

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall on Monday 21st August 2023 at 6pm.

Present were Councillors Carol Howard (Chairman), Andrew Makinson, Carole Scott, John Welbank and Jean White, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Colin Chick and County Councillor Matthew Maxwell-Scott.

23/23 Public participation:

A resident of Low Lane reported that there has been no collection of both grey and green bins for six weeks recently. Following a complaint, the higher branches on the roadsides had been cut back to allow access to the collection vehicle. This week, however, the recycling boxes had not been collected due to the roadside verges not having been cut. It is believed that these should be cut three times each year but that this has not happened since COVID. The road surface is poor and not suitable for these vehicles, there are many potholes and the road requires 'topping'. Councillor Howard has already sent an email to both LCC and Lancaster City Council, via Public Realm. It was agreed to ask Councillors Hunter and Maxwell-Scott for help (see minute 23/30d below). It will also be asked if the local Authority is still committed to 'safety cuts'.

23/24 Requests for Dispensations: None.

23/25 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/26 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th May 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman, with the correction that Lancaster City Council Ross Hunter was present at the meeting.

23/27 CANS (Councils Against Noise and Speed):

This group has been dormant following the departure of the Councillor who chaired it. It is not known yet what future plans there will be. However, this Council continues to be committed to the group's ideals.

A large number of speed/average speed cameras have recently appeared on the A683 between Lancaster and Kirkby Lonsdale. There has been no public consultation on this, and why the system needs to be so intrusive in the landscape and so confusing, should be addressed. This road is certainly not as busy or as dangerous as the A65. The Clerk will contact Councillor Hunter to relay the Council's concerns and ask that someone will explain to the Parish Councils along the route, maybe at a joint/public meeting how this has come about.

23/28 Finance:

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

Athena Accounting	£50.00	Internal Auditor – honorarium
Simon Rimmer	£50.00	Quarterly payment for Memorial Garden
Fraser Hall	£22.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£141.36	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The report from the Internal Auditor on the Council's Accounts for 2022-23 was received with thanks. There were no issues to be brought to the Council's attention.
- d. It was resolved to contribute £100 annually, for four years, towards the maintenance costs for the Fraser Hall defibrillator.
- e. The Chairman reported that the Bank Mandate has been successfully revised, making Councillor Jean White a signatory, and removing the name of Mrs Kathryn Hyde from the list. It was agreed, in view of the appallingly bad service from Nat West Bank, that a letter of complaint is written to them. Councillor Welbank agreed to draft this for the Clerk to send.

23/29 Maintenance items:

- a. Replacement for the public notice board in Cowan Bridge. Cowan Bridge Methodist chapel has recently closed and been sold. The notice board has been donated to the Council, Councillor Howard has painted it and Councillor Makinson will arrange for it to be installed. The Clerk will thank Peter Gregson for this generous donation.
- b. Provision of a green bin for Cowan Bridge. The Clerk has experienced difficulties in placing this order as he is outside of the postcode area for Leck. Councillor Howard said she would be willing for the Clerk to order it, using her name and address; the Council will then reimburse her.

23/30 Correspondence:

- a. Grasscutting at Ireby, Comments had been received that the cutting this year had not been up to the usual standard. It doesn't stay tidy between cuts, there's no strimming of the beck edge or the road edge and then a blower used on any grass cuttings which go on the road. The Clerk agreed to contact Lunesdale Landscapes about this.

- b. Luke Trevaskis, CEO of Morecambe Town Council, regarding weed spraying in the district, asking if Ireby might be able to offer access to an outdoor tap from a public building or other suitable location. This would reduce the need for operatives to return to Morecambe Town Hall to refill. There is no suitable location in Ireby and the Clerk was requested to ask for an explanation as to the reason for this change in policy. The Council has not used spraying in the past, but has relied on 'safety cuts'. The Parish Council would expect to be informed of any proposals to use chemical sprays within the parish. The Clerk will also ask where weed spraying is taking places in Ireby/Leck and when this takes place.
- c. D Day 80. It was agreed that this Council would not take part in the national chain of bonfires to celebrate D Day 80 on 6th June 2024 but would consider other means of marking the day.
- d. Low Lane, referring to the item under 'public participation' above. It was agreed that a week is allowed for Councillor Howard to receive a reply from her enquiries with LCC and Lancaster City Council, before contacting Councillors Hunter and Maxwell-Scott.

23/31 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 6th November 2023 at 6pm at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: