

## IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

E. Alexander  
K. Bridges (Chair)  
R. Cockburn  
J.W. Hall  
G. Moore  
F. Payne

Also Present:

Mike Muir, Chair of Boltons, Ireby & Uldale First Responders  
Two parish members  
J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor  
J. Rae (Clerk)

### **77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor.

### **78 MINUTES – 3 JANUARY 2023**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2023 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

### **79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests

- (i) To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature
- (ii) To declare any pecuniary interests in items on the agenda and their nature

Cllr G. Moore declared an interest in item 8(c) on the agenda (S38 application Caldbeck and Uldale Commons)

No requests for dispensations were received.

### **80 POLICE REPORT**

The newsletter for the Wigton/Aspatria/Silloth area had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **81 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mike Muir, Chair of Boltons, Ireby and Uldale First Responders was in attendance to provide members with an update on the First Responders.

At the First Responders AGM, it had been agreed that the time had come to disband. Currently there are no active First Responders, although 2 people had come forward as potential volunteers. There are 2 Public Access Defibrillators on the wall in Ireby and Uldale. The First Responders are looking at who might look after them if they do disband. They are both up to date and should not cost anything for the foreseeable future. The First Responders have funds in their account that could be transferred with the boxes to cover future costs. Both machines have a current "Guardian" or a person who checks them every week and reports back to the North West Ambulance Service and those Guardians will continue in their roles.

The Parish Council was asked to consider taking on the responsibility for the defibrillators in Ireby and Uldale. This will be added to the agenda for the next parish council meeting.

The use/abuse of the Ireby noticeboard was raised once again. Members agreed to remind users/residents via the noticeboard and Binsey Link of the protocol for the use of the parish noticeboards that was agreed by members at the July 2022 meeting. The Chair advised that there had been no problems reported with the Uldale notice board.

An update was provided regarding the request for a donation for maintenance equipment or insurance cover. Members were advised that it had been established that Cumbria County Council Countryside Access are responsible for maintaining the path and are willing to restore it and carry out maintenance once a year.

Mike Muir left the meeting.

## 82 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 3 JANUARY 2023

The Clerk reported that the cheque payable to CWB Forestry had been refused by the payee's bank. This was confirmed on the bank statement from Barclays. A replacement cheque had been requested.

A complaint had been received that the cherry tree at the top of the whent is getting too big with a lot of ivy growing on the trunk. A parish member in attendance agreed to look at the tree and ascertain if the ivy can be removed.

## 83 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Business Current Account	£10,615.16
Business Savings Accounts	£ 6,403.61

Income Received:

24.2.2023	HMRC – VAT Refund	£296.00
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- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

Clerk's salary Quarter 4	£390.10
HMRC – PAYE Quarter 4	£ 97.40
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£113.70
DJ Web Design – Hosting Fee	£100.00
CWB Forestry – Remedial Tree Work	£880.00
CWB Forestry - Urgent tree work (replacement cheque)	£490.00

- (c) Appointment of internal auditor/external auditors and review of effectiveness of the internal audit

Members noted the appointment of the external auditor for the 2022-23 financial year and for the 5 year period until 2026-27 will be Moore in Peterborough. Members RESOLVED to appoint Mr. T. Gear as the internal auditor for financial year 2022-23. Members noted and approved the contents of the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit.

## 84 PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2023/2011 – Huntsman's Cottage, Ireby, CA7 1HH

Erection of single-storey side extension for additional living accommodation

- (b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2022/2180 – Town End Farm, Uldale, CA7 1HA

Proposed agricultural workers dwelling GRANTED

- (c) S38 application Caldbeck and Uldale Commons

The decision from the Planning Inspectorate had been circulated to members. Consent is granted for the proposed works in accordance with the application and subject to the following condition: The fencing and associated structures shall be removed and the commons re-stated no later than 15 years from the date of the approval (31 January 2023)

## 85 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

- (a) Highway issues in the Parish

The pot hole on the main street in Ireby had been repaired.  
The gravel on Snittlegarth lanning had been removed

The street light at Binsey Farm had been fixed  
Drains had been jetted and are now working properly following two floods near Prior Hall lanning end.

Tree roots causing damage to the highway – Highways had attended the area to investigate the issue but unfortunately it does not meet the investigatory levels therefore no works are required at this time. The location will continue to be inspected and if the problem meets the investigatory level in the future Highways will reassess and take any action necessary.

The water running along the road on the Ireby towards Birkmire road had been reported to the Technical Team at Highways to establish where it is coming from.

The following matters were reported

Road surface breaking up with several pot holes on the Ireby to Uldale Road – Highways are aware of this.

The road surface is breaking up with several potholes on the Daleside to Aughertree road and on the Aughertree to Uldale road

Standing water on the Torpenhow/Ireby road.

(b) Lengthsman

The Chairman reported that he had contacted Mungrisdale Parish Council who are in the process of preparing a job specification for a lengthsman. Once the specification is ready Mungrisdale PC will share the job spec with this Parish Council.

**86 DONATION REQUEST**

An update had been provided under public participation. Members were asked if they would consider making a donation towards a power washer for maintenance of the school grounds. A request with further information will be submitted for consideration at the next meeting.

**87 EMERGENCY PLANNING**

Cllr Alexander reported that the Northern Fells Group are looking at preparing an emergency plan with the emergency plans of the parishes of the Northern Fells area being linked into the plan. At the present time the Parish Council does not have an emergency plan but are in the process of completing the emergency information sheet requested by Cumbria County Council.

Cllr Perry was requested to enquire at Cumbria County Council how a Parish Emergency Plan would tie into the County Council's Emergency Plan.

**88 CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Events in the parish are still being considered.

**89 PARISH ELECTIONS 2023**

Nomination packs were distributed to members. Members noted that nominations commence on 21<sup>st</sup> March and completed forms must be delivered by hand to Electoral Services at the Borough Council by 4.00pm on 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2023. The Clerk agreed to submit the forms to the Borough Council.

**90 CORRESPONDENCE**

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

United Utilities - Crummock, Chapel House & Overwater Reservoir De-commission Project - Public Consultation – Cllr Moore reported he had attended the consultation in Cockermouth which had covered the proposals for Crummock with no information available for Chapel House and Overwater. Cllr Perry was asked to enquire if the September information day could be held in Ireby.

Planning Inspectorate - Section 38 application Caldbeck and Uldale Commons  
CALC - Cost of Living related Information

CALC - Public Health updates: Flu, COVID-19, scarlet fever, 'Little Orange Book' for parents, winter vaccinations  
 CALC - Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletters  
 Cllr Perry reported there are still three vacancies on the Senior Management Team for Cumberland Council and all staff will be transferred over to the new Council via TUPE. The Budget had been agreed with an increase of 4.99% for Cumberland's part of the Council Tax. There would also be a harmonisation of council tax rates over the three areas which would see a further increase. Cllr Perry was asked to enquire why some residents had received letters requesting that Council Tax is paid weekly in the next financial year. Cllr Perry also reported that a road safety review is to be undertaken which will look at 20mph zones in residential areas. It was noted that the parish council would like to see a speed limit implemented in Uldale and a 20mph speed limit implemented in Ireby.  
 CALC - Supporting residents in rural areas in the Cost of Living crisis and current cold snap  
 CALC - Cumbria Local Authority Climate Updates  
 CALC - Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service Council Tax Consultation  
 CALC - How Town & Parish Councils can support Community Resilience E-Poster  
 NALC - Chief Executive's Bulletin  
 Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter January 2023  
 ACT - Update January 2023  
 CALC - Cost of living funding for individual households- Allerdale & Copeland Residents  
 CALC - Cumbria in Bloom Pride in Your Community Awards 2023  
 CCRG: Finding, Understanding and Using Weather Information - 9 March Event  
 CALC - Royal Garden Party - 3 May 2023  
 Allerdale Borough Council - Clerk, Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections  
 Cumbria CC - Planned Road Closure - C2011 - Ireby  
 LDNPA Members report January and February  
 CALC - Community Hubs/Power Loss Questionnaire  
 Cumbria CC - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter - February 2023  
 CALC – Cumberland Briefing update – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023  
 Allerdale Borough Council - Clerk, Candidate & Agent Briefing for May 2023 local elections  
 Allerdale Briefing on 28 February 2023- presentation slides, blank nomination form (including register request/absent voter request) and a quick guide to campaigning.

**91 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS**

The meeting dates for the next Council year were agreed:

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2023  
 4<sup>th</sup> July, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
 16<sup>th</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
 WI Hall Ireby – 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Chairman ..... Date .....