

MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTIETH MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2012 AT 7.15 PM IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM

Present: Parish Cllrs. George Twiname (Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, Liz Gaskell, Emma Twiname and Denise Wilson **Also present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Rural Projects Officer, Angela Knowles; Borough Cllr Denis Bell; PCSO Louise Perry, 4 members of the public.

1/2/12: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were expressed.

2/2/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Cllrs Harry Barker and Alan Mason, Borough Councillor Barry Doughty.

3/2/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was asked if the Parish Council knew if any plans are being made in the village to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations. The Parish Council have not been approached regarding any celebration plans and PCSO Perry, who is a member of the Askam & Ireleth Carnival and Events committee said she will ask at their next meeting. The Chairman hopes that this event will be celebrated in the village.

A member of the public asked for an update on the request for extra notice boards in the village and this item will be covered in item 5/2/12.4.

A question was asked regarding the Deed of Trust for the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane. The Chairman said that the Temperance Hall has its own committee and the Parish Council have no involvement with this committee. He suggested the matter should be taken up with the Temperance Hall committee or through legal channels. This is not a matter for the Parish Council.

A request for a sign at Greenscoe directing traffic to the quarry was requested to prevent heavy wagons mistakenly using the Greenscoe road and then having to reverse. A request will be made to the owner of the quarry.

Action Clerk/Cllr Barker

4/2/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 17 JANUARY 2012

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

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Wilson

5/2/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/2/12.1: Dog Fouling. This is an ongoing problem which concerns everyone in the village. PCSO Perry will report on the recent patrol made by the police in the village. A quotation received from Redsyke to clear the path between the rugby club and bowling green was accepted by the Parish Council. The Clerk will inform the rugby club and the bowling green and then ask Redsyke to commence the work. Hopefully this will make dog owners think twice about leaving their dog dirt all along this path, as it is at the moment.

Action Clerk

5/2/12.2: Sign on Ireleth Road. No progress. Cllr Gaskell will try to get this sign painted and repaired.

Action Cllr Gaskell

5/2/12.3: Trailer back of Duke Street. The police contacted the owner and it has been moved to give better access to vehicles.

Closed

5/2/12.4: Extra Notice Boards. The Clerk spoke to Dr Jain and he is willing to have a notice board in the entrance to his surgery on Parklands, this notice board has been ordered. Mr Nadeem at Dalemout garage said that once he has completed the alterations to the shop he will be willing to have a notice board sited there.

Action Clerk

5/2/12.5: Litter at Urofoam. The Borough Council have cleaned this area, but unfortunately it is an ongoing problem and litter is beginning to reappear.

5/2/12.6: Step at Marsh Street and Headlands Park. The Clerk has written to the Borough Council regarding both these issues. The Parish Council agreed that the area should be kept as a public green space and the Parish

Council will offer to look after this area with agreement from the Borough Council. A meeting will be arranged with the Borough Council as soon as possible to discuss both these matters. **Action Clerk**

5/2/12.7: Ireleth Road hedge. No progress, the Clerk has reported this to Highways, but it is believed that the hedge belongs to the owner of 14a Ireleth Court Road and the Clerk will try to contact them.

5/2/12.8: Beach Area – Duddon Road. Further work has been carried out by ENWL, which seems to be holding up against the high tides at the moment. **Closed, being monitored**

5/2/12.9: Parking on Ireleth Brow and Visibility on Lots Road. Cars are still parking on Ireleth Brow, this is something which needs to be discussed with the police and Highways. Letter sent to Mr Steele regarding hedge on Lots Road. Mr Steele spoke to the Chairman and raised concerns about litter being thrown over his hedge, which is a reason why he keeps it high. The Parish Council sympathise with Mr Steele, but they will again write and ask him to consider lowering the hedge for better visibility for traffic. If Mr Steele is unwilling cut the hedge, then the Parish Council will seek advice from Cumbria Highways. **Action Clerk**

5/2/12.11: Street Light – Marsh Street. The Clerk and Cllr Wilson have visited the area in question. Angela Knowles suggested photographic evidence was made and then a letter sending to Cumbria County Council. **Action Angela/Clerk/Cllr Wilson**

5/2/12.12: Agreement between Parish Council and Responders. Cllr Emma Twiname will liaise with the Clerk and an agreement will be set up regarding the defibrillators. **Action Cllr Twiname/Clerk**

6/2/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

PCSO Louise Perry reported that in January 2 windows were damaged – one at Urofoam and one at Teal Close. The pod has been manned by another member of the team in PCSO Perry's absence.

PCSO Perry report that a patrol had taken place in February with regard to dog fouling in the village. The patrol had spoken to dog owners who do not have their dogs on a lead, but no-one had actually been caught fouling. An initiative is being set up with the community police and the Borough Streetcare team to reward people who pick up. Askam will be included in this scheme. The Parish Council thanked the police team for included Askam and hoped it would help with this problem. Free dog waste bags purchased by the Parish Council are available at the police pod. Patrols will continue to try and apprehend people who allow their dogs to foul.

7/2/12: UPDATE FROM RURAL PROJECTS OFFICER – ANGELA KNOWLES

Parish/Community Plan. Angela had circulated the comments from the question regarding what the residents would like to see for the village in 15 years time. These answers were very interesting and something for the Parish Council to work on. Angela spoke of some of the main issues raised, which included parking and roads in the village, young people projects and the cleanliness of the village. Angela will arrange a separate meeting with the Parish Council to discuss a way forward and progress the plan further. Cllr Wilson suggested a date before June for the public meeting.

Rural Joint Committee Meeting. The next rural joint committee will be on 14 March 2012 and Angela will bring up some of the items which concern the Parish Council and the village. Importantly Angela will try to ascertain any cuts in services the Borough Council are planning in next year's budget.

Woodland Trust. The Woodland Trust is offering trees free of charge to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee celebration. The Parish Council agreed Angela should look at this for the village.

Website. Another quotation for a website had been obtained, but this was more expensive than Red Abbey. Angela will ask Red Abbey to revalidate the quotation and bring it to the next meeting for consideration.

Askam Railway Station. The open day will be on Saturday 25 February. Angela will be at the community centre to answer any questions and the Station will be open for people to view. It is hoped that from this open day there will be enough interest to generate a 'Friends of Askam Station' group to look after the station. Also it is hoped that some interest in a future use of the building could be generated.

Street Cleaning. Angela reported that Borough Councillor Barry Doughty has spoken to Barry Brookes from Streetcare regarding cleaning the Streets of Askam on a regular fortnightly basis.

Library Service. Cumbria County Council library services have requested a meeting with the Parish Council. Angela is the liaison officer for this and will let the Parish Councillors know when this meeting is to take place.

Public Toilets, Ireleth. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Parochial Church Council.

ICAS (Independent Complaints Advocacy Service). Angela has received leaflets from this service which are to help people who have any complaints regarding the NHS. The leaflets can be obtained from Angela or ICAS on 0808 802 3000.

8/2/12: REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES – COUNCILLOR SANDRA HADWICK

B/21/2012/0003 – Park Lodge Hawthwaite Lane – Alterations and extensions, including reconstruction of garage and garden shed.

B21/2012/0040 – September House, Greenhaume, demolish outbuildings & construct garage

B13/2012/0005 – Askam Hotel, Victoria Street – conversion to 3 terraced houses.

The Parish Council have received no objections from members of the public and no objections expressed by the Parish Councillors or anyone present at the meeting regarding the above.

B13/2011/0300 – Appeal regarding land between 101 and 107 Beach Street.

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State regarding the refusal of planning permission by Barrow Borough Council. A number of objections had been received by the Borough Council from residents of Beach Street. The Parish Council had not received any objections directly from members of the public.

B18/2012/0091 – Lots Road Junction – All weather turnout area for horses.

This was a recent application and although the Parish Councillors have no objection it was felt they should wait to see if any objections were received from residents before responding to the Planning Officer.

B21/2011/0725 - Land adjacent to 91 Duddon Road – Consent granted.

B21/2011/0874 – 5 Caspian Road – Consent granted.

9/2/12: EXTRA GRIT DELIVERY

The County Council delivered an extra 3 tonnes of grit this will be made available to residents who are short of grit.

11/2/12: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

Correspondence received from Lord Lieutenant's office regarding the 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 3 June for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The Clerk has sent for more information. Cllr Wilson said it may be nice to organise a walk with a lunch afterwards utilising one of our footpath walks. Cllr Hadwick agreed with this suggestion. The Chairman hoped that the village will celebrate the jubilee as it is a very important, he asked the Parish Councillors to think of ways we can mark the occasion.

12/2/12: OVERGROWN HEDGES

Cllr Hadwick has received complaints regarding bushes and shrubs over-hanging people's property and encroaching onto footpaths and pavements. The Parish Council have written to residents in the past regarding this problem. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Hadwick.

13/2/12: LITTER AND UNSIGHTLY AREAS

Litter is a problem and the Parish Council have received numerous complaints. The Clerk has a list of areas which are of most concern and she will write to the Borough Council. The Clerk will also ask the Borough if they can tidy some of the unsightly areas. If Parish Councillors think of any areas they have concerns with they should contact the Clerk and she can add it to the list. Redsyke are keeping the areas managed by the Parish Council clean and tidy.

14/2/12: UNMANAGED AND UNUSED LAND

Cllr Hadwick said that there seemed to be areas of land in the village which were unkempt and unused and asked if the Parish Council could ascertain who they belong to and ask the owners to look after and manage these pieces of land. Angela suggested a map was put together of Askam and Ireleth and the areas which caused concern highlighted and then the Parish Council could ask the Borough Council who have access to the land registry for details of ownership.

Action Cllr Hadwick

15/2/12: PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS - VENUE

At the meeting in January at the Temperance Hall it had been quite cold in the hall and complaints were made. The Clerk has been in contact with the Temperance Hall and it has been arranged to show the Clerk how the heating works and then she can make sure the hall is warm enough for the meetings. Parking is also an issue at the hall, but this is something that unfortunately there is no solution to. Everyone present was satisfied with this solution and felt it was important that the meetings were held both in Askam and Ireleth.

Action Clerk

16/2/12: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING FINANCES)

The financial report for the month was made available to all Parish Councillors .

16/2/12/1: An invitation to attend the Love Barrow Community Awards had been received. Cllrs Emma Twiname and Denise Wilson will attend and represent the Parish Council.

16/2/12/2: A forum on Localism is being held in Penrith. The Clerk and Cllr Hadwick will attend.

16/2/12/3: The Clerk asked for help in completing the bus stop infrastructure information form received from Cumbria County Council. The form will then be completed and returned.

17/2/12: CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondences are available to view at the meeting:

17/2/12/1: Cllr Hadwick asked about the documentation received from Centrica regarding the Biomass Plant. The Clerk said that quite an amount of documentation had been received as well as a DVD and it is available for the Parish Council to view.

17/2/12/2: A poster from Barrow Borough Council advertising the International Market which will be visiting Barrow Thursday 1 to Saturday 3 March.

17/2/12/3: Letter and form from Grantscape regarding grant given for Community field. Angela will liaise with the Chairman to complete and return this form.

Action Angela Knowles

13/2/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk 'salary £255.89, Donation NWAA £100.00, postage £4.32, printer cartridge £17.98, envelopes £1.54.

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Wilson

14/2/12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14/2/12.1 Update on broadband received from Mike Cumming. Mike is in communication with BT North West Regional and will arrange a meeting in the near future regarding new upgrade to Dalton exchange and hopefully Askam and Ireleth. Mike will keep the Parish Council informed.

15/2/12: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20 March 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed Date