

**MINUTES OF THE 243th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 16 OCTOBER AT 7.15 PM IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

**Present:** Parish Cllr George Twiname, (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, Harry Barker, Emma Twiname, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick and David Knight. Borough Cllr Barry Doughty, Denis Bell and Ann Thurlow Also **present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Angela Knowles, Rural Projects Officer; PCSO Dave Edwards (part time), Aimee Walsh, NWEM and 4 members of the public.

**1/10/12: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS**

None were expressed.

**2/10/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies, all Parish Councillors present. The Chairman sent best wishes to PCSO Perry, who is on sick leave.

**3/10/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Concerns expressed regarding drains and flooding opposite 2 Sharp Street. The drains have been cleaned but there are still problems. The trees in the park on Sharp Street are not helping the situation. As this park belongs to the parish council the Chairman asked if the Clerk to contact our landscape contractor. **Action Clerk/Redsyke**

Jordan Hopkins and his friend Jake asked if the skate park on the community field could be upgraded. Some of the equipment is loose and other skate parks in the area are much better. Cllr Doughty said he will look into this matter with the Borough Council. The parish council thanked the two lads for attending this meeting and bringing this matter to their attention. **Action Cllr Doughty**

The shrub area on Turnstone Crescent is very overgrown and encroaching onto the pavement. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain a price from Redsyke to tidy this area. **Action Clerk/Redsyke**

**4/10/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 17 JULY AND 7 AUGUST 2012**

These were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

**Proposed Cllr Mason**

**Seconded Cllr E Twiname**

**Agreed**

**5/10/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING**

**5/10/12/1: Broadband Update.** Planning applications have been made to upgrade the BT cabinets in Askam and Ireleth.

**5/10/12/2: Parking at Junctions.** The police have received reports about vehicles obstructing the junction at Blea Beck, parking on Ireleth Brow and parking illegally at Askam School, the police are monitoring the situation. The Chairman asked that people continue reporting any incidences to the police by telephoning 101.

**5/10/12/3: Facebook.** Cllr Gaskell is pleased with the way facebook is working and it seems to be a good way of interacting with the community. This is an especially good way of communicating with the younger members of the village and is the medium Jordan used to contact the parish council regarding the skate park.

**5/10/12/4: Website.** The Clerk and Angela met with Ryan and the website is almost ready to 'go live'. The website is looking very good and informative and will be an asset to the parish council and a way of communication with the whole of the parish.

**5/10/12/5: Access to Beach at Duddon Road.** Angela received a response from Boughton Estates and their preferred option would be for a locked gate or barrier to be fitted and the Inshore Rescue hold a key. They would not want the area to have open access. Cllr Wilson will take this back to Duddon Inshore Rescue. **Closed**

**5/10/12/6: Public Toilets.** Cllr Doughty and Angela and still negotiating with the various agencies regarding re-opening the toilets on Duke Street and will keep the parish council informed when any firm costs are available. Cllr Doughty hopes we can work together in this matter. Cllr Gaskell voiced her concerns regarding the deterioration of the building and the fact that the guttering and slates are broken. Cllr Doughty said this will be addressed. **Ongoing**

**5/10/12/7: Pavement, Duke Street.** No update from Cumbria County Council. **Ongoing**

**5/10/12/8: Picnic Bench for Community Field.** Clerk will order picnic bench and seat from Haverigg Prison Services Workshop and ask Redsyke to fit. There is usually a 6 week delivery time.

**Action Clerk**

**5/10/12/9: Flooding in Village.** Flooding remains a problem especially on Moor Road and Ireleth Road. Highways are aware of the problems and Cllr Doughty said that Highways have brought forward their programme to work on Moor Road. On Ireleth Road Cllr Doughty said that a multi-agency approach is being used to try and locate the problem. The parish council understand the public's concerns and along with the Borough Councillors will try to push for a solution to this problem.

**Ongoing**

**5/10/12/10: Foreshore Access.** Cumbria County Council's Officer has looked at this area. There seems to be a problem with the mapping of this path. The Officer suggests the parish council contact the County's mapping Officer. It was agreed the Clerk should do this.

**Action Clerk**

**5/10/12/11: Bins on Ireleth Road.** The Clerk contacted Biffa, no reply has been received. Cllr Gaskell agreed to speak to the residents concerned and report back to the parish council.

**Action Cllr Gaskell**

**5/10/12/12: Overgrown trees on Ireleth Road.** No response received from Cumbria County Council. Cllr Gaskell will speak to the residents regarding these trees.

**Action Cllr Gaskell**

**5/10/12/13: Pavement, Ireleth Road.** No response from Cumbria County Council. **Ongoing**

#### **6/10/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE**

PC Dave Edwards had been called away from the meeting, in his absence Cllr Gaskell read out the report. The police are pleased to report that they continue to see a reduction in crime, when compared to April – September last year. For September there have been five crimes in the village – 2 making off from taxis without paying, 1 theft from a washing line in Duddon Road, male apprehended and 2 thefts from vehicles. There was also a neighbourly dispute in John Street which resulted in a male stumbling and receiving a leg injury.

#### **7/10/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER'S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES**

Angela reminded the parish council that the free trees from the Woodland Trust will be arriving on 5 November and they need to decide areas where these trees can be planted. The Lots would like some for the community field and the Jubilee oak will be planted in the Jubilee garden. Cllr Gaskell suggested that the schools may like some and she will contact both schools. Maybe the children could help with planting. **Action Cllr Gaskell**

Angela is continuing her work on the parish plan and will need the parish council's input.

Continued negotiations are taking place with Sellafield and the rail owners regarding parking in the village and the possibility of re-opening of the toilets on Duke Street.

Angela is discussing and highlighting flooding hotspots with Highways and the initiative 'Making space for water' group. Many communities have been affected by the flooding and the County Council realise it is very frustrating for residents, but they are doing their best to prioritise and work with various agencies on these problem areas.

#### **8/10/12: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK**

B21/2012/0400 – 9 Manx View, erection of single storey side/rear extension. Cllr Doughty explained there has been a misunderstanding regarding this application and he has visited the applicant.

B21/2012/0670 – Erection of detached single storey garage at rear of 121 Steel Street. No objections were expressed by the parish council or any members of the public present.

#### **9/10/12: UPDATE FROM MEETING WITH LIBRARY SERVICES – ANGELA KNOWLES**

Angela met with Tom Holliday and asked that the parish council form a sub-committee to meet with Tom to discuss the library service in Askam. A document was given out regarding usage of the library which shows a downturn in usage of the library. New signage will be put up at the library and a questionnaire regarding opening times will be handed out. Making the library more attractive to users is a key issue and something the library service would like to discuss with the sub-committee. The Clerk will organise this with the parish councillors.

**Action Clerk/Angela**

#### **10/10/12: TREES AT STEEL STREET/SHARP STREET**

Cllr Mason was happy that this item had been discussed in public question time. The Clerk will keep him updated with progress once Redsyke has visited the area.

#### **11/10/12: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2012**

The Clerk has now made most of the arrangements. Everyone should meet at the Rankin Hall at 2pm for the procession to the cenotaph. Afterwards refreshments will be available at the Rankin Hall. It was agreed to purchase a wreath at £16.50 and make a donation to the Royal British Legion and Askam Band of £50.00 each.

**Proposed Cllr Twiname**

**Seconded Cllr Gaskell**

**Agreed**

#### **12/10/12: EXTRA GRASS CUTTING**

Cllr Hadwick said that the area in Sharp Street near the allotments was overgrown with brambles and was catching people as they walked past. A price of £75.00 has been received from Redsyke and Cllr Hadwick asked the parish council to accept this quotation.

**Proposed Cllr Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Knight**

**Agreed**

#### **13/10/12: ALLOTMENTS**

Angela met with the Borough Council regarding land for allotments in the village. The Borough Council have intimated that a piece of land could be made available. Angela asked that the parish council to visit this land and consider whether they want to take this further.

**Action All**

#### **14/10/12: PRECEPT AND BUDGET**

A short meeting was held prior to the parish council meeting to discuss the budget for year 2013/14. The Clerk has given documentation to the parish councillors to consider. Advice from CALC regarding setting the precept was discussed and it was felt the parish council would wait for further advice. Another meeting will be held in the next few months to discuss budget proposals.

**Proposed Cllr Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Gaskell**

**Agreed**

#### **15/10/12: ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS**

The annual accounts have been returned from BDO LLP and are available to members of the public. The accounts are in order, with 3 recommendations – the parish council re-write and accept new standing orders and financial regulations, which the Clerk has produced and handed to the parish councillors to read, comment and accept by the next meeting. Also our asset register must be changed to show purchase date and where equipment stored, the Chairman will help the Clerk with this task.

**Proposed Cllr Mason**

**Seconded Cllr Twiname**

**Agreed**

#### **16/10/12: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Doughty gave the report on behalf of the Borough Councillors for Dalton North. This included an update on negotiations regarding the public toilets in Duke Street. Cllr Doughty reported on his involvement in the Highways group meetings and handed out a document with Highways priorities and work to be carried out over the next year. The Chairman thanked Cllr Doughty for this information and thanked the Borough Councillors for attending the meetings.

#### **17/10/12: CLERK'S REPORT, INCLUDING FINANCES**

The Clerk distributed the monthly finance report for the parish councillors to read.

**Proposed Cllr Gaskell**

**Seconded Cllr Wilson**

**Agreed**

**18/10/12: CORRESPONDENCE** - *To check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.*

**18/10/12/1 – Deletion of footpath 602029 at Roanhead farm.** Notification received from Cumbria County Council. Anyone wishing to objection must do so before 16 November 2012.

**18/10/12/2 – Questionnaire from ENWL.** Cllr Gaskell agreed to complete.

**Action Cllr Gaskell**

#### **19/10/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Clerk' salary £255.89, printer cartridge £28.26, mobile top-up £30, Redsyke £1861.25, Community Centre £28.00, Carnival insurance £430.00, Annual Audit £342.00.

**20/10/12: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.

Signed ..... Dated .....

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