

IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in NEWTOWN VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER 2023 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs M. Ridley (Acting Chairman), R. Armstrong, H. Slack and C. Robinson.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk

097/23 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED, that in the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ridley would act as Chairman for the meeting.

098/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED to note apologies for absence were received and agreed from Councillors Jordan and Beck. Cumberland Councillor Mallinson also submitted apologies.

099/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

100/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest made.

101/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4th October 2023, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ACTION: MR

102/23 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.

103/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

103/23.1 CARLISLE PARISH COUNCILS ASSOCIATION (CPCA)

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Ridley had attended a recent Teams meeting which had included discussion on village hall grants and future grants. The CPCA had £2,685 to spend.

104/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING -

There were no applications for consideration.

105/23 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS

RESOLVED to note the following decisions by Cumberland Council:-

- **23/0592 – STEADFOLDS, IRTHINGTON**– Erection of single storey side extensions to extend kitchen and provide additional living space and utility room.
GRANTED
- **23/00008 TPO – STONE CROFT, 5 CHURCH CLOSE, IRTHINGTON** – Height reduction to 5 lime trees subject to TPO 45.
GRANTED
- **23/0541 – FREELANDS PLACE, HETHERSGILL** – Erection of first floor balcony to front elevation together with revised roofline and internal alterations.
GRANTED
- **23/0598 – RYECROFT, IRTHINGTON** – Erection of ground floor extensions to annexe to provide extended kitchen and new garden room; raising of roof to provide first floor accommodation comprising 1 en-suite bedroom, 1 bedroom and 1 bathroom; construction of new pitched roofs to replace flat roofs; change to external materials and finishes to existing dwelling; reconfiguration of ground floor internal layout; installation of solar panels.
GRANTED

106/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS**106/23.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 31.10.23**

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 31st October 2023 of £16,027.42.

106/23.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

RESOLVED to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Cheque No/DP
338.35	A Riddell	Net wage to 05.11.23	DP

106/23.3 OFFICE CUPBOARD

RESOLVED that in order to comply with the latest fire risk assessment, a metal office cupboard would be purchased from Adexa in the sum of £88.00 (excl. VAT)

106/23.4 BUDGET 2024/25

Members gave consideration to the draft budget for the 2024/25 financial year, taking into consideration ear-marked and general reserve balances. Once the council tax base calculations were received from Cumberland Council the precept would be set.

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

- £1800.00 – grass cutting contract
- £500.00 – village hall grants
- £250.00 – Parish Plan
- £250.00 – work to trees

107/23 LOCAL FOOTPATHS

RESOLVED to defer the item to the next meeting.

108/23 BLACK GAP

RESOLVED that the Clerk would instruct Ross Farrimond to carry out the fencing repairs in the sum of £200.00.

ACTION: Clerk

109/23 CORONATION TREE

Members gave consideration to the purchase of an oak tree to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would purchase a tree (rootball with 6-8cm girth) from Grasslands in the sum of £75.00 excl. VAT and delivery.

ACTION: Clerk

110/23 BIODIVERSITY POLICY

Members gave consideration to the draft Biodiversity Policy submitted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED to adopt the policy after amending/including local groups, projects and that Irthington had been a study area for biodiversity for Cumbria Wildlife Trust.

ACTION: Clerk

111/23 CALL FOR SITES

RESOLVED to note the following response from the Catchment Nutrients Officer, Lake District National Park Authority –

Replacing/improving package treatment plants can be used as mitigation in certain circumstances. Over the next couple of weeks we'll be drafting guidance that sets out when this kind of mitigation is appropriate. We hoped to develop a PTP replacement grant scheme that would create credits for developers to purchase however there's now some uncertainty about whether the Government will make the funding available. We are in the process of developing a Register of PTPs though and will be publishing more information about that when we make the guidance available.

112/23 CALC

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

113/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

113/23.1 COMMUNITY PANEL NETWORK EVENT – 23/11/23, 6.00pm, Downagate Community Centre.

RESOLVED that Councillors Jordan, Ridley and the Clerk would attend.

114/23 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Local footpaths
- Precept 2024/25 (if information is received from Cumberland Council)

Any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 29th November 2023.

115/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 6th December 2023, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

116/23 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

To consider resolving, in terms of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, (contract and/or legal terms) it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw.

117/23 GRASS CUTTING 2024

Members gave consideration to the quotes received for the 2024 grass cutting contract.

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Ross Farrimond in the sum of 1,800.00.

ACTION: Clerk

Meeting closed at 8.15pm.