

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF IRTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD 05 AUGUST 2024 AT SEAMER AND IRTON MEMORIAL HALL

Present:

Irton Parish Council – Cllr John Luckock
North Yorkshire Council – Cllr Heather Phillips, Cllr David Jeffels
12 members of the public

Public Notice of the meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972. Copies of the agenda were provided to all attendees.

1. APOLOGIES

To receive and accept any notice of absence from the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the indefinite leave of Clerk Dawn Naylor, effective 16 May 2024. 41/24

2. RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR / QUORUM OF COUNCIL

To note the resignation of a Councillor, and temporary quorum of Council.

RESOLVED: To note the resignation of Chairman Ken Elbourne, effective 16 May 2024. 42/24

RESOLVED: To note the attendance of NYC Councillors Heather Phillips and David Jeffels for the purpose of forming a quorum. 43/24

Cllr David Jeffels advised that sufficient notice of the meeting was not provided, and that the co-option of new parish councillors could not proceed. Similarly, decisions could not be taken on matters requiring funding.

An objection was raised by a member of the public on the basis that such bureaucracy was not in the public interest. Members of the public indicated a desire to proceed with the co-option process by a nearly unanimous show of hands, to no effect.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any Declarations of Interest.

RESOLVED: That Cllr John Luckock declared a potential conflict of interest regarding item 16 on the basis that his property on Green Island may be the subject of this item. 44/24

4. MINUTES

To receive, and if approved, to sign the Ordinary Minutes held on 11 March 2024.

Cllr John Luckock objected to inaccuracies and the personal nature of the Clerk's commentary inserted before resolution 22/24. Cllr David Jeffels recommended that the minutes, as written by Clerk Dawn Naylor, be approved with comments.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of 11 March 2024 are approved with comments. 45/24

5. CO-OPTION

To review applications for co-option and affirm qualified applicants as Councillors.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 46/24

6. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 47/24

7. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To elect a Vice-Chairman.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 48/24

8. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

To elect representatives on external organisations and committees.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 49/24

9. MATTERS TO BE DEFERRED TO NEXT MEETING

To note that the confirmation of acceptance of policies, procedures and documents currently in effect will be deferred to the next meeting to allow sufficient time for review by new Councillors. Additionally, efforts will be undertaken to complete the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for approval at the next meeting.

RESOLVED: That these matters be deferred again until after the co-option of new councillors. 50/24

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive any questions or comments from the public pertaining to matters on this agenda.

Members of the public raised the following concerns:

- Farm hedgerows on Main Street are overgrown, with nettles protruding onto the pavement
- Irton Moor Lane – tall grass on bends not being cut down
 - Cllr Heather Phillips indicated that NYC will not cut the grass
 - Resident questioned whether the parish council could pay for this to be done
- Litter bin required in the layby on Ayton Road
 - Cllr David Jeffels advised that the parish council should budget for this (approximately £700)
 - Cllr Heather Phillips to check on emptying of bin once installed
- Speeding in the village continues to be an issue
 - Cllr David Jeffels suggested placing signs on private property
 - Cllr John Luckock suggested an awareness campaign – temporary signs and hand out leaflet
 - Cllr John Luckock suggested continued notices in the newsletter and on the notice board
- Parking on Main Street continues to be an issue
 - Cllr John Luckock suggested continued notices in the newsletter and on the notice board
- Kerb stones on Main Street are crumbling, proximity of No. 6, 8, 10 and 12 Main Street

RESOLVED: That the above comments be noted for further action. 51/24

11. NEW WEBSITE AND EMAIL ADDRESS

To approve implementation of a new website and email address, and election of a website editor.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 52/24

12. NEWSLETTER

To provide an update on the Newsletter, and publication on the website.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 53/24

13. PUBLICATION OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

To approve publication of Agenda on the Tuesday prior to meetings, inclusion of supporting documents with the Agenda, and publication of Minutes on the Monday following meetings.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 54/24

14. ASSET INSPECTION

To provide an update on the Asset Inspection conducted on 13 April and request for budget to perform maintenance work.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 55/24

15. BLIND ENTRANCE – DRIVE CAREFULLY SIGNS

To provide an update on the proposal to North Yorkshire Council to install signage on Main Street and Porritt Lane.

Cllr John Luckock advised that an initial proposal to NYC Highways was rejected over concerns surrounding ‘sign cluttering’, insufficient verge width, and the potential for injuries in the event of a collision. A subsequent proposal was submitted with two options: (a) signs with reduced dimensions and text, and (b) signs placed beneath the road name sign at the entrances to Main Street and Porritt Lane. This second proposal was also rejected.

RESOLVED: To note the above update.

56/24

16. MATTERS PERTAINING TO GREEN ISLAND

To hear from a group of residents of Green Island regarding concerns submitted to Council.

A resident of Green Island raised safety concerns regarding the T-junction at Green Island and Porritt Lane. Of primary concern was a lack of visibility when exiting Green Island due to hedges on the Southeast corner of the junction, and to a lesser degree due to hedges on the Northeast corner of the junction. Acknowledging that traffic mirrors had been unofficially installed, it was indicated that the mirrors were too small and created a further safety concern. An offer to remove the mirrors was declined, citing the preference for larger mirrors. Parking on Green Island was raised as an additional concern, indicating that these were not residents, but rather visitors to homes on Porritt Lane. Cllr Heather Phillips advised that NYC had reviewed the visibility at the junction, did not identify any issues and that no action would be taken. The resident insisted on meeting with NYC Highways and Cllr Heather Phillips agreed to facilitate such a meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the resident’s concerns and facilitate a meeting with NYC Highways.

57/24

17. PLANNING APPLICATION FOR SECURE DOG WALKING PARK

To provide an update on the status of the planning application with North Yorkshire Council for a proposed secure dog walking park on Main Street, approximate to Goose Mire Lane.

Cllr John Luckock advised that he attended the NYC Planning Committee meeting, along with Cllr Heather Phillips on 11 July 2024, where both councillors presented the objections of the community with regards to this application. The application was refused by a majority vote of the members of the NYC Planning Committee.

RESOLVED: To note the above update.

58/24

18. MATTERS PERTAINING TO IRTON MOOR LANE

To raise a resident’s concerns pertaining to the speed limit, heavy vehicles and road painting on Irton Moor Lane. Additionally, there are concerns regarding the advertising signage erected outside Irton Gardens.

Cllr John Luckock received a copy of an email from a resident of Irton Moor Lane to the Parish Clerk, to which the Clerk had not responded, and a subsequent letter from NYC Highways. The resident had complained about traffic issues on Irton Moor Lane including excessive speed, increased traffic volume, heavy vehicles (including buses) damaging the verges, lack of adequate roadside drainage and deterioration of line painting at the intersection with Ayton Road. Additional concern was raised regarding the new advertising signage erected in front of Irton Gardens. The NYC Highways response indicated that there would be no change to the posted speed limit, no restriction on vehicle weight and no funding available to improve road drainage. The condition of the road painting would be reviewed as would planning compliance regarding the Irton Gardens signage.

RESOLVED: To note the resident’s concerns and that Cllr Heather Phillips will follow up on inspection of the road painting and compliance of the advertising signage.

59/24

19. BUS SERVICE (EAST YORKSHIRE 128)

To raise a resident's concerns pertaining to frequency of bus service, and buses being full due to increased usage during the summer season.

Cllr John Luckock received a complaint from a resident regarding the frequency of the 128 bus service, believed to be once per hour at certain times of the day and every two hours at other times. In addition, it was mentioned that buses are often full and drive by without stopping, possibly due to increased passengers coming to the seaside during the summer season.

Cllr Heather Phillips advised that plans are in place to increase the frequency of the bus service, as part of a larger transportation scheme, and that this should take effect in the next one to two months.

RESOLVED: To note the resident's concerns and the update provided by Cllr Heather Phillips. 60/24

20. ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

To receive any items from Councillors to be placed on the next agenda.

RESOLVED: That no additional items were brought forward, notwithstanding the items from this meeting that have been deferred to a subsequent meeting. 61/24

21. CONFIDENTIAL MATTER – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE EXCLUDED

This matter pertains to Human Resource issues and is therefore subject to confidentiality.

RESOLVED: That this item be deferred to a subsequent meeting of the council. 62/24

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting date was originally planned for Monday 23 September 2024. This was rescheduled to accommodate the availability of Cllr David Jeffels.

RESOLVED: Date of Next Meeting - Monday 16 September 2024. 63/24