

**MINUTES OF THE 312th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2019 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council: Cllrs Harry Barker, Chairman; Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman; David Knight, Mike Cumming, Steven Smalley, Alan Mason, Sandra Hadwick; also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and 1 member of the public.

1/03/19: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Mike Cumming item 15/3/19/1 and 15/3/19/2. Cllr Steven Smalley item 15/3/19/2.

2/03/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Louise Johns and County Councillor Ben Shirley.

3/03/19: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/03/19/1: Street Cleaning in Askam and Ireleth. The member of the public asked to record the vast improvement with cleanliness in the streets of Askam and Ireleth. He said that having Clayton from Barrow Borough Council Streetcare team in the village one day per week was making a huge difference. The parish council agreed and said that Clayton was making a huge difference not only with litter but clearing weeds in the gutters and around the bus shelters, railway station and jubilee fountain area. Streetcare will be bringing the mechanical sweeper to the village in the near future.

4/03/19: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19 FEBRUARY 2019

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

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

5/03/19: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/03/19/1: Moor Road – No further updates.

Ongoing

5/03/19/2: Footpaths, Ireleth – The clerk had walked part of the route and although it is extremely muddy the work to the bridges is excellent.

Closed

5/03/19/3: Sun Street/Hollowgate Road – Response from Keiron Tetchner is that he is unclear as to the extent of the public highway at the junction of Sun Street and Hollowgate Road and is seeking information from additional sources. This needs to be confirmed before authorising any works. With regards to road markings these will be completed when the weather improves.

Ongoing

5/03/19/4: Motorised Vehicles using Beach area. This continues to be a problem with motorcycles racing around in the SSSI area and grassed area at the Lots causing damage to the area. They are also making their way over to National Trust land at Roanhead. These motorcycles are not legal as they have no registration plates and should not be using the Bye Way. They have also been using the Bridleway along the beach from Duddon Road to Dunnerholme, where there is NO access to motorised vehicles. The Clerk was asked to update the police on this situation and asked residents to report incidents to the police by phoning 101 or emailing 101emails@cumbria.police.uk.

5/03/19/4: Planters for village. These have been received and fitted.

6/03/19: TO REPORT ON POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS

Crime figures for February 2019 – anti-social behaviour 2 reports for illegal motorcycles on the beach, 2 assaults, 1 domestic and 1 resident of Hawthwaite House, but this did not happen at Hawthwaite House, no burglaries, 2 criminal damage 4 vehicles on Sharp Street over a period of time since 2016, 2 reports of bird feeders and nets damaged near Blacks Pond, 2 theft, made off without paying at Ireleth Village Store and credit card fraud, 0 drugs.

7/03/19: TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

Reference Number : B21/2019/0177 **Location :** 236 Ireleth Road Ireleth Askam-in-Furness Cumbria LA16 7DP

Proposal : Demolition of existing single storey extension and replacement with new single storey extension with mono pitched roof to provide dining room and utility extension. No comments or objections.

Reference Number : B21/2019/0192 **Location :** 237 Ireleth Road Ireleth Askam-in-Furness Cumbria LA16

7DL Proposal : Single storey rear extension forming extending kitchen, dining and living room and associated alterations. No comments or objections.

Reference Number : B18/2019/0215

Location : Barn @ Park Farm Park Dalton-in-Furness Cumbria LA15 8JZ

Proposal : Minor Material Amendment in relation to conditions no.2 (Approved plans), no. 3 (drainage details) and condition no.7 (Exterior walls) following grant of 2017/0704 Prior Approval of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to a Dwelling houses (use class C3) , and for associated operational development - for conversion of agricultural buildings into two dwellings.) to allow for a wet dash render finish to all external walls. No comments or objections. The Clerk was asked to respond to Barrow BC Planning.

08/03/19: PARISH PLAN – CLLR BILL WILSON

Following on from the meeting with Barrow Borough Council regarding the issues raised from the questionnaires, Cllr Bill Wilson and Mike Cumming met with County Councillor Ben Shirley and Keiron Tetchner of Cumbria Highways. Items such as upgrade of the Lots Road, street lighting, speed indicators on Ireth Road, speed limit on A595 near Lots Road junction were discussed in detail. Also, other issues raised in the questionnaires were distilled down and submitted to Highways for their response. The meeting was very positive. Cllr Alan Mason has been working on the opening pages of the parish plan and a meeting would take place to collate all the information. Cllr Bill Wilson felt the plan was on track for being completed by June 2019.

09/03/19: PARISH COUNCIL CO-ORDINATION GROUP (SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES) MEETING

Cllr Cumming explained that following an initiative by Michael Gove secretary of State for the environment asking for proposals to review boundaries of the National Park, Friends of the Lake District and The Lake District National Park had commissioned a report into extending the boundaries in Cumbria. The report is due by the end of March following which there will be a road show in the affected areas describing the findings of the survey. This should happen June – August this year. The process then will be for a proposal to go to Natural England for their consideration. They then may come out to public consultation prior to submitting their recommendations to Government sometime in the winter of 2019/2020.

10/03/19: INCREASE IN RENTAL FOR RANKIN HALL

A letter had been received from the Rankin Hall committee to advise that as from 1 April the hourly charge for renting the Rankin Hall would be increased from £5.00 to £7.00. This was agreed and accepted by the parish council and a budget adjustment would be made.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

11/03/19: PLANTER AT LOTS ROAD/A595

Cllr David Knight asked if the parish council would finance the planting of this area. The parish council agreed that this was an asset to the village and agreed to fund the planting.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley

Agreed

12/03/19: SATURDAY LIBRARY ASSISTANT FOR ASKAM LIBRARY

The Clerk had received notification that one of the library assistants has resigned her post. This vacancy will be advertised by Cumbria County Council and it is hoped the position can be filled as soon as possible.

13/03/19: BOROUGH AND PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The elections will take place on 2 May 2019. All parish councillors have their nomination forms.

14/03/19: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow asked if the parish council would pass a resolution to support Fairtrade and the use of Fairtrade products. This was discussed and although the parish council support Fairtrade in principle they were unsure how they can make a commitment to use Fairtrade products as they do not provide any type of catering. As no member was willing to join the steering committee the resolution was not passed. Cllr Thurlow mentioned that agreement had been reached between Barrow Borough Council and the owners of Tudor Square Car Park area.

15/03/19: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly financial spreadsheet was made available to all parish councillors.

15/03/19/1: Pay Increase for Clerks. A national pay award for clerks of 2.7% had been awarded. It was agreed that the Clerk should be given this pay increase.

Proposed Cllr Harry Baker

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

15/03/19/2: Youth Activities. The Clerk asked if the parish council would like to share the what was remaining in the youth activities budget with the 4 major groups who cater specifically for the young people in the village, Askam Youths, Drop Zone, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Rainbows and Brownies. This was agreed and a sum of £100.00 would be sent to each group.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

15/03/19/3: Archiving of Parish Council Documentation. It was agreed that the Clerk could archive parish council documents.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley

Agreed

16/03/19: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

17/03/19: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Temperance Hall rental for parish council meetings 2018/19 £40.00, Archie Workman, Parish Lengthsman work on Moor Road and Steel Street park £64.00, Askam Pensioners rental of Rankin Hall for Drop Zone and Parish council meetings 2019 £130.00, Cllr Mike Cumming mileage to Grizebeck for PCCG meeting £6.75, Fork shafts for snow shovels for Duddon Inshore Rescue £66.10, Clerk £3.00 parking at Barrow Town Hall attending election briefing, copy paper £6.98, dog waste bags for police pod £15.90, Aqua ProJet monthly landscape and maintenance £570.84 and fixing bins at Duddon Road Car Park £65.00, £100.00 each to Drop Zone, Askam Youth Action, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers and Askam Rainbows and Brownies, Amberol £1,278.25 for new planters, Cumbria CC Saturday Library Assistant £468.08.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

18/03/19: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 April 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed by **Bill Wilson**

Dated 16 April 2019