

MINUTES OF 258th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2014 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM IN FURNESS

Present: Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, David Knight. Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; PCSO Louise Perry and 5 members of the public.

1/02/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Harry Barker item 6/02/14/8.

2/02/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Borough Councillor Denis Bell and Barry Doughty.

3/02/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions were raised regarding Planning Application B20/2013/0705 – Change of use of allotment adjacent to 52 John Street. The parish council has received an email from the Planning Officer to say that this application maybe on the agenda for the March planning committee meeting. Concerns were raised regarding a number of projects which are being carried out by the owner of this land which have been highlighted to the Planning Officer. The latest issue is the planting of trees on the outside of the perimeter fence. The parish council instructed the Clerk to inform the Planning Officer of this.

Action Clerk

4/02/14: RESIGNATION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS

Letters of resignation have been received from Parish Councillor George Twiname and Emma Twiname. The resignations were accepted and the Clerk was asked to begin the process of advertising the vacancies. Letters of thanks will be sent to both Councillors to thank them for their service to the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

Due to the resignation of Cllr George Twiname there was a vacancy for Chairman of the Parish Council. Proposals were made and seconded, it was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Harry Barker as Chairman and Cllr Bill Wilson as Vice Chairman.

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

5/02/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JANUARY 2014

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

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

6/02/14 PROGRESS REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6/02/14/1: Triangle of Land at Ireleth Brow. As ENWL are carrying out substantial work to this area, it was agreed to close this item for the present time. Closed

6/02/14/2: Wall at Jubilee Garden. As this area belong to Barrow Borough Council it was agreed to close this item for the present time. Closed

6/02/14/3: Fencing at Memorial. Permission received to remove old fencing and install the new fencing. The Clerk has instructed A K Fencing to begin the work as soon as possible. Ongoing

6/02/14/4: 20 mph Repeater Signs for Village. Suggestions for areas of concern were put forward and the Clerk will inform Cumbria Highways, Traffic Manager. Closed

6/02/14/5: Toilets and Bus Shelter, Duke Street. No update from Borough Council. Councillor Alan Mason and Bill Wilson offered to be the liaison between Barrow Borough Council and the Parish Council on this issue. The Clerk will inform Councillor Doughty and the Borough Council. Ongoing

6/02/14/6: Dog Fouling. Our Community Police Officer has been putting up signs and speaking to residents. Forms have been given to residents to report persistent offenders. The local paper highlighted the problem in

Askam and Ireleth with dog owners not picking up. The litter bin has been removed from the Taste of India to Duddon Road and relocated to Duddon Road, in the hope that dog owners will pick up in the Duddon Road/Headlands area. The Police and Borough Council Officers will be monitoring the situation, dog fouling is an offence which does carry a fine. Closed

6/02/14/7: Parking in the Village. More complaints have been received regarding parking in the village, particularly in Duke Street and the surrounding area. Councillor Doughty passed the suggestions on how to deal with the problem to the Cumbria County Council Highways for their views and the parish council hope they implement the suggestions to try to alleviate the problem for our village. Ongoing

6/02/14/8: Land Registry (27 Dalton Road). Councillor David Knight updated the parish council on the correspondence received from land registry and will keep the parish council informed of any future correspondence regarding this issue. Action Cllr Knight

6/02/14/9: Facebook. Cllr Mason has closed the page. Closed

6/02/14/10: Saturday Morning Library Opening. The Clerk reported that the post of Library Assistant for Askam has been accepted by a local lady. It is hoped that the Saturday morning open will begin in early April.

7/02/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

PCSO Louise Perry reported that crime had been low in January with 5 reports of anti-social behaviour, damage to a motor home on Duke Street and damage to a garden gate. Councillor Knight mentioned cars parking on the pavement on Ireleth Road, PCSO Perry said she would look into this. Opening times for Askam police pod are posted on notice boards throughout the village and a Police Officer will be in attendance. The Chairman thanked the PCSO for her report.

8/02/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B18/2014/0115 – Installation of a 5kw wind turbine on an 18 metre tower at Quarry Bank Farm, Stewner Park, Marton. No objections received or voiced at the meeting.

B18/2014/0400 Installation of 1 micro scale wind turbine at Park Farm – Refused.

9/02/14: UPDATE FROM DROP ZONE

Keiron Christian gave an update to the parish council on the work Drop Zone are carrying out in the village with our young people. The group of young people is growing and they are getting involved in projects and community projects. Keiron and his fellow youth workers are pleased with the response they have received from the young people and hope to build on these projects with them. Drop Zone are working with a Sports Councillor to provide facilities for the young people on Monday evenings in the Community Centre. Keiron asked if the parish council would be willing to contribute of £200.00 towards materials for their project work and this was proposed and agreed.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

Mike Cumming said he was still working with the young people regarding updating equipment for the skate park. He would be meeting a representative from Wickstead at the skate park on Tuesday 25th February. Once he had an idea of costs, Mike would contact the parish council and Barrow Borough Council and if they were in agreement he would apply to WREN for funding. Mike will keep the parish council informed of any progress he makes,

10/02/14: PARISH PLAN

Cllr Mason reported that the workshop with Julia Wilson had been very useful and work to the action plan was progressing. It was agreed to hold a further meeting with the parish plan sub-committee on Tuesday 25th February.

11/02/14: PLANTERS FOR VILLAGE

Cllr Denise Wilson reported that together with Cllr Hadwick and the Clerk they had visited Tythe barn nurseries to look at planters and planting schemes for the village for this year. Cllr Wilson asked that the parish council agree to purchase some planters to place around the village to brighten up areas in response to requests from the parish plan questionnaires. It was agreed that 3 planters would be purchased and planted up this year in locations around the village. If this was successful then others would be considered. Cllr Hadwick asked that a new litter bin could be purchased to replace the one by the telephone box on Duke Street which was in a poor condition. This was also agreed and the Clerk was asked to obtain best prices and purchase these items.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

12/02/14: UPDATE ON WORK BY THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY AT BLEA BECK

Work has commenced to raise the bank at Blea Beck to try to prevent flooding to the properties on Waterside. Work is also being carried out in the field with draining to help prevent flooding in Dale Street. Duddon Inshore Rescue are still monitoring the metal grill at Blea Beck and will help clear if it gets blocked with debris. With the work to the surface drains by Cumbria Highways and the work at Dalemount Service Station and further down Ireleth Road, I am sure we all hope that Dale Street residents get some respite from flooding. John and Brenda Tyson have expressed their gratitude for the help they have received from the parish council in bringing all the agencies together. Thanks also to Barry Doughty for work with the flood group and bringing their plight to their attention. The parish council asked the Clerk to thank all the agencies concerned.

Action Clerk

13/02/14: CLEANING AND REPAIR OF WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk presented two quotations for cleaning and repair of the war memorial, which were discussed. The quotation of £2995.00 from Askin & Little was agreed by the parish council. The Clerk would contact Barrow Borough Council to obtain their approval.

Barrow Borough Council contacted the parish council with an offer of a gazebo for the memorial garden which they thought would be a feature for the commemoration of the beginning of WW1 this year. The parish council agreed this would be a pleasing addition and would fund the installation of the gazebo as part of the commemoration year.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

14/02/14: BEACH CLEAN, SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2014

Cllr Denise Wilson reported on this item. There has been a good response from our scouts and cubs, Community Pay Back and members of the public who plan to help with the beach clean. Duddon Inshore Rescue will help co-ordinate the event and Cllr Bill Wilson offered to produce a Risk Assessment document. The Clerk was asked to purchase gloves and litter pickers, a judgement as to whether a skip would be needed could be made on the day.

Action Cllr D Wilson, W Wilson & Clerk

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

15/02/14: REPORT FROM CLERK (including Monthly Expenditure Update)

Copies of the expenditure spreadsheet was made available to all parish councillors.

15/02/14/1: Budget Adjustment

The Clerk asked for the following budget adjustments to be considered:

£750.00 to Highways Projects – contribution towards the Speed Indicator (minute 9/12/2013).

Library Services decrease to £200.00 because of the delay in recruiting a Library Assistant for Saturday mornings.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

15/02/14/2: The Clerk received a call from Askam Rugby Club regarding the fence near Headlands Park/Jubilee Garden area. As this land belongs to Barrow Borough Council, the Clerk advised them to contact the Borough Council.

16/02/14: CORRESPONDENCE *(to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.*

16/02/14/1: 2 requests made for funding were discussed, it was felt that they did not meet the criteria for parish council funding.

16/02/14/2: Request from a local company to have a link from our website to theirs. It was felt it was not appropriate, as the parish council should be impartial.

17/02/14: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENTS

Clerk's salary £345.30, Photocopying for WW1 commemoration £42.00, Printer Cartridges £8.65, Monthly Phone Usage £20.00, Printer Paper £7.00, Dalton & Newton Town Council £750.00.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

18/02/14: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 March 2014 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed **Dated**