

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 5 March 2024 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

E. Alexander
K. Bridges (Chair)
R. Cockburn
A. Forrest
J.W. Hall
J. Logan
G. Moore
P. Normington

Also Present:

J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor
Two members of the public
J. Rae (Clerk)

Prior to the meeting opening Peter Normington signed a declaration of acceptance of office and was provided with a register of interests form for completion.

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting. Cllr Normington was welcomed to his first meeting as a parish councillor.

91 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

92 MINUTES – 2 JANUARY 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 January 2024 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

93 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Forrest declared an interest in item 11 on the agenda Adoption of Defibrillators.
No requests for dispensations were received

94 REPORTS

- (a) Cumbria Police: The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated.
- (b) Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported on the following:
Improving the Waste Collection Service – A consultation is live on Cumberland Council's website. Residents are encouraged to complete the survey which is available until 15th March. Cllr Perry noted that some areas of the Parish do not benefit from the recycling service and will raise this with Cumberland Council.
Cllr Perry advised she had attended an online meeting on Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss and how Parish Councils can take action.
The Lakes to Sea Community Panel will next meet on 21 March and a network workshop was held in Keswick in January.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to raise matters relating to items on the agenda.

95 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised:

- Recent emails regarding the need to have a Warm Hub/Resilience Plan in place in the event of an emergency.
It was noted that Emily's Black Lion had provided a warm space during the recent power cuts. It was proposed that the parish council write to thank the owner for providing this service to the community.

- Withdrawal of the 73 bus service – A resident enquired whether the parish council had been consulted on the withdrawal of the 73 bus service and what action they intend to take regarding this decision.
The Chairman responded that the Parish Council had not been consulted and would address the question under item 6 on the agenda Matters Arising from the meeting on 2 January.
- Recent road closures in Ireby.
Concern was also raised regarding the proposed road closure at Aughtertree and whether access will be maintained for residents as the diversion route is considered not suitable for motor vehicles.

A discussion took place whether road closures should be published on the website/local Facebook. It was suggested road closures and any other relevant information/news should be added to the website and facebook.

The meeting was re-convened.

96 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 2 JANUARY 2024

The Chairman reported that a meeting will be held in Uldale on 13th March to discuss the request for a 30mph speed limit in Uldale. It was noted that a response had been received from the Highways Asset Manager at Cumberland Council advising “The programme of traffic regulation orders, including speed limits reviews, was approved by the Highways and Transport Strategic Board in 2023 and the speed limit in Uldale will be looked at in 2026/27. I appreciate this is some time away but by looking at all speed limits in one year will save considerable funding in terms of the advertisements and committee time. The support of the parish council has been noted and will be used during the review”

The Parish Council had contacted the Cumberland Council’s Scheduled Bus Service Officer to request that the 73 service be added to the BSIP when the review is carried out. A response was received advising “We have been advised by Stagecoach of a number of changes to their service between Carlisle and Keswick via Caldbeck this Summer starting from 23 March. The service 73 is being withdrawn and will not run this Summer. It will be replaced by a new 553 service, as part of their main service 554 between Carlisle and Keswick, and will additionally run on Sundays. The service has been streamlined to give faster journey times between Carlisle and Keswick for through travellers but this means that it will no longer run via Heskett Newmarket or Ireby. The middle of the day journey runs to Carlisle with an extra later journey from Carlisle to Keswick via Caldbeck, but a day return to Carlisle is not possible.

On a more positive note, the Head of Commercial felt the changes make it more likely that the route could be continued over the Winter. I had already included the Winter route as one that could potentially be helped with support through the BSIP funding, but how that funding will be used will be for Senior Officers and Political leaders to decide upon after consultation. If this happens, I would look to restore the diversion via Ireby, which hopefully Stagecoach may decide to retain next Summer”.

The Chair agreed to write to Cumberland Council, Stagecoach, Mark Jenkinson MP, Markus Campbell Savours and Julia Aglionby to emphasise the Parish Council’s and residents’ disappointment at the withdrawal of the 73 service.

97 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 29 th February 2024	
Business Current Account	£6,247.65
Business Premium Account	£6,765.64

Income Received:	
HMRC – VAT Refund	£415.00
BIUFR – Transfer of Funds	£475.64

(b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

Clerks account Quarter 4	£421.10
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£105.40
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£102.35

(c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the effectiveness of the Internal Audit

RESOLVED to appoint Mr. T. Gear as the internal auditor for financial year 2023-24. Members noted and approved the contents of the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit.

(d) A letter to Barclays Bank was signed by two authorised signatories to amend the correspondence address of the Parish Council.

98 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

7/2023/2271 - Church of St James, Uldale, Cumbria, CA7 1DS
Proposed septic tank installation including drainage field and associated drains

7/2024/2014 - Pyerigg, Aughtertree, Ireby, Wigton, CA7 1EP
Refurbishment of existing summer house

(b) Decisions:

7/2023/2271 - Church of St James, Uldale, Cumbria, CA7 1DS
Proposed septic tank installation including drainage field and associated drains
GRANTED

Appeal Ref APP/Q9495/W/23/3321065/APP/Q9495/Y/23/3321074
Overwater Hall Hotel, Ireby, CA7 1HH **APPEALS DISMISSED**

99 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following matters were reported:

Pot hole near Watriggs Wood
Waste bin on the Ireby to Torpenhow road needs re-fixing
The drain outside Stonecroft, High Ireby has still not been cleaned out

Several pot holes on the following roads
Ireby to Daleside
Ireby to Uldale and
Ireby to High Ireby

It was noted the gate on the land at Whinney Tip needs some maintenance. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor carrying out the work on the benches on Greengate Lonning for his advice.

100 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT

Tenders were invited for the grass cutting in Uldale and the small area at Ruthwaite. The contract had been advertised with one tender received at a price of £1450 plus VAT per year. It was noted that the contractor was willing to undertake the work at this price for three years. RESOLVED to accept the tender from Mr. J Pattinson. It was noted that the posts and rope around the greens require some maintenance. The Clerk agreed to raise this with the Ranger at the LDNPA

101 ADOPTION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Notification had been received from the Chair of the former First Responders that £475.64 had been deposited into the Parish Council’s bank account to accompany the transfer of the defibrillators in Uldale and Ireby, the defib at Aughtertree having been adopted by the Parish Council at a previous meeting. The funds would be ring fenced for maintenance of the units.

102 BENCHES ON GREENGATE LONNING

The Clerk had contacted the contractor who advised he would try to get the work done in the next couple of weeks.

103 PARISH PLAN/RESILIENCE PLAN

Cllr Logan reported that he had attended two online meetings regarding the development of a community led Parish Plan. Cllr Logan advised he was prepared to start the process. Members discussed the best way to take this forward and what areas the plan should cover. It was suggested that a simple questionnaire should be prepared for residents to complete to establish their priorities for the Parish. Cllrs Forrest and Normington agreed to assist. Progress will be discussed at the next meeting.

104 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- Pre application consultation for a new telecoms mast at Ireby Grange
- Planned Road Closure - U2111, Ireby – Fibrus
- Road Closure - C2011 Ireby - Battersby Construction - 23/02/2024
- Lakes to Sea Community Panel Workshop - 24.01.24
- Cumberland Council – Weekly Updates – Cumberland Council’s Consultation on improving the waste collection service is available online until 15 March. As there will be PFCC elections held on 2 May a reminder that you are legally required to show photo identification (ID) when voting at a polling station.
- NALC – Chief Executive’s Bulletin
- D-Day 80 Pin Badge & The County of Cumbria
- Town/Parish Presentation and Questions
- CALC – S137 Limits
- United Utilities Affordability Presentation & DWP Update
- Family Wellbeing Transformation Programme
- LDNPA Members Report February
- Royal Garden Parties 2024
- PFCC Winter Newsletter
- Letter of thanks from the Great North Air Ambulance Service for the Parish Council’s donation
- Letter of thanks from Wigton Baths Trust for the Parish Council’s donation
- February Update on Black Lion
- Black Lion Community Group – request for letter of support to help in the bid for funding from the Plunkett Foundation and Community Ownership Fund.

105 DATES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates for the next Council year were agreed:

- Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting – Tuesday 7th May, 2024
- Bi-monthly meetings Tuesday 2nd July, 3rd September, 5th November, 2024
- 7th January, 4th March, 2025 - WI Hall, Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm

Chairman Date