

IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in NEWTOWN VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 6th MARCH 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk
Cumberland Councillor J. Mallinson
1 member of the public

168/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

169/23 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

170/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest.

171/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2024, confirmed as a true and accurate record.

ACTION: AJ

172/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION POLICY

Members considered a draft public participation policy submitted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED to adopt the policy with immediate effect.

173/23 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:-

- Budget agreed for 2024/25
- Meeting with residents in Irthington to hear concerns at road works and closures relating to the installation of fibre broadband. Will approach installers to seek improving communication with residents
- Running water at Old Wall still an issue, will contact highways again

174/23 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

None to report.

175/23 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING -

Applications for planning consent were considered.

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

175/23.1 WHITE FLATT, NEWTOWN (24/0083) – Demolition of existing dwelling; erection of replacement dwelling.

OBJECT.

1 - Members agreed that the design did not take into consideration the historic environment (Hadrian's Wall) and did not reinforce local architectural features, therefore did not comply with Policy SP6 of the Carlisle and District Local Plan 2015-30.

2 - As a replacement dwelling, members agreed that the scale of the proposed development was not appropriate to the size of the plot and did not reflect the identity of the local surroundings (with the design being too industrial in appearance) and therefore did not comply with Policy HO6 of the Carlisle and District Local Plan 2015-30.

176/23 FINANCIAL MATTERS -**176/23.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 29.02.24**

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 29th February 2024 of £13,051.18, checked by Councillor Slack.

176/23.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

RESOLVED to authorise the following expenditure for payment:-

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Chq/DP
362.68	A Riddell	Net wage to 5.03.24	DP
311.28	Brampton Parish Council	Copier, str'n'y, BB, SLCC	DP

176/23.3 MONITORING REPORT

The Clerk submitted a monitoring report detailing the income and expenditure against the budget to 29th February 2024.

RESOLVED to note the report.

176/23.4 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 to defer the item to the next meeting until information was received including copies of quotes, accounts etc.

177/23 RISK ASSESSMENT

Members considered the annual risk assessment submitted by the Clerk.

RESOLVED to approve the annual risk assessment.

178/23 POLICIES

Members reviewed information received from the SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) on a model document list for small parish councils.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would draft the following policies for review and adoption:-

- Scheme of delegation
- General reserves policy
- Vexatious policy
- Bullying and harassment policy
- Child protection policy
- Disciplinary and grievance policy

179/23 NEWTOWN VILLAGE GREEN**179/23.1 REMOVAL OF TREE STUMPS**

Members considered removal of tree stumps.

RESOLVED to accept the quote of £60 per stump from Lowther Tree Services.

ACTION: Clerk

179/23.2 TREE PLANTING

The Clerk informed members that the trees agreed at the last meeting (Min.161/23) had been ordered with Whitesyke Garden Centre.

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

RESOLVED that Councillor Beck would investigate the fallen tree adjacent to the play area.

ACTION: Clerk/GB

180/23 DEFIBRILLATOR INSTALLATION AT NEWBY EAST

RESOLVED to defer the item to the next meeting in order for information on costs and installation to be submitted for consideration. Councillor Mallinson stated he would financially support the project.

ACTION: Clerk/MR

181/23 DOG FOULING

Consideration was given to the complaints received regarding dog fouling in Irthington.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would request additional signage to be installed and send a link, on reporting dog fouling online to Cumberland Council, to Councillor Robinson for circulation to residents.

ACTION: Clerk

182/23 EV CHARGER AT THE SALLY

RESOLVED to note the EV charger was available for use by anyone, not just patrons of The Sally.

183/23 CLERK'S REPORT

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

184/23 CALC

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

184.23.1 CUMBRIA FIRE AND RESCUE COMMUNITY RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTATION

Members considered a request to take part in the consultation.

RESOLVED that members would respond individually.

ACTION: All

184/23.2 GOV.UK DOMAIN NAMES

Consideration was given to moving to a gov.uk domain name and associated email addresses.

RESOLVED to move from org.uk to gov.uk domain and emails.

ACTION: Clerk

184/23.3 OFFICIAL PORTRAIT OF HM THE KING

RESOLVED to apply for a free portrait.

ACTION: Clerk

185/23 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

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

185/23.1 FIBRUS

RESOLVED to note the complaints about the installation of fibre broadband through Fibrus. Councillor Mallinson had already met with concerned residents and the Clerk was instructed to email the resident informing them that it was hoped that there would be an improvement in communication with residents.

ACTION: Clerk

186/23 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- D-Day 80 flag – to consider purchase
- Defibrillator at Newby East – to consider costs and installation

Any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 27th March 2024.

187/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Wednesday 3rd April 2024, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm.

CLERK'S REPORT

Members **NOTED** the following matters

CLERKS FORUM – Hosted by CALC, scheduled for 20th March 2024, Clerk will attend.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS – Currently being updated by NALC. Should be completed by the end of March and available sometime in May.

SPEED LIMIT THROUGH NEWTOWN –The following correspondence had been received from Cumberland Highways regarding the recent request for a reduction in the speed limit through Newtown to 30mph - *Unfortunately, funding is fully allocated for this financial year, however this request will be scored and costed accordingly and added to the Highways Improvement List for consideration in the future years. Speed Limits are supported by a Traffic Regulation Order, which is required to be in place to enforce the limit. Cumberland Council reviews this document on a four yearly basis dependent on area to introduce new limits and make any alterations. The process is lengthy due to there being a requirement for assessment, consultation, advertisement and approval. The next review for the reported area of Newtown is due to take place in the financial year 2025/26. Your request has been added to the file to be assessed during this review.*

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.

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

CALC –

- Partnership Information
- Official D-Day 80 flag of peace
- Training courses
- Parish Support Officer for Cumberland – new details
- United Utilities Affordability Presentation and DWP update

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE -

- Cumberland Council e-newsletters
- Connecting Cumbria Newsletter –February 2024
- Rural Services Network –latest bulletins
- Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner – Winter Newsletter
- ACT update – January 2024
- Temporary road closure – U1095 Irthington
- Temporary road closure U1096 - Laversdale
- Telfords Coaches 680A