

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge, on Monday 22nd July 2024 at 6pm.

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

24/24 Public participation:

Members of the public present were mostly in attendance in order to hear the Council's views on the Sustrans Scheme for Cowan Bridge. As this was an agenda item, a general discussion took place both before the business commenced and later in the meeting, when the Chairman suspended Standing Orders in order to allow further participation.

24/25 Requests for Dispensations: None.

24/26 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/27 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st May 2024 having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/28 Sustrans Scheme for Cowan Bridge:

A very well attended Resident's Meeting/Drop-in had been held on 8th July and the Chairman had produced a draft letter to Sustrans, which she read to the meeting.

Although not disagreeing with anything said in the letter the Council's feeling was that the extent of this response was not called for at this stage and that a brief letter to Sustrans would be preferable. Upon receiving any response from Sustrans to the Council's letter, the next Council meeting can consider further action.

The Council's initial response, therefore, will be to the effect that, although the majority of the Council is generally sympathetic to the proposed 'Greenway', neither the Parish Council or the residents support the proposals for Cowan Bridge, especially the shortage of options for both pedestrians and cyclists on an already extremely busy and dangerous road. Safety should be the first priority; which, with the proposed loss of the layby at the shop would make the village much less safe and also impinge on the Village Shop, which is an important facility.

Burrow Parish Meeting will be informed of this Council's response as will County and Lancaster City Councillors.

The Clerk will draft the response to Jim Yeoman and run it past the Councillors before sending it. (Since then, the minutes of the Resident's Meeting have been sent to Jim Yeoman).

24/29 Finance:

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

Fraser Hall	£22.00	Hire of hall
Athena Accounting		
	£50.00	Internal Audit - honorarium
Simon Rimmer	£50.00	Quarterly payment for Memorial Garden
Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council		
	£7.78	Share of ZOOM licence for 2024 (last year's was paid by KLTC)
K M Price	£145.41	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel

- b. The report from the Internal Auditor had been circulated. There were no matters to be brought to the Council's attention.
- c. The cash and budget statements had been circulated and were noted.
- d. The Clerk said that, in future, all payments to HMRC would be paid by Direct Debit. This will avoid the problems of missing payment dates and having to post cheques to the Council's signatories.

24/30 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 4th November 2024 at 6pm at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Signed:

Dated: