

Minutes of a meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge, on Monday 1st September 2025 at 6pm.

Present were Councillors Carol Howard (Chairman), Jamie Blackshaw, Colin Chick, Andrew Makinson, Carole Scott, John Welbank and Jean White, Lancaster City Councillor Shaun Crimmins, Mr Geoff Eales and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

The Chairman welcomed Lancaster City Councillor Shaun Crimmins to his first meeting.

25/22 Public participation: None.

25/23 Requests for Dispensations: None.

25/24 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/25 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2025, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/26 Ireby telephone box/ defibrillator in Ireby:

Mr Geoff Eales was invited to comment on the future of the Ireby telephone box. He has contacted the British Heartbeat Trust regarding the provision of a defibrillator in Ireby. If this is not obtainable, Mr Eales, when qualified as a Community First Responder, would be willing to act as custodian. The Council agreed that the project should be taken further and having thanked Mr Eales, authorised him to make enquiries on their behalf.

Having considered the likely cost of refurbishing the telephone box, Counsellors Chick and Welbank offered to form a work party with Mr Eales to repaint and repair the box in house.

25/27 Ireby Notice Board::

The Ireby Notice Board has collapsed and is not worth repairing. The Chairman has approached the Harold Bridges Foundation for a grant, but as a Parish Council the criteria for grants may not be met. No reply has yet been received.

25/28 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Athena Accounting Services		
	£50.00	Internal Audit (noted)
T Flitcroft	£100.00	Payroll administration – annual payment

Simon Rimmer	£55.00	Quarterly payment for Memorial Garden
K M Price	£32.58	Backpay
K M Price	£160.69	Quarterly expenses to 30 th June, including use of home office and travel

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The quarterly payment to Simon Rimmer for the maintenance of the Memorial Garden was increased to £55.00 per quarter (an increase of 10%) with immediate effect.
- d. The Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025-26 was noted and approved. (The Clerk at Ireby with Leck is currently employed for 15 hours monthly, at Point 20 on the Salary Scale).

25/29 Correspondence:

- a. Assertion 10 'Digital & Data Compliance'. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting. In the meantime I Clerk will seek advice on its relevance to this Council.
- b. The Chairman thanked Councillor Makinson for all the work he has recently carried out in the parish.
- c. It was agreed to ask for the public waste bin in Cowan Bridge to be moved to the bus stop and the waste bin at the Memorial Garden from the east carriageway on the A65 to the west carriageway.

25/30 Date of the next meeting:

***Monday 19th January 2026 at 6pm at the Frasier Hall
(this will be the Precept Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 7.10pm

Signed:

Dated: