quarter 1	£124.23
Donation granted to Wigton Baths Trust	£125.00

33/26 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2026/2105 – Longlands, Uldale, CA7 1HN

A single agricultural workers dwelling No objections

7/2026/2116 – Coach House, Old Rectory, Uldale, CA7 1HA

Two storey porch No objections

(a) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

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

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

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

Replacement of the old septic tank with new treatment plant

GRANTED

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

Proposal: Proposed residential development of two affordable dwellings for local occupancy GRANTED

34/26 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Cllr. K. Bridges reported that the pot holes on the Ireby to Uldale road had been repaired.

Cllr R. Cockburn reported that the drains on Snittlegarth lonning had been cleaned. It was noted that the drains are higher than the road surface. Cllr J. Perry agreed to pursue this with Highways and to also enquire if any work is to be carried out on the lonning which is regularly used by cyclists.

Cllr. G. Moore reported that he had spoken to Cumberland Council regarding the proposed weight limit restriction on the Aughertree road. Following on from the conversation the road from Aughertree to Uldale is now shown as closed on satellite navigation systems until the end of the year.

35/26 COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Cllr M. Boswell had circulated the results of the survey undertaken as part of the development of a Community Led Plan. The group charged with taking forward the plan have asked that the Parish Council consider the results and determine a response to each item in terms of measures which are being taken or may be taken to deliver on the aspirations. The response will be combined with the actions that the group feel that the community may take to form a final report along the lines of other Community Led Plans.

Cllrs K. Bridges and M. Boswell agreed to go through the feedback and consider a response.

36/26 PUBLIC BENCHES – IREBY

Cllr M. Boswell reported that the application for a Community Investment grant from Cumberland Council had been successful and a grant of £1,977.00 had been awarded towards new benches. The new benches will now be ordered and arrangements made for the installation.

37/26 ADOPTION OF SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The draft Safeguarding Policy had been circulated. RESOLVED to adopt the Policy.

38/26 DONATION REQUEST – WIGTON BATHS TRUST

The request received from Wigton Baths Trust for financial assistance was considered. RESOLVED to grant £125.00.

39/26 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

An enquiry had been received from a resident in Uldale in relation to the area of land in front of their property. It was noted that the area is part of Uldale greens are classed as part of Uldale and Aughtertree Common and as such are owned by and registered to the National Park. Cllr. K. Bridges agreed to speak to the contractor regarding the cost to include this area.

40/26 CUMBRIA BUS REFORM PILOT STUDY

Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council are working with their advisers on a government-funded Bus Reform Pilot for Cumbria. The pilot will explore whether new approaches to planning and delivering bus services could help improve public transport across Cumbria, particularly in rural areas, and whether there are gaps in existing provision that could be addressed through reform. Cllr. M. Boswell agreed to take part in the survey.

41/26 VACANCIES

There are three vacancies on the Council that can be filled by co-option. Notices advertising the vacancies are displayed in the Parish.

42/26 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Highways reporting system - My Account

Cumberland Council - Member Interest Training

Peter Walter's newsletter

CALC - Highways slides from 20th May

CALC News

CALC - Invitation to Local Plan Seminar – Lake District National Park

CALC - Newsletter for Town and Parish Councils about the Nourish project, which is around improving the school food culture.

Cumberland Council - Cumbria Bus Reform Pilot Study

CALC - guide to travelling around the Lake District

Cllr K. Bridges reported that he had been notified that the Rivers Trust had advised that funding is now available to replace the Irish Bridge.

43/26 PARISH MATTERS/ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Any items for the next agenda to be forwarded to the Clerk by 24 August 2026.

44/26 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 September 2026 - WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm

Chairman Date