

IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the MEETING of IRTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL held in NEWTOWN VILLAGE HALL on WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk
Cumberland Councillor J. Mallinson
2 members of the public (1 left after item 82/24)

078/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

079/24 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

RESOLVED to note that no requests for dispensation were received.

080/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESOLVED to note there were no declarations of interest made.

081/24 MINUTES

RESOLVED to authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024, confirmed as a true and accurate record, after amending the date of the next meeting.

ACTION: RA

082/24 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 2 members of the public present. Member of the public 1 said they were in attendance to observe only.

Member of the public 2 (MOP2) confirmed they were in attendance to speak about the offer of a free noticeboard and grass cutting on the green.

The Chairman confirmed that MOP2 had 3 minutes to speak in accordance with the parish council's public participation policy.

MOP2 explained that there were 6 residents coming together free of charge to design and make a noticeboard to replace the one in Newtown; that they had the materials and the skill set to do this; that if local people were involved in something it was appreciated more and that the current noticeboard was located in a dangerous place. MOP2 had mentioned the noticeboard offer after the close of the previous meeting and was thanked for the offer and asked to submit a design for consideration at this meeting.

Prior to the meeting, MOP2 had emailed the Clerk requesting ideas from the councillors on a preferred noticeboard, the preferred idea had been emailed back to MOP2.

The Chairman asked MOP2 for their design and stated that the current noticeboard had been in situ for years and there had been no accidents.

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MOP2 stated that there were no designs as the designer cost £45 per hour and that they had witnessed a resident putting a notice on the noticeboard but made the child accompanying them stand back 15 yards.

The Chairman explained that the parish council would make the decision on the location of a new noticeboard and that the other residents involved were welcome to attend a meeting.

The exchange between MOP2 and the Chairman continued becoming more heated.

The Chairman explained that MOP2 had had more than the 3 minutes allowed.

MOP2 became aggressive towards the Chairman and other councillors and the Chairman asked MOP2 to leave the meeting.

MOP2 continued with an aggressive verbal attack on councillors and was again asked to leave the meeting by the Chairman.

MOP2 verbally abused the Chairman using foul language and then made a verbal attack about the Clerk, again using foul language.

The Chairman told MOP2 that if they didn't leave the meeting, the police would be called.

MOP2 threatened the Chairman with physical violence before leaving the meeting at 7.40pm.

A confidential verbatim report of the above has been filed.

RESOLVED to note the offer of a noticeboard.

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

- That the council was working through financial issues
- That a committee had been formed to support and be more welcoming for refugees
- That Councillor Mallinson was currently fighting highway issues in the area and was trying to get improvements to the reporting system
- That any highway issues requiring a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) would be considered periodically. For this parish it would mean the financial year 2025/26 or for speeding issues, the financial year 2026/27. It was presumed that emergencies would be dealt with more quickly however Councillor Mallinson had no evidence of that.

083/24 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

RESOLVED to note there were no reports.

084/24 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

Applications for planning consent were considered.

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

084/24.1 CROSS HILL, IRTHINGTON (24/0546) – Demolition of existing farm shed; erection of 1 agricultural workers dwelling with associated infrastructure including replacement of septic tank with package treatment plant.

No observations.

084/24.2 NEWBY MANOR, NEWBY EAST (24/0564) – Erection of single storey extension to provide wet room and erection of external lighting column.

No observations.

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084/24.3 NEWBY MANOR, NEWBY EAST (24/0567) – Erection of single storey extension to provide wet room (LBC).

No observations.

ACTION: Clerk

085/24 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS

RESOLVED to note the following decision from Cumberland Council on applications the parish council had already made comment on:-

- **LAND TO THE WEST OF THE COTTAGE, NEWTOWN (24/0351)** – Variation of condition 1 (approved documents) of previously approved application 18/0433 (erection of 3 dwellings) and further varied by permissions 21/1167, 22/0333 and 23/0529 for additional windows to plot 3.
PERMISSION GRANTED
- **NEWBY MANOR, NEWBY EAST (24/0425)** – Erection of dwarf wall.
PERMISSION GRANTED

086/24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

086/24.1 BANK RECONCILIATION to 30.09.24

There was submitted a report by the Clerk on the reconciliation of the Council's financial records with its bank account statement.

RESOLVED to receive and note the bank reconciliation and balance to 30th September 2024 of £19,047.47.

086/24.2 EXPENDITURE TO APPROVE

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

Amount £	Payee	Detail	Chq/DP
362.88	A Riddell	Net wage to 5.10.24	DP
272.00	HMRC	PAYE to 5.10.2024	DP
420.00	Netwise	Domain renewal/hosting	DP

086/24.3 MONITORING REPORT

A report by the Clerk detailing income and expenditure against the budget to 30th September 2024 was submitted.

RESOLVED to note the report.

086/24.4 WEBSITE – MOVING TO .GOV.UK DOMAIN

Consideration was given to the options available through Netwise (current website provider) for the provision of .gov.uk emails.

RESOLVED to move to the premium plus package at an additional cost per annum of £110.00 which would include 10 individual emails of 10gb size and a web hosting upgrade to 10gb.

ACTION: Clerk

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086/24.5 BUDGET 2025/26

Consideration was given to any future projects that might impact the 2025/26 budget.

RESOLVED to include provision to increase the grants budget and funding for VE Day 80.

087/24 VE DAY 80

Members considered taking part in the VE Day 80 event scheduled for May 8th 2025.

RESOLVED to follow previous events with a cornet player (C. Robinson had agreed to play), flag, banner and beacon. Councillor Ridley would look into availability of the hall for some refreshments.

ACTION: Clerk/MR

088/24 NEWTOWN VILLAGE GREEN

088/24.1 PLANTING OF DONATED OAK TREES

RESOLVED to find a suitable site on the village green and ask Irthington in Bloom representatives for their input.

ACTION: RA

088/24.2 GRASS CUTTING

Members considered the concerns raised at unauthorised grass cutting on the village green and information received from the council's insurers on the matter.

RESOLVED that the unauthorised grass cutting would have to cease. The Chairman would speak with the resident involved.

ACTION: RA

089/24 DEFIBRILLATOR IN NEWBY EAST

Consideration was given to further information on the type of defibrillator to purchase and the availability of grants.

RESOLVED to purchase an IPAD SP1 AED fully automatic defibrillator (with cabinet) and that the Clerk would approach the League of Friends at Brampton Cottage Hospital for a grant as there was no grant availability through London Hearts.

ACTION: Clerk

090/24 NEWTOWN NOTICEBOARD

Consideration was given to the design of a new noticeboard for Newtown. Information from several companies offering timber and aluminium boards in various sizes had been circulated to members.

Members also considered the offer of the donation of a noticeboard (no confirmation given on materials/design but assumed to be timber) received from one local resident on behalf of several residents.

Members commented that due to the deterioration in the oak noticeboard at Irthington, that an aluminium one would be preferable if situated outdoors with no shelter. Safety concerns were also raised at the location of the current noticeboard.

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090/24.1 RESOLVED to contact the village hall committee and ask if a noticeboard could be located on the exterior front wall.

090/24.2 RESOLVED to purchase a 1200mm x 750mm aluminium (green powder coated) 2 bay (1 lockable) noticeboard from Greenbarnes. Wall mounted if permission was given from the village hall committee or post mounted if not.

090/24.3 RESOLVED to contact the local resident offering to donate a noticeboard and ask whether they would be willing to locate a timber one in the bus shelter at Laversdale as it would be under cover.

ACTION: Clerk

091/24 GRASS CUTTING TENDER

Members reviewed the current grass cutting tender.

RESOLVED to alter the frequency of cuts to once every 2 weeks from April to July then once every 3 weeks to October.

092/24 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

092/24.1 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members gave consideration to a request for comments on the draft Statement of Community Involvement.

RESOLVED to make no comment.

ACTION: Clerk

092/24.2 POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW

RESOLVED to note that the recent review did not affect polling arrangements in the parish and therefore no comment would be made.

ACTION: Clerk

093/24 CLERK'S REPORT

RESOLVED to note the attached report. (Appendix 1)

094/24 CALC

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

095/24 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK –

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

095/24.1 CUMBRIAN WHITE TAILED EAGLE PROJECT

Members considered a response to the social feasibility study on the reintroduction of white tailed eagles to Cumbria.

RESOLVED that members had concerns at the reintroduction of the white tailed eagle as the area was a farming community.

ACTION: Clerk

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095/24.2 SPEEDING IN IRTHINGTON

Members considered a request from a resident for the implementation of traffic-calming measures in Irthington and the deployment of a speed van in the village, particularly during peak school times, to monitor and deter speeding vehicles.

Members commented that requests for volunteers for a speed watch group had been made but no-one had come forward.

RESOLVED to note that Councillor Mallinson would check whether a speed van/monitor could be made available.

ACTION: JM

096/24 AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Noticeboard
- VE Day

RESOLVED to note that any further items for consideration should be submitted to the Clerk on or before 30th **October** 2024.

097/24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th November 2024, Newtown Village Hall, 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.47pm.

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CLERK'S REPORT

ONGOING - IRTHINGTON NOTICEBOARD – No response from previous contractor on repairs to the noticeboard. Other local contractors are being contacted for advice.

50th ANNIVERSARY OF CUMBRIA CELEBRATION – Danny Poland (Irthington in Bloom) has accepted the invitation and will attend along with Councillor Armstrong at the event to be held at Carlisle Cathedral , Friday 4th October 2024.

NALC COMMUNITY SAFETY STUDY – Completed and returned.

SCRIBEFEST – Clerk attended the all day free training/presentation from Scribe on 26th September 2024. Presentation slides and information will be available for circulation in due course.

CALC TRAINING – Clerk attended the Module 1 free training for Clerk's on 17th September 2024, 7pm via Teams. Module 2 is scheduled for 5th November.

ROAD CLOSURE –

U1094 Irthington - A temporary Road closure has been put in place to allow Fibrus to carry out utility works which are expected to commence 6th October 2024 and anticipated to take 5 days to complete.

Details of the extents of the closure/alternative route and the relevant legal notice can be viewed at one.com and Cumberland Council websites.

Location: U1094, Irthington from a point approx. 600 metres North east of its junction with the A689, extending in a North westerly direction for a distance of approximately 1 km, as and when the appropriate traffic signs are displayed.

Alternative Route: There is no suitable alternative route available for vehicles and a way for pedestrians and dismounted cyclists will be maintained at all times

Should you have any queries in relation to this restriction please contact the Highways Hotline by calling 0300 373 3736 or via the Cumberland Council website, quoting the reference TTROC/12461

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

CALC –

- Partnership Information
- Training sessions
- CALC News July/August 2024
- CALC Annual review
- Community Panels one year on
- CALC Board director vacancy
- Launch of new Cumbria People and Nature Network website
- CALC Annual General Meeting 12.10.24 – Agenda
- Message from the Lieutenancy of Cumbria
- Invitation to workshops for Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy Mapping
- Planned event – 20th November 2024, 7pm via Teams
- Request for issues/events for discussion
- Community Panels Information
- NALC legal bulletin update

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OTHER CORRESPONDENCE -

- Cumberland Council e-newsletters
- Cumberland Council Planning Policy update
- Rural Services Network –latest bulletins
- Cumbria Police Newsletter – September 2024
- ACT – Invitation to the Annual General Meeting, 18th October 2024 via Zoom
- Cumberland Council – Environment and Climate Newsletter

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