

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held at the W.I. Hall, Ireby on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

E. Alexander
K. Bridges
F. Foster
J.W. Hall
G. Moore (Chair)

Also Present:

A Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor
One member of the public
J. Rae (Clerk)

79 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from S. Hey.

80 MINUTES – 7 JANUARY 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th January, 2020 were agreed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

K. Bridges declared an interest in item 11 on the agenda (donation request from Northern Fells Group).

82 POLICE REPORT

The Police newsletter for the Wigton area was available to view at the meeting. The newsletter had also been circulated prior to the meeting.

83 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was present at the meeting and raised the flooding issues in Uldale during the recent storms. Photographic evidence was passed to Cllr Bowness who agreed to raise this with Cumbria County Council Highways.

One matter was raised on behalf of a parishioner relating to a property in Uldale that is considered to be in a dangerous condition. The Clerk was requested to contact Building Control at the Borough Council.

84 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 7 JANUARY 2020

Police Newsletter - The Clerk reported that the Police Newsletter is available by signing up online and it is not a requirement to sign up to Facebook.

Waste Bin at Uldale – The Borough Council had advised that a bin will be sited in Uldale near the Tea Rooms

Road Sweeper – The Borough Council had confirmed that a sweep had been ordered.

Future of Overwater – A representative from United Utilities had been invited to attend the meeting. The Stakeholder Manager had advised that it would be more beneficial to delay this until the next parish council meeting as the project team who will be carrying out the investigations will only be established in April.

85 FINANCE

(a) The financial position at 29th February, 2020 was provided for Members information.

Balances	
Business Current Account	£9,142.19
Business Savings Account	£5,492.13

VAT Refund – A claim for refund for £260.00 had been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs.

Pensions Regulator - A re-declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator under the Pensions Act 2008 had been submitted.

- (b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£327.62
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£ 82.00
Clerk's expenses Quarter 4	£126.79

Donation granted to:

Northern Fells Group	£250.00
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- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit

RESOLVED that P. Wilson be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2019/20. Members agreed that the internal auditor is sufficiently competent to carry out the role and the internal audit function is completely independent from the council's management of financial control.

86 PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

Allerdale Borough Council
FUL/2020/0011 – North View, Ireby
Change of use to use max 3 bedrooms to provide bed and breakfast accommodation for max 5 guests (+1 child)

- (b) Decisions

Lake District National Park Authority
7/2019/2328 – John Peel Cottage Ruthwaite
Listed Building Consent for replacement of two ground floor windows to the rear elevation and the rear door GRANTED

87 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Highway Maintenance

The following matters were reported:

Several pot holes on the Ireby to Uldale road
Pot holes on Prior Hall Lonning
Flooding still occurring at the sewage works, Ireby

Notification of a road closure had been received from Cumbria County Council Highways to carry out repairs at High Ireby due to the dangerous condition of the road.

- (b) Speeding Issues

Cumbria Police had confirmed that two traffic count devices had been put out at Ireby. Both had shown good compliance. One had been sited north of the village with average speeds of 25.6, the second site was near Lilac House with average speeds of 20.2 mph which are under the limit for enforcement. There had been no reported KSI accidents in the last 5 years. Based on this information the CRASH Group agreed that this should be removed from their agenda with no further action. With regard to speeding cyclists unfortunately from a speeding point of view there is no enforcement that can be taken. Members discussed whether suitable 'Slow' signage could be sited on the bend approaching Ireby from High Ireby. Cllr Bowness agreed to make enquiries at Cumbria County Council.

88 FOOTWAY LIGHTING

The Borough Council had provided details of the approximate energy costs for footway lighting in the Parish. With 6 lights in High Ireby, 22 in Ireby, 2 at Ruthwaite and 6 in Uldale the approximate energy cost will be £1369.33 per annum. The Borough Council had agreed to maintain, repair and own the lights with just the electrical costs being transferred to the parish council with effect from April 2021. Members noted that this will be discussed by CALC's Executive Committee on 11th March and agreed to wait until further information is available before deciding on any further actions.

The Clerk was requested to enquire whether Town Councils are affected by the Borough Council's proposals.

89 DONATION REQUEST

The annual donation request from Northern Fells Group had been received. RESOLVED to continue to support the Group and grant £250.00.

90 TRAINING

Training for new councillors was discussed. At the moment there are no courses available locally. It was therefore agreed to wait until some courses are available in the Cockermouth or Wigton area. The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries at CALC whether there were any neighbouring parish councils willing to share the cost of bespoke training.

91 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting was circulated:

- Lake District Members report January 2020
- Lake District Members report February 2020
- CALC Newsletter February/March 2020
- North Allerdale TRO – A review is to be undertaken of the North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order. This includes parking, weight restrictions as well a traffic movement regulations.
- Cumbria in Bloom 2020
- Cumbria County Council Working Together Service
- Friends of the Lake District – Request to update the smaller lakes byelaws. This would include Overwater within the parish. Since receiving the request from the Friends of the Lake District the LDNPA had agreed to consider their request.
- Letter of thanks from St James Church Ireby for the parish council's donation towards the appeal for the bell.
- An explanation as to how the hosting charges are made up had been received. This was noted by Members.

92 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The meeting dates for the next council year were agreed as follows:

- Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting: Tuesday 5th May, 2020
- Bi Monthly Meetings: 7th July, 1st September, 3rd November, 2020
- 5th January, 2nd March 2021

The meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

Chairman Date