

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge, on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 6pm.

Present were Councillors Carol Howard (Chairman), Colin Chick, Andrew Makinson and Jean White, County Council Matthew Maxwell-Scott, Lancaster City Council Ross Hunter, and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Kathryn Hyde and Carole Scott.

**22/35 Public participation:** None.

**22/36 Reports:**

- a. Councillor Maxwell-Scott reported on a number of County issues, including details of the budget cuts and the increased spending on highways. He is currently the Chairman of the Development Control committee.
- b. Councillor Hunter, who is the Deputy Mayor of the City Council, reported on how the current level of inflation is affecting the Council's budget. There is, however, a fund of £500,000 set aside for rural projects in the Lancaster City area and applications will be welcomed.

**22/37 Ireby Beck Renovation Project:**

Councillor Chick reported that the contractor is currently getting the stone in readiness for the work to commence. An extension for the work to be completed has been agreed to the end of February 2023 and all accounts will need to be paid by this date. An email, confirming the extension, will be sent to the Council. The total cost is around £10,000 plus VAT (which can be reclaimed). Councillor Hunter offered to make £1,000 loan in addition to the offers made at the last meeting.

**22/38 Coronation events:**

In view of the financial constraints at this present time, it was agreed that the Council will not arrange any special events for the Coronation of King Charles III on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, but will join in with any activities being planned by the Fraser Hall committee.

**22/39 YDNPA Planning Seminar:**

Councillor Howard summarised her recent attendance, by ZOOM, at this Seminar. Matters covered included Planning Enforcement, protection of trees, sustainable development and the Local Plan.

**22/40 CANS (Councils Against Noise And Speed):**

The regular meetings of this group continue although there is not a lot to report at present. In view of the current political situation, it was agreed that meetings be suspended until the Spring, when they will resume.

**22/41 Finance:**

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

T Flitcroft	£125.00	Website maintenance/updating
Simon Rimmer	£50.00	Quarterly payment for the Memorial Garden
Fraser Hall	£19.00	Use of hall
K M Price	£120.17	Quarterly expenses to 30 <sup>th</sup> September, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. It was agreed not to proceed at this present time with the purchase of defibrillators for Ireby and Leck by this Council. Councillor Makinson reported that the defibrillator at the Fraser Hall was wired in last week and is now in use. Councillor Chuck offered to sound out opinion in Ireby as to the likely support for a defibrillator in the centre of Ireby, with the ongoing costs involved.

d. The National Joint Council has agreed this year's Pay Award for Clerks and, as recommended by CALC and NALC it was resolved to pay the appropriate backpay and to amend the Standing Orders at the bank.

e. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Lancaster City Council in the sum of £6,599 for the financial year 2023-24. There is therefore no increase in the parish element of the Council Tax.

f. Following an incident at one of the Clerk's other Councils, CALC and NALC's advice is that grants should not be made to churches - as these could be the subject of a legal challenge. In view of this, the Clerk will write to the Secretary of the Parochial Church Council (with copy to Councillor Hunter) to advise of this, whilst at the same time expressing the Council's regret at the situation.

g. The Chairman advised that the Leck and Ireby Relief Charity has now been taken over by the Lord Shuttleworth Foundation. The Foundation can be reached via the Estate Office, Cowan Bridge. LA6 2HS. 015242-71445

**22/42 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6pm at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge.***

*The meeting closed at 7.50pm.*

*Signed:*

## Ireby with Leck Parish Council

### Precept for 2023-24 as agreed on 14th November 2022:

Salaries & PAYE (point 16 on salary scale)	2951
Insurance	361
Training	100
Hire of Hall	100
Subscriptions	100
Grasscutting – Ireby	650
Repairs etc	200
Contingency	660
Admin	200
Home office	312
Payroll Administration	90
Website	225
Lancaster CC -Election expenses	100
Tree work	300
Memorial Garden maintenance	200
Internal Audit	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>6599</b>
<b>Precept levied</b>	<b>6599</b>