

**IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES of the MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in NEWTOWN VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 4th OCTOBER 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A. Jordan (Chairman), R. Armstrong, G. Beck, M. Ridley and C. Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk

**081/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** to note apologies for absence were received and agreed from Councillor Slack.

Cumberland Councillor Mallinson also submitted apologies.

**082/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

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

**083/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**084/23 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2023, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**ACTION:** AJ

**085/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

**RESOLVED** to note there were no members of the public present.

**RESOLVED** to note there was no Cumberland Council update from Councillor Mallinson.

**086/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

**086/23.1 CARLISLE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION (CPCA)**

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Ridley had attended the CPCA Forum held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023 which had included guest speaker Lisa Brown who spoke about the community panel structure within Cumberland Council.

**087/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING -**

Applications for planning consent were considered.

**RESOLVED** to advise Cumberland Council of the Parish Council's comments as follows:-

**087/23.1 THE LIMES, 4 CHURCH CLOSE, IRTHINGTON (23/0017/TPO) – Height reduction to 1 lime trees subject to TPO 45.**

No observations.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**088/23 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED** to note the following decisions by Cumberland Council:-

- **23/0541 – FREELANDS PLACE, HETHERSGILL**– Erection of first floor balcony to front elevation together with revised roofline and internal alterations.  
**GRANTED**
- **23/0529 – LAND TO THE WEST OF THE COTTAGE, NEWTOWN** – Variation of condition 2 (approved documents) of previously approved application 18/0433 (erection of 3 dwellings) and further varied by permissions 21/1167 and 22/0333 for substitution of house type to plot 3.  
**GRANTED**

**089/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS****089/23.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 29.09.23**

There was submitted a report by the Clerk 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 29th September 2023 of £17,137.37.

**089/23.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Cheque No/DP
338.55	A Riddell	Net wage to 05.10.23	DP
253.80	HMRC	PAYE	DP
499.60	R Farrimond	Grass cutting	DP

**089/23.3 MONITORING REPORT**

**RESOLVED** to note the monitoring report detailing the income and expenditure to 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023 against the budget.

**089/23.4 BUDGET 2024/25**

Members considered future projects/proposals that would impact on the budget for the next financial year.

**RESOLVED** to include the following item/s:-

- Battery/pads for defibrillator

**090/23 SPEEDWATCH**

Councillors Beck and Jordan reported that no-one had been in contact following the recent article in the local church magazine requesting volunteers for Speedwatch. There were currently only 3 volunteers which was felt to be insufficient.

**RESOLVED** to:-

- 090/23.1** Wait for further volunteers before organising any Speedwatch training.
- 090/23.2** That the Clerk would request attendance figures for the speed van in the parish.
- 090/23.3** That a councillor would attend the next police drop-in session at Brampton Community Centre.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**091/23 NEWTOWN VILLAGE GREEN**

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would start the process of registering the village green with Cumberland Council using application form CA13 as this best fit the criteria for the area that had previously been missed.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**092/23 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT**

Members reviewed the annual grass cutting contract.

**RESOLVED** to make no amendments.

**093/23 CALC**

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

**093/23.1 CALL FOR SITES**

Consideration was given to a letter detailing the 2023 Cumbria wide call for the submission of information on land that could deliver Biodiversity Net Gain or habitat restoration through a change in land use or management.

**RESOLVED**, after a lengthy discussion, to respond that although there were no specific sites that members felt would fit the criteria, that improvements to waste water treatment plants in the area were much needed and could this be considered.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**094/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

**RESOLVED** to note all correspondence had been circulated to members and that the following required a formal decision:-

**094/23.1 SLOW WAYS NATIONAL WALKING NETWORK**

**RESOLVED** to note the information but take no further action.

**095/23 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Local footpaths
- Biodiversity Policy
- Budget 2024/25

Any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 25th October 2023.

**096/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday 1st November 2023, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.