

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held by ZOOM on Monday 16th November 2020 at 6pm.

Present were Councillors Carol Howard (Chairman), Kathryn Hyde, Carole Scott and Jean White, Lancaster City Councillor Stewart Scothern and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Andrew Makinson and John Welbank.

The Chairman said that Mike Hartley has resigned as a Parish Councillor. The Council received this with regret and the Clerk agreed to write to him to express the Council's thanks for all the work he had done during his time as a Councillor, especially in the footpath work and on the ash dieback problems.

The Casual Vacancy has been declared to Lancaster City Council and advertised on the website and on the notice boards in the parish. If an Election is not called for, the Council will at that stage be able to co-opt a new Councillor.

20/27 Requests for Dispensations: None.

20/28 Declarations of Interest:

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

20/29 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th August 2020, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

20/30 Parish Footpaths:

There is now no Footpath Officer and it was resolved that the Action Group will consider this position at their next meeting.

Lancashire County Council, as Surveying Authority, have received an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order. The application involves amending the Definitive Map and Statement (the legal record of Public Rights of Way) to record a bridleway along Green Lane from A59 (Long Level) to the junction of Green Lane and Church Lane, Ireby.

Concern was expressed that the application refers only to a section of the "Green Lane" which runs from Todgill across the face of the Fell to the Fell road therefore a significant part of the Bridleway has been left out and it was resolved to query this with Lancashire CC.

20/31 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.

- b. The Annual Pay Award for the Clerk was noted, 2.75% backdated to 1st April 2020, as recommended nationally by NALC/SLCC.
- c. Repair of bench at the Memorial Garden - the Chairman is liaising with Councillor Makinson on this matter.
- d. Tarmac at the Memorial Garden - a quotation of £400 for this repair had been obtained from Steve Hurst Tarmac. Councillor Hyde agreed to obtain a further quotation from a local contractor. An application could be made to the Fraser Hall for financial assistance. The Chairman had spoken to Patrick Holmes, the Estate Agent, following letters from the Clerk, and it appears that the Council has the use of the area under a licence dated 13th February 1995, and the terms of the licence make the Council responsible for maintenance and upkeep.
- e. It was resolved to set aside £200 as an honorarium, in next year's Precept, for the maintenance of the Memorial Garden. The Council is grateful to Simon Rimmer for undertaking this work. Councillor Hyde agreed to obtain a token of the Council's appreciation to him, in time for Christmas.
- f. It was resolved to set aside an amount of £400 in next year's Precept, in a designated "Tree Fund" to be increased as required in the following year's precept, towards the eventual removal of the dying ash trees in Ireby. The Chairman read the report on the meeting with Nicola Child, the Trees and Woodland Officer at YDNPA; it appeared that five trees would need to be removed and a further five trees would need to be monitored.
- g. YDNPA signage in Leck - this was deferred to a future meeting of the Action Group.
- h. A request for a contribution towards the Leck Primary School gardens/allotments was considered but the Council regrets that, owing to heavy commitments in next year's Precept, no financial assistance can be offered at present. Councillor White agreed to speak to the applicant and try to help generate some interest from the community in this project.
- i. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon Lancaster City Council, in the sum of £6,599 for the financial year 2021-22. It was resolved that these will be signed when they are issued by the City Council.

20/32 Reports:

- a. **Lancaster City Councillor:** Councillor Scothern said that many of the staff at Lancaster are involved in special work due to the coronavirus crisis. Grants for both businesses and voluntary groups may still be available.

- b. **Action Group:** A letter to the Clerk from Councillor Andrew Makinson was read out, emphasising to the Council issues pertaining to the Fraser Hall. The Hall's committee members had recently all resigned and the Hall is now being run by the Trustees. It has not been possible for some time to fill all nine committee places. The future of this important facility is now in jeopardy, especially as it was stated in the discussion that followed that there are currently four 'large spaces' available for use in the village, the population of which is probably too small to sustain so many buildings. A Public Meeting is planned for early in the New Year and the Chairman agreed to represent the Parish Council at such a meeting, the purpose of which will be to gauge the how much interest there is in the parish for the Fraser Hall to continue. It was mentioned that some Parish Councils have taken over their village halls; therefore this might be considered, failing which as a last resort the Hall might close. A meeting of the Action Group is to be arranged shortly.
- c. **LALC** - no meetings have been held due to the pandemic.

20/33 Planning - *the following applications were considered:*

L/03/9A Mayfield House, Leck. Householder planning permission for removal of conservatory and erection of single storey extension which links the house to the adjacent domestic store. The extension will provide dining room, pantry, wc and the store will be altered to create a gym/store. Approval recommended.

L/02/4 Escala, Over Hall Road, Ireby. Householder planning permission for installation of 4 CCTV cameras and poles in residential curtilage (retrospective).

The Chairman read out two letters of objection to this application. The Council feels that the recommendations from Richard Graham of YDNPA should be implemented; an adjacent property is overlooked by this development and other forms of security should be considered which are more in keeping with this tiny rural community. Refusal of this (retrospective) application is recommended.

20/34 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 8th February 2021 by ZOOM at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: