

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 4th July, 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

E. Alexander
P. Crooks
A. Forrest
J.W. Hall
J. Logan
G. Moore (Vice Chair)

Also Present:

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

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs K. Bridges and R. Cockburn. The reasons for absence were noted and accepted.

Cllr G. Moore in the Chair

21 MINUTES – 23 MAY 2023

The minutes of the Annual meeting held on 23rd May, 2023 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23 REPORTS

- (a) Cumbria Police: The newsletter for the Wigton/Aspatria/Silloth area had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (b) Cumberland Councillor - Cllr Perry reported on the following:
Bin collections - the strike is caused by the differing terms and conditions and wages endured by Copeland and Carlisle staff. The Council is prioritising its statutory duty of collecting residual waste, and is advising people to use bring sites (There are 27 listed on the council website) for recycling. At Cockermouth Sullart Street you do not need to separate cans, bottles, and plastics. And there are also paper/cardboard bins. Obviously, residual waste bins are being missed occasionally, if a bin is missed three times it can be reported to customer services and will be put on a priority list for collection. Lakes to Sea Community Panel - We had our first meeting at Braithwaite on 15th June and our next Community Panel meeting will be on 12th September at 6pm, venue to be arranged. Before then our chair Cllr Andy Semple is hoping to tour the district and meet key people. I will be introducing him to people and issues in Bothel and Wharrels. We will be setting up network groups to help us set our priorities and when these are decided and written into our Community Investment Plan, we will be looking to co-opt up to three people to help deliver those priorities. Potholes - It has been brought to my attention that the council cannot be said to be negligent in failing to repair potholes unless a pothole has not been repaired within 20 days of being reported to them. The council should survey the roads every six months and write a written report, if this has been done and no potholes seen, and no-one reports potholes, damage to vehicles will not be compensated. My advice to everyone is therefore to make sure you report potholes as soon as you see them. (Full report to be circulated).

It was brought to Cllr. Perry's attention that there are no recycling collections in the Aughtertree and Prior Hall areas of the parish.

Cllr Perry also reported that the UU consultation event on the future of Overwater and Chapel House has been arranged for 28th September and will be held in the Globe Hall, Ireby.

24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- The two seats on Greengate Lonning require repair or replacement. This will be included on the agenda for the next meeting and options for the benches will be considered. It was noted that Cumberland Council had carried out an initial cut of the footpath.
- The screws are protruding on the arm rest of one of the seats in front of Moot Hall. The parish member reporting this agreed to make it safe.
- The Chair thanked the parish member in attendance for varnishing the seats in Ireby.
- The nature of the interests of the parish councillors in relation to Emily's Black Lion was raised. Cllr Logan advised he was involved in the working party looking at the feasibility of putting a community bid together.
- A parish member present wanted to pass on his sincere gratitude to the members of the community for contributing towards the membership fees and associated costs incurred with the valuation from the Plunkett Foundation.
- Several questions on financial matters had been submitted to the parish council via Cllr Logan. A written response had been provided. It was suggested the banking arrangements be included on the agenda for the next meeting. The Asset Register will be updated once the parish council adopt the defibrillators in the parish.

25 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 23 MAY 2023

LDNPA Member - Notification had been received from CALC that Mr. Peter Walter had been elected as the parish member to the LDNPA North Distinctive Area.

Audit – The Clerk reported that the external auditors had acknowledged receipt of the AGAR Part 2 exemption certificate. As exemption from the review process had been claimed a Report from the External Auditor will not be issued nor a conclusion of process certificate. Unless an objection from a member of the electorate is received no further communication will be received from the external auditors.

26 STANDING ORDERS, FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY

The Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Risk Management Policy had been circulated. The Parish Council's Code of Conduct had also been circulated to the new Members. RESOLVED that the Standing Orders be amended to remove any reference to the County or Borough Council. An amendment was made to Financial Regulation 3.4 with £200 being increased to £500.

27 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 30th June, 2023

Business Current Account	£10,818.26
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(Unpresented cheque 100716	£ 900.00)
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Business Premium Account	£ 6,524.99
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(b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

Clerk's salary Quarter 1	£390.10
HMRC PAYE Quarter 1	£ 97.40
Clerk's expenses Quarter 1	£139.81
CWB Forestry – Urgent Tree Work	£300.00

Donations granted to:

Ireby PCC	£220.00
Uldale DCC	£220.00

28 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

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 No objections

(b) Decisions: None

29 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) Highway issues in the Parish

The following matters were reported:

Two small pot holes outside the Methodist Chapel, Ireby
Pot holes still evident on the Aughertree to Uldale road.

Repairs had been carried out on the Ireby towards Birkmire road and some pot holes had been filled on the Aughertree road.

(b) Lengsthman - No further information was available.

30 DONATION REQUESTS

The annual requests for financial assistance towards the grass cutting at Ireby and Uldale Churches were considered. RESOLVED that the donation granted should be increased to £220.00 for each church.

31 DOG FOULING ISSUES

Cllr Forrest reported that she had purchased some stickers and distributed these around the village in Ireby. The stickers are available for other parts of the parish if required. Although dog fouling continues to be an issue on the public footpaths and outskirts of the village it has reduced in the village with no reports being received recently. The Parish Council will continue to monitor this.

32 PARISH COUNCIL USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Cllr Crooks provided members with information on the use of facebook and social media by parish councils. The Local Government Association recommends the use of social media as a means a communicating with most people across most age groups and demographics in the parish. Cllr Crooks reported that the use of facebook would be a means of raising the parish profile and improving engagement with parishioners. Cllr Crooks went on to advise that there was clearly an interest which had been demonstrated by the number of posts reached on the Uldale and Ireby Parish News site. Queries were raised regarding the control of posts on the site and who would be responsible for administering this. A policy would also need to be drawn up with regard to its use.

Community members questioned Cllr Crooks about his suitability to run a facebook page. Cllr Logan left the meeting at this point.

It was agreed to leave this item in abeyance. The parish council's use of social media and facebook will be considered further once the website has been updated.

33 WEBSITE

Cllr Forrest provided members with a presentation on how the website could be better utilised. It was generally agreed that the website needs upgraded and improvements made. It was also noted that the security certificates need updated, this will need to be done by the website administrator. Members discussed the suggested amendments and improvements. The main amendments will include the finance pages, members contact details, council meeting page and news/notices page. Minutes will be added to the website in draft format as soon as practicable following the meeting.

Cllr Forrest agreed to make the agreed amendments and report back to the next meeting

34 CORRESPONDENCE

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

- CALC - ACT News Update - May 2023
- HyperfastGB -Maryport community meeting - 24 May
- CALC News - April & March 2023
- News from Cumberland Council
- Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update May 2023
- Funding opportunities: Community Energy Projects
- Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
- Community Energy Support Pack & invite to Community Renewable Energy Event
- SAVE THE DATE - CALC Special General Meeting 22nd July 10.00am
- LDNPP Transport Options in the Lake District Survey – Cllr Crooks had completed the survey.
- Information for CALC on the industrial action for waste collection services in Allerdale
- Cumbria Independent Custody Visiting Scheme - We are recruiting!
- CALC – CCRG: Information on United Utilities "Your Water, Your Say" online event
- CALC - Invitation to Cumbria People and Nature Network Launch - 13th July 2023
- Carlisle Archive Centre – re depositing documents
- Allerdale District Association- Notice of AGM, Wednesday 26th July
- Cumbria's Plan Bee - we need your support
- NALC Legal Update – June 2023
- CALC - Agenda for Special General Meeting 22nd July via teams
- CALC - Community Renewable Energy Event 29/06/23- Presentations and Support Pack for Town and Parish Councils
- Cumberland Council – Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
- Article relating to The Smallpox Outbreak in Ireby, Cumberland in 1885
- Letter from the Department of Health and Social Care requesting that all defibrillators are registered on 'The Circuit'. Cllrs Crooks and Forrest confirmed that both defibs in Ireby and Uldale are registered.
- CALC/NALC – survey regarding climate change

35 URGENT TREE WORK TO THE CHERRY TREE IN IREBY

The Chairman reported that on Thursday 29th June he had been advised that a branch had fallen from the cherry tree situated at the top of the whent in Ireby. The branch was hanging across the wall and into the neighbouring garden. A site meeting was held on Friday 30th June with the tree surgeon who had carried out work in the parish recently. On Health and Safety grounds emergency action was taken to remove the cherry tree branch.

Additional work to the tree had been recommended by the tree surgeon. An estimate had been received to pollard the tree at a cost of £672.00. RESOLVED to accept the quotation and instruct CWB Forestry to carry out the recommended work.

36 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th September, 2023 - WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

Chairman Date