

## **IREBY AND ULDALE PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Annual Meeting of Ireby and Uldale Parish held virtually using zoom technology on Tuesday 4th May, 2021 commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Present:

E. Alexander

K. Bridges

G. Moore

Also Present:

A Bowness Cumbria County Councillor

J. Rae (Clerk)

### **1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2021/2022**

Nominations were invited for the election of Chairman. One nomination was received from Cllr Alexander and seconded by Cllr Bridges that Cllr. Moore be re-elected as Chairman for council year 2021/22. RESOLVED that Cllr Moore be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

### **2 TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

A declaration of acceptance of office will be signed by the Chairman

### **3 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2021/22**

RESOLVED that Cllr Bridges be appointed Vice Chairman for council year 2021/22

### **4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hall and Hey.

### **5 MINUTES – 2 MARCH 2021**

The minutes of the bi-monthly meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

### **6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

### **7 POLICE REPORT**

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

### **8 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public had requested to join the meeting. The following matters were raised on behalf of parishioners.

Crosby House Barn – Concern had been raised regarding the dilapidated condition of the building. This issue has been reported to the Borough Council Planning Enforcement and Building Control. The Clerk was requested to follow this up to ascertain what action they are to take.

Torpenhow to Ireby road – A proposal was put forward for a sign to be installed at the Torpenhow end of the Torpenhow to Ireby road advising that the road is unsuitable for large vehicles. An incident had occurred recently when a wagon following sat nav directions had got stuck in the narrow part at the Ireby junction.

A query had been raised that a new gate had been installed on the Whent onto the piece of land adjacent to Suncroft. Cllr Grainger had raised this with the Planning Team at the Borough Council.

## 9 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 2 MARCH 2021

The Clerk reported that Cumbria County Council's Highways Department had confirmed that the lane in Ireby discussed at the last meeting is not maintained at public expense.

Cllr Alexander had been appointed as parish representative to the Northern Fells Group.

## 10 FINANCE

- (a) The financial position at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 had been circulated with the agenda.

Bank Balances 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Current Account	£ 9,134.83
Business Saver Account	<u>£ 5,822.12</u>
	£14956.95
(Unpresented cheque	<u>£ 6.00)</u>
Parish Council Balance	<b>£14,950.95</b>

Income Received:

1 April 2021 - Allerdale Borough Council  
Half Yearly Precept: £3,000.00

A VAT refund claim for £260.00 had been submitted to HMRC.

- (b) Annual Audit

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.

- (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 2020/21 – 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 2020/21 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 14<sup>th</sup> June and will end on 23<sup>rd</sup> July. 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

## 11 PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT

Renewal documentation had been received from BHIB Insurance at an annual premium of £334.17. (No increase from the previous year). It was agreed that the policy is adequate for the parish council's requirements. RESOLVED that the policy be renewed with BHIB Insurance.

## 12 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

CALC - Annual Subscription	£151.18
Internal Auditor	£ 90.00
BHIB –Annual Insurance (due 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021)	£334.17
Donation Granted to Wigton Baths Trust	£100.00

## 13 PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

Lake District National Park Authority

7/2021/2090: Snittlegarth Farm, Ireby, Wigton, CA7 1HE

Change of use of land for the siting of five lodges with associated operations including, the installation of an access track, a bridge, a package treatment plant, and an underground gas storage tank, all with associated landscaping

7/2021/2073: Ruthwaite Farm, Ireby, Wigton, CA7 1HG

Removal of internal and external concrete render and replacement with lime mortar and lime plaster; replacement floors with limecrete; installation of new stove and associated flue; new French drain to front and gable of house

(b) Decisions: None

## 14 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following matters were reported:

Pot holes on the Ireby to Uldale road

Pot holes on the Aughtertree to Ireby road

## 15 DONATION REQUEST – WIGTON BATHS TRUST

Further to min ref 66(b) the School had confirmed that they do use the facilities at Wigton Swimming Pool. Following a discussion it was RESOLVED to grant £100.

## 16 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Allerdale Borough Council - Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria Consultation.

CALC - Remote meetings update.

CALC Follow up Information from the Local Government Reorganisation Event 18 March.

Cumbria Police - April 2021 - Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton.

Duke of Edinburgh - Operation Forth Bridge & books of condolence.

Cumbria County Council Highways Feedback Survey Results and Report.

CALC - DCMS Rural Broadband Consultation - The Government has launched a consultation into improving broadband speeds in hard-to-reach areas. The Chairman spoke about the issues in Aughtertree. Cllr Alexander agreed to check with residents in Ruthwaite and High Ireby what broadband speeds are available in these areas.

CALC - NALC Response to Government Consultation on LGR

CALC - Allerdale District Three Tier Meeting 25th May 2021

CALC - High Court Judgement on Virtual Meetings

LDNPA Members Report March

LDNPA Members Report April

Northern Fells Group – Letter of thanks for the parish council's donation of £250.00.

Members noted that Cllr Foster was no longer living in the area. The vacancies on the Parish Council would be advertised.

**17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 – W.I. Hall, Ireby

As the High Court application on the holding of virtual meetings had been dismissed parish councils must now return to face-to-face meetings and prepare accordingly. It was agreed to monitor the situation regarding coronavirus and the parish council will only meet face to face in July if it is safe to do so.

The meeting closed at 8.29 pm

Chairman ..... Date .....