

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge, on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 6pm.

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

**24/1 Public participation:** None.

**24/2 Requests for Dispensations:** None.

**24/3 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**24/4 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**24/5 Updates:**

- a. Grasscutting in Ireby. Councillor Scott has been in touch with the contractor and discussed the work required. A quotation for the grasscutting in 2024 is awaited. It was agreed that, in future, the invoices would be paid upon receipt rather than wait for the next Council meeting.
- b. Green Bin (minute 23/29b refers). Councillor Hunter would not be allowed to give his spare bin to the Council, so the Clerk will press ahead with a new application. The Council has been informed that the bins were not currently available but would be soon.

**24/6 Finance:**

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

Simon Rimmer	£50.00	Quarterly payment for Memorial Garden.
Fraser Hall	£22.00	Hire of hall
K M Price	£125.34	Quarterly expenses to 31 <sup>st</sup> December, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. Councillors Howard and White agreed to contact the Nat West Bank in order to ascertain who are the signatories on the Bank Mandate.
- c. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- d. The Clerk intimated that the law may be changing to allow Parish and Town Councils to contribute to local churches. He will keep the Council informed of developments.

**24/7 Leck – War Memorial:**

Two estimates have been received for the cleaning of the War Memorial. It was resolved that Butterworths of Kirkby Lonsdale will be used, at a cost of around £420 in total.

**24/8 Flooding in Cowan Bridge:**

Lancashire CC had attended this location two days ago and used a drain cleaner on it. It was agreed to wait to see if this has solved the problem.

The problem under the railway bridge, which has been present for over 40 years, persists and has caused serious annoyance to residents in both Leck and Cowan Bridge. The current financial situation makes it very unlikely that the LCC will be able to fund any meaningful solution to this ongoing problem.

Councillor Hunter asked to be kept informed of progress and said he would check if Burrow Parish Meeting have experienced this problem. It will be kept under review.

**24/9 Reports:**

Councillor Hunter mentioned that there will be a meeting/session on Planning at the Storey Institute on 28<sup>th</sup> February. He also mentioned the 'Love clean streets project'.

**24/10 Date of the next meeting:**

***Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 6pm at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge  
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)***

*The meeting closed at 7.25pm*

*Signed:*

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