

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 1st March, 2022 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor
One member of the public (left the meeting at 8.00pm)
J. Rae (Clerk)

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting.

72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

73 MINUTES – MEETING 4 JANUARY 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th January, 2022 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Alexander and Bridges declared an interest in item 10 on the agenda (donation request from Northern Fells Group).

75 POLICE REPORT

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

The PCSO for the area had advised that one of her colleagues had responded to the complaint regarding the bright light shining onto the Ireby to Daleside road. The occupant of Dale Barn had turned the light off and agreed to changing the angle to prevent the light from dazzling drivers.

76 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One parish member was in attendance and raised two matters:

Would it be possible for residents to develop a small plot of land at the rear of Standing Stone Cottage, Ireby to create a recreational area/Jubilee Garden to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Members agreed to add this to the agenda for discussion at the next meeting.

Would it be possible to have a sign sited at both ends of the unadopted road which runs behind the houses from the Torpenhow road towards the Church at Ireby advising that the road is unsuitable for motor vehicles or is for residents use only. Cllr Bowness agreed to make enquiries with Highways at Cumbria County Council.

77 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 4 JANUARY 2022

Crosby House Barn – An update from the Borough Council's Planning department had not been received despite two requests. It was agreed to ask Cllr Grainger to pursue this on behalf of the parish council.

Blocked pipe at High Ireby – Cllr Cockburn reported that the contractor had attended to this issue.

78 FINANCE

- (a) The financial position at 28th February, 2022 had been circulated with the agenda.

Bank Balances 28th February, 2022

Current Account	£10,361.91
Business Saver Account	£ 6,072.57

A request had been submitted to HMRC to re-claim the VAT of £260.00

- (b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£336.67
PAYE Quarter 4	£ 84.20
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£126.76

Donation granted to Northern Fells Group £250.00

- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit

RESOLVED that T. Gear be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2021/22. It was agreed that the internal auditor is sufficiently competent to carry out the role and the internal audit function is completely independent from the council's management of financial control.

79 PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2022/2034 – Chapel House Farm, Uldale

Internal alterations to form ground floor shower room. Fit new door

- (b) Decisions:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2021/2321 – Orthwaite Hall Uldale

Proposal to erect a portal framed building over the existing muck midden to provide dry storage space GRANTED

7/2021/2323 – Chapel House Farm, Uldale

Build single storey extension to existing house WITHDRAWN

7/2021/2324 – Chapel House Farm, Uldale

Listed Building Consent - Build single storey extension to existing house WITHDRAWN

80 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

All the highway defects reported at the last meeting had been assessed by Highways and some defects had been repaired.

The following matters were discussed:

Notice of a temporary road closure had been received from Cumbria Highways to carry out highway works due to carriageway defects commencing on 28th February 2022 and anticipated to take 18 months to complete. The closure affects the U2108, High Ireby, from its junction with the U2109 to its junction with the U2107.

Drains blocked at High Ireby – It was suggested that Highways be requested to send the gully wagon to resolve these issues.

The road surface is breaking up on the Ireby to Boltongate road.

The Ireby to High Ireby road is still flooding. Highways had previously advised they were to use a camera to inspect the drains in this area. The Clerk was asked to request an update from Highways.

81 DONATION REQUEST – NORTHERN FELLS GROUP

The annual donation request from the Northern Fells Group was considered. RESOLVED to grant the amount of £250.00.

82. FENCING OF EXISTING WOODLAND SCHEMES ON CALDBECK / ULDALE COMMONS – PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION

Information regarding the pre-application consultation had been circulated to Members.

In 2008 consents were given to erect stock proof fences to prevent the grazing of three small areas of Caldbeck and Uldale Commons. The intention of the project was to develop pockets of native upland woodland and improve the biodiversity in these three areas. Natural England had recently assessed the success of the three schemes. They reported back to LDNPA in January 2022. Tree growth had been very slow and Natural England had recommended that the existing fences should remain for a further period, excluding grazing animals and allowing the woodlands to continue to develop. The LDNPA agreed with their recommendation and in association with the commoners intend to apply to the Secretary of State for consent for the existing fences to remain in-situ for a further period. Members agreed that the fences should remain.

83. THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Events to mark the Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations were discussed. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.

84. COMMUNITY ELECTRIC CAR CLUBS

As part of its effort to alleviate the climate crisis, the government had announced in 2020 that sales of new petrol and diesel cars would be banned by 2030. There are concerns that rural villages and towns may be left behind in the transition to electric transport because of the costly charging infrastructure it requires. The Rural Community Energy Fund (NW) is hoping that its research will support a baseline of evidence to access funding to develop more local car clubs, reducing rural isolation and ensuring the electric car transition is open to everyone. A link to an online survey had been circulated and Members were encouraged to complete the survey.

85. VACANCIES

The vacancies on the parish council had been advertised in the Binsey Link. No expressions of interest had been received. Cllr Payne agreed to include an article on the Ireby/Uldale Facebook page.

86. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated:

Water Resources West Invitation: Water Resources West Stakeholder Workshops – January & February 2022
CALC - Allerdale Geological Disposal Facility Community Partnership
ACT - Community Electric Car Club, request for opinions and comments – online survey
LDNPA Members Report - January
CALC - Allerdale 3 Tier Meeting February 3rd 2022
Cumbria County Council/CALC - Cumbria Highways new reporting process
CALC - New CALC newsletter
CALC - Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter - 9 February
Cumbria County Council - Connecting Cumbria Newsletter February 2022
Allerdale Borough Council - Green Homes Grant

GLEAM - Government consultation on the Glover Landscapes Review – an opportunity to stop ‘off-roading’ in the National Parks
LDGLA - information from Lake District Green Lanes Alliance
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee - letter for town and parish Councils
2nd Emergency Site Notice - Emergency Road Closure - U2109, High Ireby
Cumbria Police – Newsletter – Maryport/Aspatria/Wigton/Silloth area
CALC/Cumbria County Council - Cumbria Local Resilience forum prepare ahead of Storm Dudley and Eunice
LDNPA Members Report – February
Allerdale BC - Statement of Community Involvement – Adoption on 23 February 2022

87 DATES OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates for the meetings for the next Council year were agreed.

Annual Parish Meeting/Annual Meeting Tuesday 3rd May, 2022
Bi-monthly Meetings – Tuesday 5th July, 6th September, 1st November, 2022
3rd January, 7th March 2023 to be held at the WI Hall, Ireby commencing at 7.30 pm.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm

Chairman Date