

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 5th September, 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

K. Bridges (Chair)

R. Cockburn

A. Forrest

J. Logan

G. Moore

Also Present:

Nine parish members

J. Rae (Clerk)

37 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs E. Alexander and J.W. Hall. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted. An apology for absence was also received from J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

38 MINUTES – 4 JULY 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th July, 2023 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received

No requests for dispensations were received

40 REPORTS

- (a) Cumbria Police: The newsletter for the Wigton/Aspatria/Silloth area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cumberland Councillor – A written report had been received from Cllr Perry. “Our Lakes to Sea community panel met for the first time at Braithwaite on 15th June and we meet again on 12th September at Maryport Rugby Club 6pm – agenda not published yet (if anyone wants to attend) I know we will be considering at least one application for funding. We are currently taking applications based on the Cumberland plan priorities and they will be more favourably looked on if they benefit the whole community panel area. We are currently consulting on our priorities. There is a form on the website, and paper copies should be available but I do not have any until the meeting. I can provide an internet link or you can find a link in the News Release or 17th August. Survey ends 30th October. The launch of the associated network will be on 26th October at the Kirkgate Centre Cockerham – it will involve stalls from community groups for members of the public (and councillors) to browse, copies of the consultation form and a presentation about the purpose, aims and ways to get involved”

41 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- (a) Public Participation at Meetings – The Chairman read out the new protocol to be adopted for public participation at meetings. On the proposal of Cllr Moore, seconded by Cllr Forrest it was resolved that the policy be adopted.
- (b) Civility and Respect Project – Information on the Civility and Respect Project had been circulated. Members noted that throughout the sector there are growing concerns about the impact bullying, harassment and intimidation are having on local (parish and town) councils, councillors, clerks and council staff and the resulting effectiveness of local councils.

NALC and County associations have responded by setting up a Civility and Respect Working Group to oversee the Civility and Respect Project. It was agreed the Parish Council should sign up to the Pledge.

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

42 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following matters were raised:

- One question had been received in writing regarding a recent post on facebook. The Chair responded advising that the comments had been posted after the former councillor had resigned from the Parish Council. Any queries relating to the post should be directed to Paul Crooks.
- Two councillors had not declared the nature of their interest in relation to Emily's Black Lion when asked previously. (Min ref 24/23). The parish member was asked to forward their question in writing to the Parish Council.
- The Parish Council was thanked for promptly responding and instructing a contractor to carry out the urgent work to the cherry tree on the went in Ireby.
- The Finance page on the website is still not up-to-date. Is the Parish Council willing to consider investing some of its reserves in an account paying higher interest and Why does the Parish Council have such high reserves?
In response -
The website is in the process of being updated.
The reserves were increased to take into account the possibility of having to take over the responsibility and associated costs for footway lighting from the Borough Council
The Council's banking arrangements will be discussed later in the meeting.
- Does the Parish Council have a strategy in place and will they be incorporating a community resilience plan into this?
The Parish Council are currently looking at engaging more with the community and developing a Community Plan.
- Transport issues and the rural bus service in the Parish
The Parish Council agreed to contact Stagecoach to establish what their 3-year plan is regarding the rural bus service, if they would consider extending the bus service through the winter on a Saturday and whether they would consider providing a more regular service.

The meeting was re-convened.

43 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 3 JULY 2023

Min Ref 35/23 - The work on the cherry tree had been carried out and an invoice received for payment.

44 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 31st August 2023

Business Current Account	£8,500.95
Business Premium Account	£6,574.99

(b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

Clerk's salary Quarter 2	£389.90
HMRC PAYE Quarter 2	£ 97.60
Clerk's expenses Quarter 2	£104.30
CWB Forestry – Arboricultural Work	£630.00
P. Barker – Annual payment electricity costs Uldale defib	£ 30.00
ICO – Data Protection Fee due 7 October 2023	£ 35.00

(c) Review of Banking Arrangements

The current banking arrangements and whether the savings account should be transferred into an account which paid more interest were discussed. The Clerk advised that very few banks are willing to open accounts for Parish Councils but was aware that Skipton Building Society does now offer a community account. It was agreed that enquiries would be made at Skipton Building Society as to what interest rates would be paid on such an account.

45 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

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

No objections

7/2023/2153 – The Old School, Uldale, CA7 1HA
Use of shepherd's hut as holiday accommodation

No objections

(b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

T/2023/0073 - Overwater Hall Hotel, Ireby, Wigton, CA7 1HH
Proposal: Removal of 8 Ash trees due to Ash die-back

Withdrawn

46 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) Highway issues in the Parish

The following matters were reported:

The road surface is breaking up outside the pub in Ireby
Pot holes on the road towards Stanthwaite from Uldale
Road surface breaking up/pot holes towards the crossroads in Uldale
The 30mph sign entering Ireby is almost covered by the hedge on both sides of the road

Some drains had been cleaned out in Ireby

- (b) Lengthsman – The Chair reported that he had consulted Mungrisdale Parish Council as they had been considering whether it was feasible to employ a lengthsman. Following further consideration Mungrisdale PC had decided that the scheme was not viable. It was therefore agreed that this Parish Council would not take the matter further.

(c) Speeding Issues

Cllr Perry had agreed to meet with residents and representatives from the parish council on Friday 15th September at 8.00am in Uldale to see the speeding problems in Uldale

47 BENCHES ON GREENGATE LONNING

Members discussed whether it was feasible to have the benches on Greengate Lonning repaired. It was agreed to approach a local contractor to see if he is willing to provide a quotation for the work.

48 COMMUNITY RENEWABLE ENERGY EVENT

Cllr Logan provided an update on the Community Renewable Energy Event he had attended on the 29th June. It was agreed to consider incorporating a Sustainability Action Plan into any future Community Plan for the Parish.

49 ADOPTION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Nothing further had been received from BIUFR regarding the handover date and the arrangements for the adoption of the defibrillators at the Globe Hall and the former Snooty Fox public house. Cllr Crooks had negotiated a sum for the electricity costs at the former Snooty Fox. RESOLVED that the Parish Council would meet the costs of the electricity with an annual payment of £30.00 being made to the resident.

50 WEBSITE

Cllr Forrest provided an update on the progress with the amendments to the website suggested at the last meeting. It was agreed that the Finance page still needs updated and a new page added for Policies and Procedures. Cllr Forrest also reported there was an issue with some of the certificates for the site.

51 TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER

The Training and Development Programme provided by CALC had been circulated. Cllrs Logan and Forrest expressed an interest in attending the Effective Councillor Course Module 1 and Module 2. The Clerk agreed to contact CALC to book the sessions on 11th and 18th September.

52 PUBLIC CONSULTATION – NEW WOODLAND PLANTING, ELLEN BRIDGE, IREBY

Notification had been received from Edwin Thompson & Co that they are investigating the potential to carry out a small new planting project (about 0.86 ha) on a paddock at Ellen Bridge in Ireby on behalf of their client. The new planting will comprise of mixed native broadleaves planted at 1100 trees per hectare with 37% open space. Species will comprise: Common Alder 10%, Aspen 10%, Silver birch 10%, Sessile Oak 10%, Yew 10%, Small leaved lime 5%, Wild Cherry 5%, Crab Apple 5%, Juniper 5%, Hazel 5%, Holly 5%, Hawthorn 5%, Guelder rose 5%, Native willows 5%, Dog wood 5%. There were no objections to the proposals.

53 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Above Derwent Parish Council - Devolution Joint Committee

LDNPA - Visitor Management Parish Questionnaire – Cllr Bridges agreed to complete the questionnaire.

Letter of thanks from Ireby PCC for the parish council's donation towards the grass cutting

Letter of thanks from Uldale DCC for the parish council's donation towards the grass cutting

CALC - Cumbria in Bloom Newsletter

CALC - Transport focus groups in the Lake District

LNNPA Member (P. Walter) - LDNPA Newsletter

CALC - County of Cumbria & D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024

Cumberland Council – Latest News

CALC - Draft Minutes of Allerdale DA AGM, 26/07/2023

CALC News May and June

CALC - Letter regarding Special General Meeting 22 July 2023

CALC - The National Lottery Community Fund- The UK Fund
 ACT - Update July 2023
 CALC - Notice of Allerdale District Association Annual General Meeting 26 July 2023
 CCRG: Cumbria LRF Winter Workshop - Natural Hazards and Essential Services
 CALC - Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2, (HUG2)
 CALC - Cumberland Community Panels open for business
 CALC - Annual General Meeting 30th September 10.00am
 CALC - Notes of the CALC Special General Meeting held on 22nd July 2023
 CALC - Training & Development Programme - September - December 2023
 CALC - Steve Parkinson training - September - December 2023
 CALC - Community Engagement & Community Plan Training – Cllrs Forrest and Logan expressed an interest in this training
 OPCC/CALC - Fire and Rescue Plan public survey
 CALC - Government funding launching this Autumn, to boost local growth and energy security.
 NALC Legal Update – August 2023
 DLUHC Consultation on Local Plans - Request to Circulate
 LDNPA – Dog Fouling Campaign
 United Utilities – A drop-in session will be held on 28th September in the Globe Hall, Ireby. The project team will be available to provide an update on the proposed plans for Crummock Water, Chapelhouse Reservoir, Overwater and Ennerdale Water.
 Cllr Paul Crooks had submitted a letter of resignation – The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council will be notified of the resignation with the vacancy advertised in the usual way.

54 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th November, 2023 – WI Hall, Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm

Chairman Date