

IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL

At the Virtual Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish Council held on Tuesday 7th July, 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

E. Alexander
K. Bridges
J.W. Hall
G. Moore (Chair)
Also Present:
J. Rae (Clerk)

It was noted that as the Annual Meeting scheduled for 5th May had been cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic (Covid 19) in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 the appointments of Chair (Councillor G. Moore) and Vice Chair (Councillor K. Bridges) will remain until May 2021.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from M. Grainger, Allerdale Borough Councillor.

2 AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

The protocol for virtual meetings had been circulated prior to the meeting. RESOLVED that the amendment to the Standing Orders be accepted.

3 MINUTES – 3 MARCH 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

5 POLICE REPORT

The Police newsletter for the Wigton area had been circulated prior to the meeting.

6 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had requested to join the meeting. One matter had been raised since the last meeting relating to the condition of the stiles on the public footpath to the old church, Ireby. This had been reported to the Countryside Access Officer who advised that he had contacted several people who the County Council thought may be responsible for the boundaries on this path. Following a discussion Members thought that part of the land may belong to a farmer from Torpenhow. Cumbria County Council will be advised accordingly.

7 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 3 MARCH 2020

Dangerous Building – Uldale – The Clerk reported that Building Control at the Borough Council had been contacted regarding this. They advised that a Building Control Officer had visited the site last year when it had been reported as a dangerous structure. It appears the house is set back from the road by approximately 4 metres and there is fencing in place to keep members of the public away from the building. The owner had confirmed to Building Control that he is periodically dealing with the demolition of the building. Due to Covid 19 and government guidance as the building does not appear to be in imminent danger of collapse nor a danger to the public a site visit will not be carried out at this time.

Future of Chapel House and Overwater – The Stakeholder Manager from United Utilities had agreed to attend a parish council meeting. Due to Covid 19 it was agreed to defer this to a future meeting.

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FINANCE

- (a) The financial position at the end of the last financial year had been provided for Members information.

Balances 31 st March 2020	
Business Current Account	£8,330.78
Business Savings Account	£5,519.57

Balances 30 th June 2020	
Business Current Account	£11,199.11
Business Savings Account	£ 5,596.06

Income received

Allerdale Borough Council – 1 st April 2020 - First Instalment Precept	£3,277.50
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- (b) The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 1	£327.82
HMRC PAYE Quarter 1	£ 81.80
Clerk's expenses Quarter 1	£ 97.57
Internal Auditor	£ 85.00
CALC – Annual Subscription	£147.37
BHIB Insurance – Annual Insurance paid 1 st June 2020	£334.17

- (c) Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been carried out with no issues identified. Members considered the effectiveness of the system of internal control and agreed that this is satisfactory. One matter was highlighted regarding the explanation of variances as to why the reserves carried forward are greater than twice the precept. This has resulted from monies being set aside for potential footway lighting costs.

- (i) Annual Governance Statement – Members considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that arrangements are in place for effective financial management and the accounting statements are prepared in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- (ii) Accounting Statement 2019/209 – Members agreed that the Accounting Statement in the annual return fairly represents the financial position of the parish council. RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the annual return.
- (iii) Certificate of Exemption - Members resolved that the Certificate of Exemption should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk certifying that the Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance review and during the financial year 2019/20 the gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure for the year did not exceed £25,000.
- (iv) Period of Exercise of Public Rights – Members noted that the period for the exercise of public rights will commence on 20th July and will end on 28th August, 2020. A notice will be displayed on the parish notice boards notifying electors of their rights to inspect the accounts.
- (v) Publication on website – The Clerk reported the requisite documents will be added to the parish council's website.

9 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2020/2093 – Pyerigg, Aughtertree

Demolish existing out buildings and build extension to adjoining house

Allerdale Borough Council

HOU/2020/0084 – Schighalion, Ireby

Demolish existing conservatory and outbuildings and build new extension

(b) Decisions

None

10 HIGHWAYS

The following matters were reported

Pot hole after the cattle grid entering Uldale from the Caldbeck road on the right-hand side of the road just after the bend

Pot holes on the Daleside to Ireby road and Daleside to Snow Hill Cottage

Pot holes on Prior Hall Inning

The wall along the hillside of the Ireby to Uldale road adjacent to Sun Croft is in need of repair. Cllr Bridges agreed to discuss this with the landowner.

Cllr Bridges reported that damage had been caused to his vehicle on the Ireby to Uldale road caused by a pot hole. The pot hole had subsequently been repaired.

11 FOOTWAY LIGHTING

Further to min ref 88 CALC had requested legal advice as to whether the Borough Council can legally enforce the transfer of responsibility for the footway lights in the parish. The advice had concluded that parishes will either contribute or the Borough Council will stop power to the footway lights. The annual cost for the lights in the Parish is £1369.33 plus VAT. The charges will be effective from April 2021. The Parish Council has the option to have the lights removed. Members discussed the inventory of lights supplied by the Borough Council and pointed out that there are discrepancies in the inventory. It was agreed that the Borough Council should be made aware of the inaccuracies and suggest that a further survey should be carried out by the Borough Council.

12 CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email.

LDNPA Members Report April 2020

LDNPA Members Report May 2020

LDNPA Members Report June 2020

Cumbria County Council – Information COVID 19

LDNPA - Overnight Stays

News Release from the Lake District National Park

CALC - Parish council meetings and re-opening of village halls

CALC: Holding Virtual Meetings Allerdale

CALC - Continued Use of Delegated Powers

13 DATES OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 1st September, 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.19 p.m.

Chairman Date