

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Ireby with Leck Parish Council held at the Fraser Hall on Tuesday 12th May 2026 at 7.45pm.

Present were Councillor Carol Howard (Chairman), Jamie Blackshaw, Colin Chick, Andrew Makinson, John Welbank and Jean White, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Lancashire County Councillor Shaun Crimmins.

26/25 Election of Chairman:

Councillor Jamie Blackshaw was elected Chairman for 2026-27. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Councillor Makinson proposed a vote of thanks to Councillor Howard, for the way in which she had led the Council for many years. It was resolved to record this in the minutes. The Council is pleased Councillor Howard will continue to be a Councillor.

26/26 Appointment of Vice-Chairman:

Councillor Welbank was appointed Vice-Chairman for 2026-27.

26/27 Representative to the Fraser Hall committee:

Councillor White was appointed as the Council's Representative.

26/28 Requests for Dispensations: None.

26/29 Declarations of Interest:

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

26/30 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2026, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

26/31 'Assertion 10 Digital and Data Compliance':

There had been some confusion and difficulty in accessing the new email addresses. The Clerk had been in touch with A2A and they are happy to assist if they are sent a mobile number that they can reply to.

26/32 Ireby phone box and defibrillator:

A grant has been applied for to London Hearts for a defibrillator; all other avenues for funding have been unproductive. Councillors Blackshaw and Howard to liaise on this matter.

Councillor Welbank will complete the painting of the phone box very soon.

26/33 Ireby Notice Board:

It was agreed that the purchase of a new Notice Board for Ireby should go ahead. Councillor Howard and the Chairman, Councillor Blackshaw, were authorised to take the matter forward and complete the purchase of a Board in the style of the present Board in Cowan Bridge but a smaller version, taking 4 A4 sheets.

26/34 Finance:

a. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*

Clear Insurance Management Ltd		
	£612.00	Insurance premium
Simon Rimmer	£55.00	Quarterly payment for Memorial Garden
A2A Advertising Limited		
	£90.00	Website domain subscription
LALC	£61.60	Annual subscription
Fraser Hall	£12.50	Hire of hall
K M Price	£155.56	Quarterly expenses to 31st March, including use of home office and travel

b. The interim accounts for 2025-26 were noted.

c. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption from External Audit, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements. The Clerk explained the importance of each document.

26/35 Correspondence:

It was resolved to ask Simon Rimmer if he could paint the seat in the Memorial Garden.

26/36 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 14th September 2026 at 6pm at the Fraser Hall, Cowan Bridge.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated:

