

**Irton with Santon Parish Meeting
Minutes
Monday 10th July 2023**

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

01-07-23 Apologies: Mark Graham

02-07-23 Approve Minutes of last meeting 17th April 2023 approved and signed by Chairman

Matters Arising – Footpaths. IW asked what position we were in with regards to asking a third party consultant to continue with the Footpath Project. All agreed that the Parish Council had agreed to support Chris Ventiroso with this project. TN - As per the last meeting she had forwarded to councillors the information from Nick Thorne LDNP on what was required to progress. TA had not received this email – TN to forward a copy. SG before the parish council could agree pursue the project with a consultant, which could be very costly, the first stage would be to look in detail at the requirements of LDNP. TA said this was realistic for deciding if the project was far too big and costly and enable the Parish Council to give it proper consideration. TN said that she felt that the next stage would be intricate and map orientated and she did not have the expertise to do this and a working group was needed. IW and KN expressed their interest to get involved with this and would also contact CV as he has a wealth of knowledge already attained.

IW & KN to liaise to set up working group and report back.

03-07-23 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

04-07-23 – Planning Matters. No new planning applications. TN to give LDNP -Julie Birkett another chase in respect of the enforcement notice issued to Mount Pleasant.

06-07-23 War Memorial MG Update. MG not present TN to ask MG for update re Stone Mason and price. IW had forwarded all previous files to MG.

07-07-23 Lengthsman SG proposed speaking to Eskdale Parish Council in respect of what a local workperson was doing for them in respect of Lengthsman duties as Eskdale Parish Council had recently advertised for a Lengthsman £17 per hour 96 hours per year all inclusive of insurance and equipment. SG although boundaries of areas of Eskdale and Irton with Santon Parish were unclear there could be the possibility of the two councils joining together and paying for services. Proposal from SG to

1. Contact Eskdale PC for access to document to replicate
2. If of interest to Parish Council then a conversation with local work person
3. Establish what the typical hours of work would be to meet Irton with Santon's requirements of keeping hedges and verges in good condition

All councillors were agreed with this proposal. SG to follow up.

08-07-23 SG suggested the potential for local partnerships with other adjacent parishes. Good opportunity for Irton with Santon to liaise with Eskdale PC and possibly Wasdale Parish Meeting to join together on common issues with the benefit for a bigger voice when engaging with Cumberland Council. Further added benefits could be jointly funding projects. TA expressed concern of the danger of being swallowed up within this. ER said it may be worth having a conversation with Councillor Andy Pratt for the new Cumberland Council and Millom Without Ward to find out what opportunities were available. SG if all councillors were comfortable, he would initially

1. Contact Andy Pratt
2. Draft a short email to Eskdale PC

All councillors agreed.

09-07-23 Parish Notice Board. All councillors agreed to go ahead with the installation of the new village noticeboard (opposite the Bridge Inn) this is to replace the old one which is a state of disrepair. Cost £700 inc VAT Supplier JD Moores – Gosforth. TN to email MG to advise to go ahead and find out payment terms

10-07-23 Parish Clerk and Financial Update. TN Annual Governance and Accountability Return had been completed. The Notice of Public Notification had been placed in the Village Notice Board which allows parishioner to view the accounts should they so wish. The Certificate of Exemption had sent and acknowledged by the accountants AJG.

Payment £137.07 - to CALC for the annual subscription, this was agreed in April but TN had not made payment yet.

Payment £59.99 for Microsoft Office

TN advised that the current bank balance and showed councillors the banking app.

SG said that this highlighted that as a council we needed to be more proactive and suggested that all councillors should be braver in putting proposals forward for consideration. TN said that in the past councillors had been involved in projects. TN said that she had spent a lot of time on last year's Survey that was sent to all residents and that these could now be progressed so that she could send out a newsletter with updates. SG said projects had been set back because of COVID but now was the time to engage again.

11-07-23 TN - The AGM should have taken place earlier in the year but due to unforeseen circumstances had not. AGM meeting date set for Monday 17.7.23 at 7pm

12-07-23 Councillors reports on meeting attended on behalf of the PC, items for future agendas.

13-07-23 Date for the next Parish Meeting would be Tuesday 8th August 2023 at 7.30 pm

Signature.....Date.....

Signed by the Chairman of Irton with Santon Parish Council