

**Irton with Santon Parish Meeting
Minutes
Monday 11th March 2024**

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

70-03-24 Apologies: Mark Graham not present. Eric Robson not present.

71-03-24 Approve Minutes of last meeting 15th January 2024 also to include any matters arising. Signed by the Chairman.

72-03-24 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

73-03-24– Pathways update IW/KN/CV

The Footpaths Working Group had met on 10th March 2024.

Chris Ventiroso was present at the meeting had previously emailed a document **‘Footpaths Working Group. Update for Irton with Santon Parish Council Meeting 11th March 2024’** (attached to these minutes) He talked the Parish Council through each item.

1. Nick Thorne advises that it is a requirement to notify landowners after the application has been lodged with LDNP rather than before and therefore Form B's will need to be resent to landowners with the applicable LDNP reference Frith's 1422.411.05 and Plumgarth 1422.411.04.

Action: TN to resend Form B's to Landowners

2. Form C's were sent blank to LDNP and need to be completed, signed and sent.

Action: TN to complete sign and send

3. As we have been unable to contact the landowner Gary William Docherty following investigation a Form D will need to be completed and sent to LDNP.

Action: TN to complete and send to LDNP

4. The exact routes claimed will need to be marked on the maps provided by Nick Thorne and scanned onto the LDNP system.
CV provided the clearly marked map.

Action: Parish clerk to scan and send to LDNP

5. In his letter Nick Thorne has provided interesting historical information relating to the Frith's path which the council need to consider. The footpath was noted as an FP on the 1900 OS maps and the Frith's path was initially included in 1953 on the draft map of public paths, as path number 81028. However, following an objection from the then landowner Mr. C.I. Gaitskill of Low Wood Hall Wasdale the FP was deleted by the council based upon evidence that this is a church road and not a public right of way. CV explained the above and advised that the Footpath Working Group would like confirmation from the Parish Council that with this knowledge the Council agree to continue with the DMMO application.

CV explained - *It is the FWG recommendation that we do continue with the application for the following reasons. Whilst it was reasonable for C.I. Gaitskill to claim that this path was a Church Path from Ain House, the route currently claimed up to the bridleway is also historically used as a walk between Irton Hall/Pond Cottage and Irton Pike for instance. We are not claiming the entire path that was deleted but only the route currently used in recent times directly across the Frith fields up to the bridleway. The ownership of the land has changed and is open access on Forestry England land for part of the route. The Frith Fields were sold by the Ain House estate to the Armitage's (previously Woolly Farm). The current presentation will need to be based upon Form E's supplemented with historical information. We recognise that sections of the deleted path are no longer used and are very overgrown and should remain so, not being affected by the current application. It could be argued that new documentation relating to the history of the path has been discovered in recent years.*

All councilors agreed that the DMMO application should be continued.

6. As stated by Nick Thorne it is most likely that the application will be determined mainly on user evidence i.e Form E's. The FWG therefore recommend that a notice be put on the Parish Council website summarising the applications made and welcoming input from local residents that may have walked these paths or have knowledge relating to them. A notice could also be put onto the Irton with Santon WhatsApp with a link to the Parish Council website. TN suggested that that she could also contact neighboring Parish Councils, Rotary Club. Also, that some residents should also have access to hard copy Form E's for completion.

CV read out the suggested covering letter which was approved.

Action: TN to place cover letter, map, and a link to Form E's on all the above

7. Nick Thorne has also raised the question as to whether the council have approached landowners to ascertain their views. *"It may be that if the landowners are perfectly happy for there to be a path here, then we could work with the Parish Council and landowners to establish one."* Plumgarth is currently farmed by a local gentleman and his views on the DMMO maybe very relevant also. KN said that he often see's this gentleman and would try and speak to him

74-03-24 Tithe Map IW

IW had again been in contact with Carlisle Records Office. Previously there had been concerns over the loss of control of the Tithe Map and the costs for copies. Andrew Wright was IW's new contact at Carlisle Records Office and he had advised that after digitalisation the estimated cost for up to 10 images was £14.85

It is estimated that the Tithe Map would take about 4 images and that half of the map is property listings which would not need to be digitalised. IW also advised that at the last event when the Tithe Map was on show photos were taken of the map. SG it is the sensible option to store the map safely and once digitalised the parish council should purchase a copy and keep appropriately. All agreed. IW to get emailed confirmation of the costs before proceeding.

75-03-24 Parish Community Get together ER update no update. Deferred as ER not present.

76-03-24 Collaboration with local parish councils.

SG reminded the council that the need for collaboration was brought about in connection with items that affected neighbouring councils and how we could work together common issues. Agenda item 78-03-24 fell into this category – please see.

77-03-24 War Memorial MG Update. Deferred as MG not present.

78-03-24 Jonnty Harrison request received by email and letter by Parish Clerk

SG had spoken to Jonnty and Eskdale Parish Council. SG discovered that the cutting of Hedgerows are the responsibility of Cumberland Council and it was contracted out to a company/individual. It was suggested that this contractor did not cut Hedgerows with walls. As a result Jonnty Harrison and another local farmer had been maintaining these hedgerows, strimming and repairing potholes etc.

Our parish and that of Wasdale and Eskdale cover a huge area and historically Jonnty had covered the maintenance of his own back.

Eskdale Parish Council employ him as a Lengthsman on an hourly basis and engage his services for annual sum. Wasdale also engage his services for an annual sum.

TN explained that she had received an email and posted flyer from Jonnty Harrison requesting payment in the form of a donation. SG said he felt incumbent to do something and raised the following questions

1. Does Irton with Santon Parish Council have an appetite to do something?–
All agreed yes.
2. Which approach should be adopted. A) a Full contract? B) Donations with conditions.

KN asked as to what the difference was in terms of our liability and input if we make a donation rather than engage in a contract? TN recalled that in the past any person working on the roads or hedgerows needed a Lengthsman qualification. The council felt the simplest route favoured option 2B (above) with the conditions that current Public Liability Insurance should be seen along with the qualification certificate of Lengthsman.

The amount of donation was discussed and the parish councillors were aware that individual households currently make independent donations to Jonnty Harrison. If the parish council donation were to go ahead then it would be made clear to residents of the parish as this in essence comes from Council Tax.

TN said she would find out who Cumberland Council had contracted. contract who is managing it. SG will be in contact with JH again to clarify the queries of PLI and qualifications.

79-03-24 Salt Grit Bins – Update, email sent to all councillors. Cumberland Council have responded to the lack of Grit bins and they have now been put in place. TN read out the email received from Cumberland and if there were any locations that the parish felt should have a Grit bin then they should let Cumberland know.

80-02-24 Parish Clerk and Financial Update

Payments Due: Information Commissioners Office £40 which a legal requirement for GDPR. Paid 14.3.24 online

BT had advised of an increase of £2.52 per month linked to inflation

Spanglefish Gold Membership £39.95 to prevent advertisements appearing on website.

Paid 11.3.24 online.

McAfee Anti-Virus was due in 26 days 2 years £119.99 or 1 year £69.99 all agreed to pay for two years.

Defib training. TN explained that the British Heart Foundation provided free online training for CPR and Defib operation. Initially via the WhatsApp Group the location of the Defib could be highlighted and people directed to BHF website for initial online training. Councillors felt that hands on training would also be a good idea. TA advised that she will contact an Emergency Responder to establish if they would be interested in providing training on a date in May 24 which would give parish council enough time to advertise the training in the parish magazine. TA to let TN know as soon as possible.

81-02-24 Councillors reports on meeting attended on behalf of the PC, items for future agendas.

82-02-24 Date of next meeting Tuesday 9th April 2024

Signed by the Chairman

Date