

## IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in NEWTOWN VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A. Jordan (Chairman, in the Chair), M. Ridley, C. Robinson, H. Slack and P. Storr

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk  
County Councillor J. Mallinson  
4 members of the public (left the meeting after item 82/22)

### **078/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** to note City Councillor Pickstone gave his apologies.

### **079/22 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

**RESOLVED** to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

### **080/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note there were no declarations of interest made.

### **081/22 MINUTES**

#### **081/22.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2022 WERE SUBMITTED.**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2022, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**ACTION:** AJ

### **082/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**RESOLVED** to note there were 4 members of the public in attendance who spoke at length about their concerns at the proposed change of use of 'The Sally', Irthington, to a bed and breakfast establishment.

**RESOLVED** to note there were no updates from City/County Councillors.

### **083/22 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

#### **083/22.1 SCRIBEFEST**

**RESOLVED** to note the Clerk attended the free day event from Scribe (Account software providers) on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Presentations on the following were made and available to members on request.

Duncan Baker - Keynote Speaker  
John Fagan - The Future of Mobility  
James MacCleary - Social Media to Engage Your Community  
Mark Tomkins - A 5-Minute Masterclass in Website Accessibility  
Fiona Anthony - Bullying, Law & The Code of Conduct  
Ray Evans - An Improper Officer  
Alison Dunn - Warm Spaces  
Eleanor Greene - Updates to the Practitioner's Guide & Auditing  
Eve Holt - Healthy Neighbourhoods  
Eve Holt - Encouraging Women into the Local Gov Sector  
Hannah Driver - Budgeting & Forecasting Top Tips

Richard Choksey - The Gardeniser  
 Louise Baudet - Creatively Engaging Young People  
 Beckie Whitehouse - Happiness, Inner Confidence & Stress Management

## 084/22 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

Applications for planning consent were considered.

**RESOLVED** to advise the appropriate Planning Authority of the Council's comments as follows:-

### 084/22.1 THE SALLY, IRTHINGTON (22/0758) – Change of use of public house to bed and breakfast establishment (including restaurant/bar for residents) with owners accommodation.

**OBJECT** - The Parish Council struggles to recognise a number of the points raised within the planning application in regards to the lack of support from the local community.

The overwhelming response from the members of the community within the village and the surrounding area, is to have a thriving and welcoming public house in Irthington.

After the planning officer requested further clarification of the above submitted response – the following was submitted:-

Further to your email requesting clarification on the PC's response - "*struggles to recognise a number of the points raised within the planning application in regards to the lack of support from the local community*", this basically came down to local residents and former users of the Salutation Inn, attending the PC meeting where the application was discussed, and others having contacted councillors prior to the meeting, stating that they all very much wanted to support the pub, but weren't made welcome.

Since the meeting, which was attended by members of the community to discuss the planning application, the Parish Council has been contacted by a further number of local community groups that no longer use The Sally (those who visit less frequently than in previous years and also those who have stopped going altogether). Their mutual grievance/complaint is the feeling that they have been discouraged from having meetings there or made to feel unwelcome by the proprietors. The Parish Council has not spoken to or had any correspondence with the proprietors of The Sally. However, the greatest concern for the Council is the potential loss of another focal point for the local community. We understand that peoples' habits have changed post-covid and businesses have had to adapt to these circumstances, but the dialogue that we have heard from local community groups and individual residents is that a situation is being portrayed in the planning application to 'fit the planning application' and is far from the actual sentiment and feeling on the ground. The overwhelming response is for The Sally to remain a Public House, and one in which members of the community feel welcome and comfortable, whether it be for business-related events (such as holding meetings there) or for social reasons.

### 084/22.2 WATTY'S FIELD, LAVERSDALE (22/0291) – Erection of 2 detached dwellings.

Members of Irthington Parish Council have no objection to the planning application in principle but would like to raise the following concerns:-

Excavation - confirmation that excavation of the site will be carried out (and monitored) to the correct depth so that the houses will not affect the visibility from nearby properties.

Construction hours - That they are limited to 8am to 6pm on weekdays and are not extended beyond this.

Access onto main road - members are still concerned at the speed limit of 60mph through Laversdale. Plot 1 exits onto a hill and near a bend in the road with vehicles travelling at speed. Are the visibility splays sufficient? Could highways be requested to review the speed limit in Laversdale for the safety of its residents.

**ACTION:** Clerk

## 085/22 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS

**RESOLVED** to note the report submitted by the Clerk advising members of the decision/s of the appropriate planning authority on application/s on which the Parish Council had previously commented.

**086/22 FINANCIAL MATTERS****086/22.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 14.10.22**

The Clerk submitted a report on the reconciliation of the Council's financial records with its bank account statements.

**RESOLVED** to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balance to 14<sup>th</sup> October 2022 of £13,431.97.

**086/22.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE**

**RESOLVED** to authorise/ratify\* the following expenditure for payment:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Chq/DP
314.42	A Riddell	Net wage to 5.10.22 *	DP
235.60	HMRC	PAYE *	DP
24.00	Netwise	Website *	DP
314.22	A. Riddell	Net wage to 5.11.22	DP
8.00	HSBC	Charges	DP
18.00	Unity Bank	Charges	DP

**086/22.3 MONITORING REPORT**

**RESOLVED** to note the Monitoring report detailing the income and expenditure to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022 against the budget.

**086/22.4 PRECEPT 2023/24**

**RESOLVED** to note that the following costs would be taken into consideration when preparing the budget for 2023/24:-

- Parish Council election costs
- Noticeboard refurbishment/renewal

**087/22 SPEED WATCH**

**RESOLVED** to defer the item as Councillor Beck was not in attendance.

**088/22 PLATINUM JUBILEE MEMORABILIA**

**RESOLVED** to note that the bookmarks had been given to pupils at Irthington Primary School by Councillors Jordan and Ridley. Commemorative medals would be given out at the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, due to be held later in the month.

**089/22 DARFT TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY**

**RESOLVED** to adopt the draft training and development policy after agreeing that the CiLCA qualification should be completed within 3 years of a Clerk being newly employed.

**090/22 IRTHINGTON IN BLOOM**

**RESOLVED** to note the following awards had recently been made:-

- Britain in Bloom – Irthington in Bloom - Silver Gilt
- Britain in Bloom – D. Poland – Young Champion's Award
- Cumbria In Bloom – Irthington in Bloom - Gold in the village category
- Cumbria in Bloom – Irthington Primary School - Silver Gilt
- Cumbria in Bloom – C. Davidson – Gold – Tourism category (self-catering)
- Cumbria in Bloom – C. Davidson – Gold Medal– Cumbria Tourist Board Chairman's Trophy
- Cumbria in Bloom – C. Davidson – Silver Gilt – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Special Award

**091/22 CALC**

**RESOLVED** to note that all CALC emails had been circulated to members, the following required a formal decision:-

**091/22.1 DLUHC COMMITTEE FUNDING INQUIRY**

**RESOLVED** to respond that the Parish Council had not been consulted by the District Authority, Carlisle City Council regarding levelling up funding.

**092/22 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –**

**RESOLVED** to note the following correspondence had been received: -

**092/22.1 HAYTON ESTATE WOODLAND CREATION CONSULTATION –** Email from Edwin-Thompson.

**RESOLVED** – no observations.

**092/22.2 NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS 23/9/22 –** Email from Carlisle City Council.

**093/22 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Speed Watch
- Precept 2023/24

Any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 30th November 2022.

**094/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING -** Wednesday 7th December 2022, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.