

## IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of the MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in NEWTOWN VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A. Jordan (Chairman), R. Armstrong, G. Beck and H. Slack.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk  
Cumberland Councillor J. Mallinson  
2 members of the public

### **118/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**RESOLVED** to note apologies for absence were received and agreed from Councillors Ridley and Robinson.

### **119/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

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

### **120/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Jordan declared a pecuniary interest in items 124/23.2 and 124/23.3.

### **121/23 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2023, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**ACTION:** AJ

### **122/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

**RESOLVED** to note that the members of the public in attendance did not raise any issues.

**RESOLVED** that a request for a memorial bench to be erected on Newtown village green was considered and approved and would be formally ratified at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Mallinson would chase up the registration of The Sally as a community asset and after reporting on winter maintenance, requested that if any routes were not being gritted to let him know. Councillor Mallinson reported further on the difficulties Cumberland Highways was facing being short staffed; that Cumberland Council had a £30 million overspend within the first financial quarter and that job evaluations would be carried out in due course.

### **123/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

#### **123/23.1 COMMUNITY PANEL NETWORK EVENT, DOWNAGATE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**RESOLVED** to note that the Clerk and Councillors Jordan and Ridley had attended a recent networking event to engage with local groups and receive feedback and priorities for the area. A report from the event had been circulated to members by email.

**124/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING -**

Applications for planning consent were considered.

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

**124/23.1 STONEWALLS FARM, LAVERSDALE (23/0642)** – Construction of below ground concrete panel slurry store with floating flexible cover and security fencing.

Comment - Due to the property being near the site of Hadrian's wall, the Historic Officer for Cumberland Council reviews the application and offers comment/advice as appropriate.

NB: Councillor Jordan left the room prior to the following 2 items being considered and Vice-Chairman Councillor Beck took control of the meeting.

**124/23.2 KOMATSU, LAND TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF UNIT 5, CARLISLE AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK (23/0714)** – Continued display of 1 fascia sign; 1 sign on gate and 1 freestanding directional sign (all non-illuminated).

No observations.

**124/23.3 LAND TO THE SOUTH AND WEST OF UNIT 5, CARLISLE AIRPORT BUSINESS PARK (23/0709)** – Variation of condition 2 (approved drawings) of previously approved permission 22/0196 (erection of office, parts department and workshop together with associated infrastructure and creation of new access) to change colour of cladding.

No observations.

**125/23 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS**

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

- **23/0017 TPO – THE LIMES, 4 CHURCH CLOSE, IRTHINGTON** – Height reduction to 1 lime trees subject to TPO 45.  
**GRANTED**

**126/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS -****126/23.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 30.11.23**

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 30th November 2023 of £15,689.07, checked by Councillor Slack.

**126/23.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE**

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

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Chq/DP
532.79	A Riddell	Net wage to 5.12.23	DP
35.00	ICO	Data Protection Fee	DD
500.00	R&M Lowther	Tree removal	DP

**126/23.3 CLERKS SALARY AWARD 2023-24**

**RESOLVED** to note the report and the recent pay award which had been agreed at the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in the amount of £1 per hour.

**126/23.4 PRECEPT 2024/25**

**RESOLVED** to defer the item to the next meeting as council tax base information had not been received from Cumberland Council.

**127/23 LOCAL FOOTPATHS**

**RESOLVED** to note there were no issues to raise.

**RESOLVED** to note that a member of the public in attendance concerned at biodiversity and leaving areas of public footpaths to grow, was directed to Cumberland Council with any concerns as Cumberland Council was responsible for the maintenance of public footpaths in the parish.

**128/23 UPDATE ON CORONATION OAK TREE**

**RESOLVED**, that further to receiving information on additional delivery costs from a previously agreed online supplier, that a 6-7-foot oak tree would be purchased locally in January 2024 from Whitesyke Garden Centre at a cost of £69.99.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**129/23 SPEED RESTRICTIONS THROUGH LAVERSDALE**

Members gave consideration to the concerns raised by a resident at excessive speed and the amount of heavy goods vehicles passing through Laversdale.

Councillor Mallinson reported that unfortunately Laversdale does not meet the criteria for a 30mph speed limit.

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would write to Cumberland Highways detailing the concerns raised and request a review of the speed limit.

**ACTION:** Clerk

**130/23 CALC**

**RESOLVED** to note that all CALC emails had been circulated to members and none required a formal decision.

**131/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

**RESOLVED** to note all correspondence had been circulated to members and none, other than those already included on the agenda, required a formal decision.

**132/23 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Review of Newtown speed limit
- Precept 2024/25 (if information is received from Cumberland Council)

Any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 21st December 2023.

A member of the public had requested that declaring a climate emergency should be on the agenda, however, as this was considered at the September meeting under Minute 077/3.3 and in accordance with Standing Order 7, previous resolutions, the item would not be added to the January agenda but could be considered again after March 2024 unless, in the meantime, 3 councillors gave written notice.

**133/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 3rd January 2024, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.**

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.