

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge, on Monday 6th November 2023 at 6pm.

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

23/32 Public participation: None.

23/33 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/34 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

23/35 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st August 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/36 Updates:

The Clerk reported as follows:

- a. He had thanked Peter Gregson for the notice board from the former Cowan Bridge Methodist Chapel (minute 23/29a refers)
- b. Despite several attempts to order a green bin (minute 23/29b refers), this had not proved possible and there is also a long delay in delivery. Councillor Hunter has a spare green bin and would be prepared to give it to the Council. Councillor Howard will contact the City Council to see if this bin can be transferred to the Parish Council.
- c. Grasscutting in Ireby (minute 26/30 refers). The Clerk had not yet received a response from his email but it is understood the contractor is currently having problems with emails – contact will be made again.
- d. Weed spraying (minute 23/30b refers). The Clerk had explained the Council's concerns regarding weed spraying, to Morecambe Town Council and nothing further had been heard.
- e. The Fraser Hall had thanked the Parish Council for agreeing to pay for the maintenance of their defibrillator, over a four-year period (minute 23/28d refers)

23/37 Finance:

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

Simon Rimmer	£50.00	Quarterly payment for Memorial Garden.
T Flicroft	£90.00	Payroll administration – annual payment
T Flicroft	£125.00	Website – annual payment
K M Price	£125.30	Quarterly expenses to 30 th September, Including use of home office and travel

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£288.00 Election costs

(As there is an error on the invoice, the Council is asked to pay only upon receipt of a corrected invoice)

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Lancaster City Council for the financial year 2024-25 in the sum of £6,599 – there is therefore no increase in the Parish share of the Council Tax.

23/38 Yorkshire Dales National Park Parish Councils Forum:

Councillor Howard had attended the Yorkshire Dales National Park Parish Councils Forum (by ZOOM) on 25th October. She summarised the discussions, which included the Nature Recovery Plan and an example of best practice by Ravenstonedale Parish Council, where a redundant chapel that had been purchased by the Council, has now been transformed into a Community and Heritage Centre. A progress report was also given on the Yorkshire Dales National Park's Management Plan 2019-2024.

There was a discussion on the litter problem caused by discarded/torn black plastic bale wrap. Methods of recycling and the modification of the bale wrap were recommended. Reference was also made to the problem of discarded salt licks.

23/39 Lancaster City Councillor's Report:

Councillor Hunter gave a full report and there was a general discussion on some of the topics raised which included the City Council Budget, the grant received by the Fraser Hall for kitchen improvements, social care, and financial constraints facing the Council.

23/40 Correspondence:

Councillor Howard had been approached regarding the condition of the War Memorial at St Peter's Church, Leck. As the Council is not planning an event to mark D Day 80 next June, it was wondered if a restoration/cleaning of the War Memorial might be more appropriate than a bonfire. Discussion took place on what sort of cleaning might be best, given the type of stone, and Councillor Howard agreed to speak to the Church Warden in order to clarify any issues.

23/41 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 12th February 2024 at 6pm at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: