

**IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Clerk  
Cumberland Councillor J. Mallinson

**188/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**189/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

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

**190/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Robinson declared an interest in item 196/23.3.

**191/23 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2024, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**ACTION:** AJ

**192/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

**RESOLVED** to note that the member of public in attendance was only observing and had no matters to raise.

**RESOLVED** to note Cumberland Councillor Mallinson reported on the following:-

- Running water at Old Wall – the problem had been assessed and drainage work would be carried out this financial year.

**193/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

None to report.

**194/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING -**

Applications for planning consent were considered.

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

- 194/23.1 OLD MOTHERS MEADOW, IRTINGTON (24/0141)** – Variation of conditions 2 (resident dependants) and 5 (number of caravans) of previously approved planning appeal approval APP/E0915/W/20/3248748 (change of use of land for mixed use of 1 gypsy pitch for the stationing of 3 caravans, including 1 static caravan, amenity building, laying of hardstanding, erection of fence and access improvements (part retrospective)) to include 2 static caravans rather than 1 and to add additional residents to the occupation of the site.

Following a conversation with the planning officer, members request that comments from Irthington PC on this application be deferred until such time that accurate and up to date plans to reflect the proposed application are submitted to Cumberland Council and made available online for review.

**195/23 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS**

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

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

**196/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS -****196/23.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 31.03.24**

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 March 2024 of £12,556.41, checked by Councillor Robinson.

**196/23.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE**

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

| Amount<br>£ | Payee                | Detail                     | Chq/DP |
|-------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 362.88      | A Riddell            | Net wage to 5.04.24        | DP     |
| 272.00      | HMRC                 | PAYE                       | DP     |
| 165.00      | Newtown Village Hall | Room Hire                  | DP     |
| 129.00      | G. Beck (reimburse)  | Replacement pads for defib | DP     |

**196/23.3 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

A request from Irthington PCC for a donation towards replacing the light in the clock tower and the installation of an auto winder was considered.

**RESOLVED**, with one abstention, to give financial assistance in the sum of £200.00

**197/23 INTERNAL AUDITOR**

Members considered the appointment of the internal auditor for the year 2024/25.

**RESOLVED** to approve the continued appointment of Mrs. Joanne Batey AAT.

**198/23 D-DAY 80**

**RESOLVED** to purchase a flag in the sum of £24.00 (excl. VAT) to be flown from Irthington Church in commemoration of D-Day 80 then at a subsequent event in Newtown Village Hall. Councillor Robinson would ask permission from the church to fly the flag.

**Action:** Clerk/CR

**199/23 POLICIES**

Members reviewed the following draft policies submitted by the Clerk:

- Scheme of delegation
- Vexatious policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Disciplinary and grievance policy

**RESOLVED** to adopt the policies with no amendments.

**200/23 NEWTOWN VILLAGE GREEN****200/23.1 FALLEN TREE**

**RESOLVED** to note that Councillor Beck was waiting for the weather to improve before carrying out any work to the fallen tree.

**200/23.2 TREE PLANTING**

**RESOLVED** to defer a decision on planting until the trees had been delivered.

**201/23 DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION AT NEWBY EAST**

Councillor Ridley circulated information on various defibrillators/cabinets and costs. A local resident was willing to have a defibrillator located to the outside wall of their property, it was also possible to have a defibrillator fixed to a pole and Councillor Ridley would report back at the next meeting with further information.

**RESOLVED** to note the information.

**202/23 CLERK'S REPORT**

**RESOLVED** the Clerk's report was received and noted. (Appendix 1)

**203/23 CALC**

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

**204/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK**

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

**204/23.1 ANGEL ADVOCATES**

Members considered a request for a financial donation to the charity.

**RESOLVED** not to give a financial donation.

**205/23 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- Trees
- Defibrillator at Newby East – to consider costs and installation
- Clock – update on works to the church clock

Any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 8th May 2024.

**206/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

## CLERK'S REPORT

Members **NOTED** the following matters

**PICTURE OF HM KING** – Ordered through Cubiquity Media, confirmed on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

**WEBSITE** – AutoSSL certificate renewed and installed.

**NALC** – Joint Practitioners Guide, March 2024, received and circulated to members.

**DUMPED NO<sup>2</sup> CYLINDER NEAR BEANLANDS, IRTHINGTON** –Reported as fly tipping to Cumberland Council on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 by a resident. As Cumberland Council had not removed the cylinder by 1<sup>st</sup> March, resident removed it and took it to the Household Waste Recycling Centre at Brampton to be disposed of.

**HIGHWAYS ISSUES (Response from Highways or other agencies detailed if received)**–

1 –.Ref – 05215079 - Water running along the road from the airport to Laversdale reported to United Utilities. Notified on 31.1.24 that an engineer would attend to investigate. Nothing further received.

2 – Ref – EI/195933 – 9 potholes along the Via Verdi in Newtown reported on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Assigned to a Highways Team.

**LIST OF CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED TO BE NOTED** (Circulated to members by email)

CALC –

- Partnership Information
- NAL legal update February 2024
- Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Newsletter
- Cumbria Action for Sustainability newsletter
- CALC news – January/February 2024

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE -

- Cumberland Council e-newsletters
- Rural Services Network –latest bulletins
- Cumbria Police – March 2024
- Cumbria In Bloom – Spring Newsletter
- Connecting Cumbria Newsletter – March 2024