

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 6pm.

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

**24/31 Public participation:**

The Chairman welcome the member of the public present, who took part in the discussion on the proposed Sustrans Scheme for Cowan Bridge.

**24/32 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**24/33 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor White declared a personal interest should any matters relating to St Peter's Church, Leck, be discussed.

**24/34 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, having been circulated were accepted as a true record, with the addition of Councillor Makinson to the list of those attending. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**24/35 Sustrans Scheme for Cowan Bridge:**

Councillor White reported on the meeting with Sustrans held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024, attended by herself and Councillor Makinson.

*(the minutes of this meeting will be attached to these minutes)*

After a full discussion, it was agreed to arrange a further Resident's Meeting, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 6.30pm at the Fraser Hall, the Clerk to arrange the booking. Publicity will be circulated to residents of the parish and several offers of help were received. The Chairman of Burrow Parish Meeting will also be invited to attend; also Jim Yeoman as an observer.

The Council is still not happy with the Sustrans proposals but feel the public should be invited to make their comments, so that the Council can have a clear mandate on how to respond to Sustrans.

**24/36 Cleaning of the War Memorial:**

The War Memorial has been cleaned but the invoice received included the deep cleaning of the lettering, which could not be achieved. The Clerk is in touch with Butterworths to ratify the situation and to ask for the invoice to be re-issued to the Parish Council, in order that the VAT may be reclaimed.

**24/37 Finance:**

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

Fraser Hall	£22.00	Hire of hall
Simon Rimmer	£50.00	Quarterly payment for Memorial Garden
T Flitcroft	£125.00	Website maintenance – annual payment
T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll administration – annual payment
K M Price	£123.16	Quarterly expenses to 30y <sup>th</sup> September, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Budget Report, prepared by the Clerk, was discussed and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Lancaster City Council in the sum of £7,100 for the financial year 2025-26. This equates to around 7.15% increase, the first for several years.

d. The new charges for the use of the Fraser Hall were noted.

e. Details of the Pay Award for 2024-25 had been received from NALC and LALC and these were noted. This equates to an increase of around 3.9%, backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The Clerk at Ireby with Leck PC is currently employed for 15 hours each month, on Salary point 20 (for 2025-26).

**24/38 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6pm at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge.***

*The meeting closed at 7.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*