

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the WI Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 4th March 2025 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

K. Bridges (Chair)

R. Cockburn

J.W. Hall

G. Moore

P. Normington

Also Present:

Seven parish members

J. Rae (Clerk)

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The Chair recorded his thanks to Mae's Tea Rooms and Emily's Black Lion for providing a Warm Hub during the power cuts experienced by residents at the end of January.

90/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from J. Perry, Cumberland Councillor.

91/24 MINUTES – MEETING 15 JANUARY 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January, 2025 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chair.

92/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No declarations of interest were received.

No requests for dispensations were received.

93/24 REPORTS

- (a) The newsletter for the Cockermouth/Keswick area had been circulated by email.
- (b) Cumberland Councillor – Cllr J. Perry had circulated an update from Cumberland Council regarding the changes to the waste and recycling services. Cllr Perry had also reported that Cumberland Council had submitted their response to the Boundary Commission's review of Cumberland Council wards. Potentially there may be some splitting of the Bothel & Wharrels Ward.

94/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public the opportunity to raise any matters of interest.

J. Logan advised that he wanted to make clear that if his application to join the Parish Council is successful it may only be short term.

The following matters were raised

- Whether there had been any update regarding the reintroduction of a street market in Ireby? The Chair responded that there was no update to report. It was suggested this enquiry should be pursued through Cumberland Council.
- How the Parish Plan is progressing
An update would be provided at agenda item 11.
- Whether there was an update on the bus service?
The Chair responded that there was no update regarding the reinstatement of the bus service through Ireby. Cllr P. Normington reported that he had attended the Active Travel meeting in Cockermouth in January when an Officer from Cumberland Council had offered to attend a

future meeting of the Parish Council regarding the bus service in the Parish. As yet no response had been received.

- The Parish Council was asked if they would support the use of Emily's Black Lion and/or Mae's Team Rooms as a Warm Hub in the event of future incidents such as the loss of power which occurred at the end of January. It was noted that Mae's Team Rooms had been endorsed by ENW as a Warm Hub.
- Whether communication from the Parish Council could be improved? Assistance and support with the use of Facebook was offered. Use of Facebook would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.
- What information or involvement the Council has concerning the Government Project Gigabit and the planned activities of Fibrus contractors in the Parish. It was suggested that Fibrus be invited to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council.
- A donation request had been received and will be considered at the next meeting.

The meeting was re-convened.

95/24 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 15 JANUARY 2025

None.

96/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

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

Balances 28 February 2025

Current Account	£4,818.95
Savings Account	£7,168.62

- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the following account be authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£440.87
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£110.20
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£100.55
WJP Software Limited – Website	£447.60
P. Normington (Refund Email Costs)	£ 70.42

- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the Effectiveness of the internal audit
RESOLVED to appoint Mr. T. Gear as the internal auditor for financial year 2024-25.
Members noted and approved the contents of the review of the effectiveness of the internal audit.

97/24 REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY AND DATA PROTECTION POLICY AND ADOPTION OF IT AND EMAIL POLICY

Members reviewed the Risk Management and Data Protection Policy. No amendments were made. Members considered the IT and Email Policy and resolved to adopt the Policy.

98/24 PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

Cumberland Council:

LBC/2025/0002 - Newbiggin Grange, Torpenhow, Wigton, CA7 1JJ
Listed Building consent for ground mount system 60 x 440W Panels giving 23.4KWP, to replace existing approved roof mount system

- (b) Decisions:

Appeal Ref: APP/Q9495/D/24.3354152 - The Coach House, Uldale, Wigton, CA7 1HA – APPEAL DISMISSED

Cumberland Council:

FUL/2024/0210 - Newbiggin Grange, Torpenhow, Wigton, CA7 1JJ
Proposal: Ground mount system 60 x 440W Panels giving 23.4KWP, to replace existing approved roof mount system GRANTED

LBC/2025/0002 - Newbiggin Grange, Torpenhow, Wigton, CA7 1JJ
Listed Building consent for ground mount system 60 x 440W Panels giving 23.4KWP, to replace existing approved roof mount system GRANTED

It was noted that the LDNPA are aware of the glamping pods situated at Longlands.

99/24 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following matters were discussed:

Pot holes at High Ireby near Manor Farm.

Cllr R. Cockburn reported that Highways had not returned to the drain at High Ireby.

Some repairs had been carried out on the Ireby to Uldale road.

The Chair had reported two serious pot holes on the Uldale to Caldbeck road

Cllr P. Normington reported that further to minute reference 81/24 Cumberland Council had advised that they remain responsible for maintaining highways that have been classified as unsuitable for motor vehicles.

Cllr P. Normington suggested that a copy of the footpath maintenance plan for the Parish should be requested from Cumberland Council.

100/24 PARISH PLAN/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Cllr P. Normington provided an update and thanked M. Boswell for his assistance in obtaining match funding from ACT to produce the Plan. A number of residents in the Parish had said that they would like to explore the possibility of creating a Community Led Plan. Residents can still express their interest by sending an email with their contact details to CLP@ireby-and-uldale.org.uk; or talking with one of your Parish Councillors; or writing to the Parish Council Clerk, 23 Chapel Meadows, Bothel, CA7 2AB before 30th April 2025. The Parish Council will then hold a public meeting for all interested parties on Saturday 10th May to explore the next step and the setting up of an independent Steering Group. It was also agreed to work with ACT on the Collaboration Hub and Community Voice initiative which is targetted at Parishes within the Lake District National Park.

10124 WEBSITE

Cllr P. Normington updated Members and reported that the new website ireby-and-uldale-pc.gov.uk is nearly complete. Councillor email addresses have been set up for each individual councillor and the clerk. An informal training session will be held on 10th March for councillors and the clerk to explain how everything works and to provide the opportunity to ask questions and set up accounts on personal devices.

102/24 TREE MAINTENANCE

Further to min number 84/24 one estimate had been received. In accordance with Financial Regulation 10.3 it was resolved that additional quotations should be obtained.

103/24 BIN ISSUES – IREBY

A resident had raised an issue with waste and recycling bins in Ireby being left on the pavement/highway for several days after being emptied causing an obstruction. It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to bring their bins in off the street/pavement as soon as practical following collection.

104/24 CUMBRIA CONSTABULARY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING PLEDGE

On 16th January 2025 Cumbria Constabulary launched its Neighbourhood Policing Pledge that committed the Constabulary to the provision of ten individual priority areas to further support communities and the Constabulary in the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing.

The second pledge relates to the provision of visible and accessible Neighbourhood Policing Teams that are committed to reducing crime and anti-social behaviour, and to improve public confidence.

One aspect of this will be the requirement for local Neighbourhood Policing Teams to engage better with local council representatives. Specifically, the Pledge commits the Constabulary to twice yearly virtual meetings within each NPT locality with parish and town councils. Cllr K. Bridges agreed to represent the Parish Council.

105/24 DEVOLUTION UPDATE – GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION

Members noted the Government has launched a public consultation on 17 February in areas chosen for the Devolution Priority Programme (DPP).

The consultation will seek views on a proposal to form a Mayoral Combined Authority for the local government areas of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. The full consultation document can be found on the GOV.UK page

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/cumbria-devolution> The cut-off date for the consultation is 11:59pm on 13 April 2025. To take part and have your say, please visit:

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/lggc/cumbria-devolution-consultation>. A Mayoral Strategic Authority for Cumbria would be in addition to the two unitary councils, Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness.

While the final scope of the powers transferred to the new authority is still being determined, the expectation is that the vast majority of powers will be transferred to the new authority from central Government. A small number of powers may be transferred from Cumberland Council and Westmorland & Furness Council to the new authority. Both unitary authorities have created new devolution webpages which contain some background information and updates. Visit www.cumberland.gov.uk/devolution and www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/devolution

106/24 RESIGNATION – CLLR A. FORREST

Members noted the resignation of Cllr A Forrest. The Returning Officer at Cumberland Council will be notified and the vacancy advertised.

107/24 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Planned road closure - C2059 Ireby to Uldale

Planned road closure - U2103, Ireby

Planned road closure - U2107 Ireby

Planned road closure - C2021, near Ireby

Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter

CALC News

CALC - New Flood Warning Service Testing

CALC - Royal Garden Parties 2025

CALC - Moving over to a .gov.uk domain: New guidance on GOV.UK now live!

CALC – Scam Leaflet

CALC - Planning Policy Event - Tuesday 18th February

Cumberland Council Newsletters

Cumberland Council – Waste Matters – It was suggested the email from Cumberland Council outlining the new arrangements be posted on the noticeboards.

High Ireby Woodland Creation Proposal - The owners of High Ireby Estate have asked their Land Agent to investigate the possibility of planting a small amount of woodland on their holding. The proposal is to create three new areas of woodland, all within or contiguous with the existing woodland on the holding. In total the area to be planted would extend to approximately 4.7 hectares (11.6 acres). Compartments 1 and 3 shown on the map would contain mixed native broadleaf trees suited to the local conditions. Compartment 2 would contain a mix of Scots Pine and Sitka Spruce and would sit behind the small strip of existing Pine already present.

The proposal has been planned so that the new woodland areas will complement the existing woodland and will not have a negative impact on the local area. At the same time, they will provide additional habitat for local wildlife, and importantly will in time provide a food resource for red squirrels.

Following a discussion, it was agreed to respond to the Land Agent with the following comments:

Area 1 shown on the map is registered at Land Registry to the Parish Council

Area 3 shown on the map – The Parish Council would not like to see the wild flowers (bluebells) established on this land disturbed or destroyed.

It was also pointed out that the bluebells may possibly be protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act.

108/24 DATE OF MEETINGS FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2025-26

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council 6th May 2025
Bi monthly Meetings 1st July, 2nd September, 4th November 2025
6th January, 3rd March 2026 – Ireby WI Hall – 7.30pm.

In accordance with the Co-option Policy the press and public were asked to leave the Council meeting whilst the application was considered.

109/24 VACANCY/CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

Members considered the expression of interest received from J. Logan. A proposal was received and seconded that Mr. Logan be co-opted onto the Council. Following a vote with four members in favour and one against it was resolved that Mr. J. Logan be co-opted onto the Council.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

Chairman Date