

IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in NEWTOWN VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk
2 members of the public

134/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cumberland Councillor Mallinson gave his apologies.

135/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

136/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest.

137/23 MINUTES

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

ACTION: AJ

138/23 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

138/23.1 FILLING OF VACANCIES

RESOLVED to note there were no applications for co-option.

139/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

RESOLVED to note that the members of the public in attendance raised the following points:-

- What's the plan for replacing the ash trees on the village green
- The A6071 is a busy road, the green should be segregated for the safety of walkers and children playing football with the planting of trees or hedging, I know 2 local farmers who would put trees in. The installation of paths should be considered.

Members explained the replacement of the ash trees was on the agenda and that hedging on the village green had been looked at previously with information available from previous minutes, village green legislation and/or highways.

RESOLVED to note there was no report from Councillor Mallinson.

140/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

None to report.

141/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING -

Applications for planning consent were considered.

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

141/23.1 RYE CLOSE FARM, IRTINGTON (23/0704) – Erection of an earth banked slurry lagoon and associated works including mitigation..

No observations.

142/23 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS

RESOLVED to note the following decision by Cumberland Council:-

- **23/0403 NEWBY MANOR, NEWBY EAST** – Variation of condition 2 (Approved Documents) of previously approved application 22/0961 (erection of single storey extension to provide garden room; erection of stone wall to rear of property; refurbishment and modernisation of house (LBC)) to amend the method of insulation.
REFUSED

143/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS -**143/23.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 31.12.23**

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 December 2023 of £14,638.28, checked by Councillor Slack.

143/23.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

RESOLVED to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Chq/DP
362.68	A Riddell	Net wage to 5.01.24	DP
308.60	HMRC	PAYE	DP
55.00	Parish News	Parish Newsletter	DP
200.00	R. Farrimond	Fence repairs	DP

143/23.3 PRECEPT 2024/25

Members considered the report submitted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED that the precept would remain the same at £12,097.00. The Clerk would inform Cumberland Council.

ACTION: Clerk

144/23 NEWTOWN VILLAGE GREEN**144/23.1 REPLACEMENT OF ASH TREES**

Members considered the replacement of the village green ash trees.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would investigate further information on preferred species and that the replacement trees would be planted along the play area boundary of the village green.

ACTION: Clerk

144/23.2 MEMORIAL BENCH

RESOLVED to ratify the installation of a memorial bench on the village green.

145/23 SPEED RESTRICTIONS THROUGH NEWTOWN

RESOLVED that the Clerk would request Cumberland Highways to review the speed limit through Newtown. Currently the speed limit was 40mph which when reviewed several years ago, it was reported that initially it would not be possible to reduce it from 60mph to 30mph.

ACTION: Clerk

146/23 WEBSITE

The Clerk reported on an email from a resident proposing the addition of local historical information to the council's website.

Councillor Robinson reported that the parishioner had been doing some excellent work.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would inform the resident that the local historical information could be included.

ACTION: Clerk

147/23 CALC

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

147/23.1 BUDGET CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to commenting on Cumberland Council's budget proposals for 2024/25.

RESOLVED to submit comments individually.

147/23.2 POLICING BUDGET PROPOSALS

Consideration was given to commenting on the proposed 2024/25 budget for Cumbria Constabulary.

RESOLVED to submit comments individually.

147/23.3 ELECTRIC VEHICLE POINTS

Consideration was given to the information received from Charge My Street.

RESOLVED that Councillor Jordan would ask for parishioners opinions via the local newsletter and consider the matter further at a future meeting.

ACTION: AJ

148/23 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.

149/23 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Replacement of trees on Newtown village green
- Defibrillator – consideration of installation of a defibrillator at Newby East.

Any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 31st January 2024.

150/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 7th February 2024, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm.