Minute of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 5th April 2017 at 7.00pm at Newtown Village Hall.

PRESENT:

Councillors M. Ridley (in the Chair), R. Peart, G. Beck, A. Jordan, H. Slack, M. Ogden, P. Storr and C. Adams.

IN ATTENDANCE – The Clerk

Councillor Mrs. M. Bowman & J. Bainbridge, Carlisle City Council Councillor J. Mallinson, Cumbria County Council

1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 6TH APRIL 2016 WERE SUBMITTED.

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th April 2016, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman M. Ridley gave a report on the activities of the Council over the past year as follows:

The new council year started in May, I was re-elected chair with Chris Adams as vice chair at the annual meeting.

Ian Gibson resigned in April last year from the council due to moving house from the parish. I would like to thank Ian for his work for the council and the war projects with the school. Anne Jorden joined the council early last year and has taken an active role attending outside meetings. We are still two councillors short.

The council is still supporting the border rambler bus service which has extended its routes.

A community group was formed last year to try and buy the Salutation Inn, there was a lot of support in the community but unfortunately they were out bid by another bidder. I wish the new owners every success.

The council are looking to make Newtown Hall a community hub in case of any emergency and is on-going.

This year we have an on-going concern about an Anaerobic Digester to be developed at the airport. After a public meeting in Newtown Hall the general consensus was it was not viable and of no benefit to the communities of the parish. This year we have not had many challenges, we have done some remedial work in the play area on the village green and some councillors helped paint the hall which was sponsored by Homebase. I would like to thank everyone who helped with this project.

I would like to thank Allison for her help and advice during the last year. I would also like to thank Margret for her help and support editing the Newsletter. I would also like to thank John, Marilyn and James for their advice and help with various projects.

Finally I would like to give a big thank you to fellow councillors for their effort and commitment in making the council work for the parishioners.

3 OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS

RESOLVED to note there was no other relevant business.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.