

Irton with Santon Parish Meeting
Minutes
Monday 14th April 2025

Members Steve Glasson (SG) – Chair
Tonia Noakes - Clerk
Trish Adams (TA)
Ian Warren (IW)
Ken Noakes (KN)
Eric Robson (ER)
Mark Graham (MG)

01-04-25 Apologies: MG not present

02-04-25 Approve Minutes of last meeting 17th March 2025 also to include any matters arising. Approved and signed by the Chairman

03-04-25 Declaration of interest if a councillor has an interest in the matter being discussed he or she would need to declare it and act in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the council;

- a. Register of Interests: Councillors are reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
- b. To declare any personal interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
- c. To declare any prejudicial interests in items on the agenda and their nature
(Councillors with prejudicial interests must leave the room for the relevant items)

none

04-01-25 **Cumbria Constabulary Neighbourhood Policing Pledge.** TN Cumbria Constabulary launched its Neighbourhood Policing Pledge that committed the Constabulary to the provision of ten individual pledge priority areas to further support communities and the Constabulary in the delivery of Neighbourhood Policing. Cumbria Constabulary have worked with Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC) to identify those Parish Councils that best fit within the 33 Neighbourhood Policing Team localities, and they have pooled them together for us with the intention that a two councillors from each council can attend twice yearly virtual meetings with their locality-based officer. The first meeting of the Egremont Neighbourhood Policing Meeting will be on Wednesday 30th April at 6pm. This will be the first opportunity to hear about the new policing pledge, speak with your local officers and ask any questions that you might have. TN Had been contacted last week by CALC for the two councillors' names. IW said he had always had trouble accessing Teams. TA indicated the same as IW. Ken Noakes and Steve Glasson agreed to be included on the twice yearly virtual meeting. SG We could see how it goes and if it were relevant to us. TN to put names forward to CALC

05-01-25 LDNPA Letter (sent to councillors by email) IW said that because our parish has roads leading into Wasdale then this document was important. Josh McAllister's letter, which was delivered to the community also mention the same and he wondered if it was a collaboration. Councillors agreed The Cumberland Council Public Space Protection Order Key FAQ's was useful information with clear description of PSPO's and how to report PSPO violation. This document would be useful to publicise so that people knew

what to do. TA stated that if you view the link to Cumberland Council via this letter it just states 'Cumberland Council have introduced a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to aid in keeping our spaces open, accessible and attractive to all. The orders will be available from April 2025' SG email Cumberland Council to confirm that our area is under the order PSPO and once this is confirmed we can look to publish this information.

06-01-25 Parish event – ER his aim was to plan an event to make us ' the most approachable Parish Council in the area, he needed some advice on how to take in forward particularly how to contact all in the parish. A mechanism to engage with the community giving residents the opportunity to convey what they would like to see from the Parish Council and a forum to ask questions. SG Rather than a big event the possibility of a Coffee & Cake morning would be a more viable option. TN The timing of the event was also a factor if the ideas and concerns raised at the meeting were to be included in the Parish Plan that would usually be created around the AGM in May 2025. All agreed that the idea was a good one and need some thought as to what we were trying to achieve, i.e. type of event, organisation and format. ER to create an outline plan to developed by all.

07-01-25 Santon Village Speed limits update and Horse Riding accident. TN As an action from the last meeting she had been in contact with Eskdale Parish Council to establish how they had managed to get speed limit of 30 implemented. Eskdale advised that it had taken over 3 years. The key points conveyed by Eskdale

Eskdale - there were no pavements and children have to walk to school along the road. IW pedestrians do have to walk on the roads as there are no pavements and at one point of the road a public footpath style enters onto the road where cars speed past in excess of 50 mph. Duke of Edinburgh award children use this footpath.

Eskdale said it has to go out to consultation twice and then go to the "Crash" team who determine whether it justifies a change of speed limit. They look at how many accidents/near misses that have been reported. The trouble is that nobody reports a near miss, so you are reliant very much on actual accidents occurring that have been reported to the police.

Residents to put complaints in as well re speeding traffic. The more residents complain, the more likely they are to listen.

TN Eskdale also gave the contact of Karl Melville Assistant Director of Highways to invite to a meeting to discuss issues and find solutions.

IW said that he had tirelessly worked in the past to address the speeding issues but unfortunately it proved difficult to progress with such little response from Highways.

SG said that for speed limits to be changed it is a major undertaking.

It would be necessary to put an evidenced 'strong' case together rather than hearsay before Karl Melville was approached. TN said she could try to gather this evidence to pass on to the councillors to progress and hopefully find a solution to this issue that what of high concern to the residents. TN would also seek to find out what permission was needed of Smiley Face speed sign.

08-01-25 Parish Clerk Financial Update

Nat West Balance as of today £9371.99. The precept had been delayed because the original receive date was 31.3.25 which complicated the end of year accounts. It should be received within the next couple of weeks.

Usual payment of BT and Spanglefish Gold £39.95. The Spanglefish upgrade was going ahead and a new invoice would be received for the balance

09-01-25 Councillors reports on meeting attended on behalf of the PC, items for future agendas.

10-01-25 Date of next meeting Tuesday 6th May 2025 earlier start of 7pm start as this would include the AGM. The meeting is at an earlier date due to Bank Holiday and councillors commitments.

Signed by the Chairman**Date.....**