

**Minute of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held on 3rd April 2019 at 7.00pm at Newtown Village Hall.**

**PRESENT:**

Councillors C. Adams (in the Chair), M. Ridley and M. Ogden.

**IN ATTENDANCE – The Clerk**

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

**1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2018 WERE SUBMITTED.**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2018, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**2 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

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

Another year in the Irthington Parish Council calendar draws to a close and thanks to the continued support of the Parish Council cohort and the unfaltering guidance of Allison Riddell we have navigated some interesting items. It's been a pleasure to be Chairman this year and, appreciably if only just, I hope that I managed to balance my work and Parish Council roles in a useful capacity.

Looking through this year's agenda topics it's been an interesting year with a broad spectrum remit to deliver, ranging across; Anaerobic Digester plant initially targeting the airport for location, the new data protection regulation and implementation, ever increasing road deterioration, attempts at re-instating the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, success in having an active speed watch scheme in Newtown, litter picking, education foundation, bridle paths ownership/maintenance, energy from waste plant at Kingmoor Park, the playpark on the village green maintenance, goalpost grant funding ahead of the 2020 world cup campaign, Defibrillator installation, tree management health and safety, A689 junction investigations and 20 planning applications – quite a diverse and busy list.

It seems the community is thriving, the school is growing, the Sally is getting busier and there is even the suggestion of a local community festival! The leek club had a firework display and bonfire again (twice in an odd way) and with the village hall events it's nice to see such a busy diary of social events.

This year has also marked a centenary year for the WW1 commemoration, and it feels like the whole community has been reflective with memorials across the parish. The Parish Council is incredibly grateful to Ewart Engineering for the gifting of the benches we commissioned.

The Parish Council is almost coping in our prudent fiscal policy with funding at nearly an all-time low. In real terms we are losing a bit of swell in the coffers we were once privy but are being more active and successful in grant applications all thanks to Allison. The precept has been increased again this year as will most

likely be the case year on year to cover our on-costs. With this in mind we may need to think of alternative funds for the 'rainy days'.

I would like to thank John, Marilyn and James for their support both financially and through informative input. Sadly, we will be waving a fond farewell to Marilyn and James as they take off to pastures new and I have no doubt they will, as they have always been for the Parish Council, be an amazing asset to the new community they will now be part of. On behalf of all at the Irthington Parish Council we say a massive thank you and good luck as you move into your new parish.

I am pleased to say that if we have another year like last year, covering as many topics and without hiccup then the Parish Council will continue to play a valuable and (in my opinion) vital role in the community. We all, however, need to be active and pressing to fill the vacancies we have open to include as broad a spectrum of the parish as possible. There is strength in numbers and in community experience so let's find new members .... We won't last forever.

I thank you all for your commitment and support to make the Parish Council effective.

### **3 OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS**

**RESOLVED** to note there was no other relevant business.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.