

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 7th November, 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor
Nine parish members
J. Rae (Clerk)

55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr J. Logan. The reason for absence was noted and accepted.

56 MINUTES – 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th September, 2023 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

57 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received
No requests for dispensations were received

Cllrs Logan and Forrest had updated their register of interest's form.

58 REPORTS

- (a) Cumbria Police: The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry reported that garden waste collections have been extended by three weeks until 17th November – this is still shorter than in previous years when it went right up until mid-December. It mirrors the collection date for Copeland area – which as some of my constituents have pointed out is a bit unfair as we have levelled up council tax and levelled down service. However, the extra three weeks is a bit of a bonus. I am now lobbying for garden waste collections to start earlier in the New Year but I imagine this is unlikely to happen, so I am advising everyone who can to home compost and to build wildlife habitat from hedge trimmings. We held our Community network launch on Thursday 26 October at the Kirkgate Centre and it seemed very well attended. There were multiple stalls downstairs. After the first hour we had a presentation about the community panel and its members and questions from the audience. I have been contacted since by members of the audience to stress that it should not become a really nebulous thing. The new panel support officer is sarah.o'neill@cumberland.gov.uk if you would like to make a funding application to the panel or for advice on funding sources. On 31st October Cumberland and CALC held the Green2Grow conference at Energus. It was an all-day event with 33 stalls (mainly not food producers but community groups managing wildlife sites, or engaging with volunteers to get involved in growing food, managing wildlife etc. The first hour was followed by presentations from local groups on various issues around food. CALC have produced a Green2Grow booklet which gives advice to Parish Councils on greening public spaces, increasing gardening activity with its healthy food, and mental health benefits and reminding them of their legal duty (as of 1st Jan this year) to conserve biodiversity in their decision making. I cannot find a copy online but they should be available on request to CALC.

The final session was the launch of the Food Cumberland Strategic Framework which had been approved by the Executive just that morning. It is available on the Council website. An action plan will be developed, reviewed, and revised on an annual basis and progress towards the long-term outcome of healthy, sustainable affordable local food will be evaluated and reported back to panels twice a year, so I will keep everyone informed.

Cllr Perry advised she had attended the UU presentation in the Globe Hall and is working with residents in Uldale regarding the speeding issues.

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

59 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised:

- Speeding Issues in Uldale - A poll of residents in Uldale had been carried out and found that the majority are in favour of a review of the speed limit through Uldale.
- Use of Noticeboard in Ireby – Notices being removed from the noticeboard in Ireby is still an ongoing issue
- United Utilities proposals for Overwater and Chapel House Reservoir – As the proposals will have a major impact on the Parish, how/will the parish council assess the views of residents once a planning application is received. The potential impact on the roads was also raised.
- An update from BIUFR had been provided. The Parish Council is asked to take over the ownership of and responsibility for the Public Access Defibrillators in Ireby and Uldale from 1st December. It was noted that a defibrillator had been installed at Aughtertree.
- Uldale Mill Barn – Members were advised of the plans to build an astronomical observatory for the Lake District at Uldale Mill Barn. It was suggested that the resident should hold a public meeting, setting out the plans for residents information, once a planning application has been submitted.
- Clarification on the requirements for applications for funding from Cumberland Council's Community Panel – Cllr Perry advised that applications that benefitted the wider community would be considered more favourably.
- Green to Grow Initiative – Is there any available space in the Parish as the nearest allotments are in Hesket New Market.
- Rural Bus Service – The Saturday bus service has now ended for the winter months. Can anything be done to request Stagecoach to continue the service. The resident agreed to send the information relating to the service to Cllr Perry.

The meeting was re-convened.

60 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2023

Min Ref 42 – Members Interests – The question raised at the last meeting had not been received in writing. The Chair clarified that there was no requirement for former councillor Crooks to declare an interest in Emily's Black Lion.

Min Ref 42 - A letter had been sent to Stagecoach regarding the extension of the Saturday bus service. A response is still awaited.

Min Ref 44(c) - The Clerk reported that a Community account with Skipton Building Society is currently paying 3.65% interest. It was agreed to contact Barclays to enquire if they can match this.

61 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 31st October, 2023

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| Business Current Account | £10,164.15 |
| Business Premium Account | £ 6,642.53 |

Income Received:

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| Cumberland Council – Second Half Parish Precept | £3,000.00 |
| Rent of Parish Land | £ 28.00 |
| Interest 5.6.23 – 3.9.23 | £ 17.54 |

(b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

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| CALC – Effective Councillor Module 1 | £ 60.00 |
| WI Hall – Room Hire | £ 60.00 |
| J. Pattinson – Grass Cutting 2023 season | £1560.00 |
| Donation granted to Wigton Baths Trust | £ 125.00 |

(c) Budget 2024-25

A draft budget had been circulated with the agenda. It was noted that between 2015 – 2022 an amount of £15,000 had been set aside to cover the possible cost of footway lighting.

In financial year 2023-24 there would be a probable overspend of £3830 leaving an approximate balance at 31st March 2024 of £11,288. The overspend resulting from urgent tree work and election costs (an invoice for the election costs had not yet been received). It is also uncertain what Cumberland Council's future proposals are regarding footway lighting. RESOLVED that the precept levy should remain at £6000 for financial year 2024-25.

62 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2023/2191 – Gehawian, Aughtertree, CA7 1EP
Build new garden shed

No objections

Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009 as amended
Reference: 7/2022/2135

Site: Overwater Hall Hotel, Ireby, Wigton, CA7 1HH

An appeal has been lodged to the Secretary of State against the refusal of planning permission for Redevelopment of hotel to provide additional bedrooms, leisure and dining facilities. Siting of 12 no. 'dark-sky' cabins, creation of new car park and change of use and adaptation of outbuildings to provide offices and staff accommodation. Associated access, drainage and landscaping work.

The Parish Council's original comments had been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

(b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2023/2135 - Field Opp Limedale Farm, Ireby, Wigton, CA7 1DS
Erection of livestock barn on site of previous temporary shelter. 11m x 11m (121 m sq) Hardcore base, timber frame with timber (Yorkshire Boarding) cladding. Clear corrugated roof panels on a mono pitch roof with living roof edging

Granted

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| 7/2023/2153 – The Old School, Uldale, CA7 1HA Use of shepherd's hut as holiday accommodation | Granted |
| 7/2023/2039 – Chapel House Farm, Uldale, CA7 1HJ Window replacement | Granted |

63 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) Highway issues in the Parish

The following matters were reported:

- Pot holes on the Uldale to Aughtertree road
- Blocked drain on the High Ireby road
- Blocked drain outside Stonecroft, High Ireby

(b) Speeding Issues in Uldale

The results of the survey of residents in Uldale for a review of the speed limit through Uldale were discussed. The survey found that the majority of residents are in favour of the introduction of a 30mph speed limit. A response had been received from Cumberland Council in relation to the request.

“We can confirm that we have added your request for speed limit changes in Uldale to our list for consideration the next time the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for speed limits in the area is being reviewed.

Unfortunately, the process for altering speed limits is very lengthy (up to 12 months), therefore requests are generally recorded and assessed periodically. The Highways & Transport Strategic Board agreed a programme of TRO reviews at its meeting in August 2023, therefore we are not due to consider further alterations to speed limits until the next review.

Please be assured, however, that your request has been logged and will be considered in due course”.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the request. Residents are also encouraged to add their support using reference EI/171505 on the Highways Information Management System.

Cllr Perry agreed to query with Highways the procedure for the review of TROs.

64 UNITED UTILITIES PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE OF CHAPEL HOUSE AND OVERWATER

Following the discussion in the Public Participation part of the meeting members RESOLVED that on receipt of a planning application from LDNPA a public meeting would be held to assess the views of residents regarding the proposals.

65 BENCHES ON GREENGATE LONNING

The Clerk reported that a verbal estimate had been received for the repairs to the benches on Greengate Lonning at £450-£500. It was agreed to instruct the contractor to carry out the work subject to receiving a written estimate.

66 WEBSITE

Cllr Forrest reported that the finance page on the website had been updated.

67 USE OF PARISH NOTICEBOARD IN IREBY

This matter was discussed in the Public Participation part of the meeting. Members RESOLVED that the protocol for the use of the noticeboards in the parish had not changed. As the noticeboards are self-policing common sense should be used by anyone placing notices on the noticeboards.

68 DONATION REQUEST – WIGTON BATHS TRUST

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

69 PARISH PLAN

As apologies had been received from Cllr Logan it was agreed to defer this agenda item to the next meeting.

70 CO-OPTION POLICY

A draft policy had been circulated setting out the procedure for the co-option of new councillors. RESOLVED that the policy be adopted.

71 VACANCY

The Clerk reported that the Returning Officer at Cumberland Council had been notified of the vacancy following the resignation of Cllr Paul Crooks. Electoral Services at Cumberland Council had advised that an election had not been requested and the Parish Council can now fill the vacancy by co-option. The vacancy will be advertised for a period of four weeks. Expressions of interest should be received by the Parish Clerk by 8th December to be considered at the meeting on 2nd January 2024.

72 CORRESPONDENCE

- Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email:
- Cumberland Council - Green Libraries Week, become a foster carer, join Stoptober, have your say on your area
- CALC - Short presentation on Community Panels & Networks created September 2023 by Cumberland Council
- Cumberland Council - Focus on fostering, bridge closure in Cockermouth, volunteering opportunities, regeneration news, fingerpost restoration
- CALC - Cumbria Association of Local Councils AGM 2023 Agenda and supporting papers
- CALC News
- CALC - Local, Regional and National Funding Opportunities- relevant to Parish Councils
- CALC - 2023 joint call for sites that could deliver Biodiversity Net Gain or habitat restoration through a change in land use or management.
- PFCC - Autumn Newsletter
- CALC - Biodiversity Net Gain- Information guide for local councils
- CALC Annual Review 2022-2023
- Cumberland Council - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter - October 2023
- CALC - Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools
- Cumberland Council Community Investment Scheme
- Black Lion Community Group - Auction of Promises - November 11th

A letter had been received from West Cumbria Rivers Trust regarding the River Ellen and the Irish bridge crossing. The Chair agreed to contact the Trust to arrange a site meeting.

73 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2nd January, 2024 – WI Hall, Ireby – 7.30pm
The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman Date