

MINUTES OF 255th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2013 AT THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, Chairman, Emma Twiname, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Bill Wilson. Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; PCSO Louise Perry and 4 members of the public.

1/11/13: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

2/11/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Councillor David Knight, Denise Wilson. Borough Councillor Barry Doughty and Denis Bell.

3/11/13: APPOINTMENT AND DECLARATION OF NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

Bill Wilson made his declaration of office to the parish council and accepted the position of Parish Councillor, which is a co-opted position.

4/11/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

5/11/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2013

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

Proposed Cllr Emma Twiname

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

6/11/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

6/11/13/1: Faulty Street Lighting. The Clerk has reported 15 faulty street lights some of which have been repaired.

6/11/13/2: Flooding in Dale Street. Work to the surface drains on Ireleth Road has been completed by Cumbria County Council Highways and seems to have been successful. The Environment Agency are still liaising with residents of Daley Beck regarding work to Blea Beck. Cllr Doughty reported that a flooding programme for the drains and culverts on Moor Road was in hand, however in the meantime the drains have been cleared of leaves and debris to help with the dispersion of water. Closed

6/11/13/3: War Memorial. The Borough Council has carried out some cleaning work to the war memorial. The parish council are a little concerned that this cleaning has left water marks on the memorial and asked the Clerk to contact both Borough Councillor Denis Bell and the Borough Council to ask their advice on this matter and see if the marks can be removed. Action Clerk

6/11/13/4: Footpath 602054 – Saves Lane. As Councillor Denise Wilson was not at the meeting this item could not be addressed.

6/11/13/5: Community Gate, John Street. An agreement has been reached with the resident who opens and locks the gate. The gate appears to be sticking and the Clerk was asked to contact AK Fencing. Action Clerk

6/11/13/6: Remembrance Service. The Chairman reported that the Remembrance Service was well attended and thank everyone involved.

6/11/13/7: Children’s Play Area Sign. The Clerk would progress this item with the Borough Council. Action Clerk

6/11/13/8: Paving near Telephone box. This item was highlighted to Barrow BC at the Rural Joint Committee Meeting, as yet there has been no response from the Borough Council. Action Cllr Hadwick

6/11/13/9: Unmanaged Land in Askam belonging to Barrow Borough Council. This item was highlighted to Barrow BC at the Rural Joint Committee Meeting, as yet there has been no response from the Borough Council. Action Cllr Hadwick

6/11/13/10: Triangle of Land at Ireleth Brow. Cllr Thurlow has not yet received a response from Barrow Borough Council.

Action Cllr Thurlow

6/11/13/11: Flooding Resilience Training. Duddon Inshore Rescue attended this training at Barrow Town Hall on behalf of the village.

Closed

6/11/13/12: Wall at the Jubilee Garden. Since the last meeting the Clerk informed Gutters to Gardens that the parish council accepted the quotation. The work has not been started, the Clerk will contact the company.

Action Clerk

6/11/13/13: Work at the Jubilee Fountain Area. Our landscape contractor Redsyke has completed this work and the area looks much better and the parish council have received some nice comments. Thanks to Cllr Harry Barker for providing the top soil. More planting will be done next year.

Closed

6/11/13/14: Pavement Beach Street/Headlands. As no response has been received from the Rural Joint Committee the Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Cumbria County Highways regarding this item, as vehicles are driving too fast and mounting the pavement at the corner of Beach Street at the junction with the Headlands. This in part is due to the pavement being at road level. Cllr Hadwick mentioned that the shrubs to the side of this pavement are encroaching onto the pavement and could be hazardous to pedestrians. The parish council have offered the residents help in cutting back these shrubs, but they have not taken up the offer.

Action Clerk

7/11/13 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Reports to the community police for the month had been very low. 2 reports of youth anti-social behaviour, 1 nuisance phone call. Break in at the Urofoam site.

8/11/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B20/2013/0705 – Change of use of allotment to allow siting of 2 residential caravans (twin axel) and 1 storage caravan (retrospective), John Street, Askam (adjacent to no 52).

Residents of John Street expressed their concerns regarding this application to the parish council. Their main concerns being the poor state of the road in John Street and the fact they did not believe the road could withstand any further residential dwellings. The parish councillors agreed with the residents and said they respond to the Planning Officer with these concerns. An application for a dwelling on this land was refused in 2008 because of the road and the parish council have been assured that no developments will be allowed until the road is made up to an adoptable standard. The Clerk will respond to Barrow Borough Council and ask it is delegated that the planning committee have a site visit.

Action Clerk

The residents are also concerned that the waste collection wagons are using this road and it is damaging the road, as they drive down there too fast. The Clerk will speak to Barrow Borough Council.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

9/11/13: PARISH PLAN

Cllr Alan Mason is in the process of meeting up with Liz Gaskell to collate all the work Liz has done and incorporate into the plan. This will hopefully be available at the next meeting. Items such as work at the cenotaph and recognising the centenary of the beginning of WW1 next year will be part of the plan, as well as items from the 'Wish List'. Correspondence from Julia Wilson of Action for Cumbria had been received which was proving very useful to Cllr Mason. Also Julia asked if the parish council would like to draw down money from a fund agreed by ACT our parish plan. The parish council agreed the Clerk should complete the forms and return to Julia.

Action Cllr Mason/Clerk

10/11/13: BEACH CLEANING – CLLR DENISE WILSON

As Cllr Wilson was unable to attend the meeting because of work commitments, this item will be carried over to December's meeting.

11/11/13: PARKING IN AND AROUND DUKE STREET

Our County Councillor Barry Doughty asked that the parish council discuss the problems of parking in and around Duke Street and report back to him. PCSO Louise Perry has been working on this problem and the Chairman agreed to meet with PCSO Perry to look at these areas.

Action Chairman/PCSO Perry

12/11/13: UPGRADE OF LOTS ROAD

The parish council and residents have in the past made requests to Cumbria County Council Highways for this road to be upgraded. The poor quality of the road and the fact that it is not fit for purpose has been even more noticeable this year as the railway crossing has been closed on more than one occasion due to works in that area. The parish council will write to Cumbria County Council to ask them to consider work to the Lots Road as a priority.

Action All Councillors/Clerk

13/11/13: QUOTATION FROM AK FENCING TO REPLACE OLD FENCING AT MEMORIAL GARDEN

A quotation had been received from A K Fencing and this was discussed by the parish council. Option 1) 63m of 1.2m high galvanised vertical bar railings at a cost of £3099.00 plus VAT was agreed. If the owner of the field next to the memorial agreed the old fencing will be removed at a cost of £300.000 plus VAT, otherwise the new fence will be fitted in front of the old fence.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

14/11/13: GRIT BINS AND GRIT PILES

Cllr Denise Wilson had checked all the grit bins and grit piles in the parish and reported back to the Clerk, who had sent the details to Cumbria County Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Denise Wilson. **Closed**

15/11/13: WISH LIST

The Clerk would like permission to purchase a Christmas tree for Duddon Road Church. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr George Twiname

Agreed

16/11/13: REPORT FROM DROP ZONE

Kieron Christian, Drop Zone Youth Worker, reported that things are well with the Drop Zone meeting and working with the young people on Projects in the Rankin Hall. Although resources are minimal the young already want an extension on the time opening. They seem really happy that they have somewhere to meet and area actively asking for opportunities to raise money for equipment to use in Askam.

The good news is that the Drop Zone were successful in their 0-19's bid and this is in no small way due to the parish council supporting them by paying the rent for the hall. They shall now be able to purchase computer equipment for use in Askam. Keiron is still working on the equipment for the skate park with the young people and trying to get extra input from other skate park users.

17/11/13: BROADBAND UPDATE

Mike Cumming reported that unfortunately there is no good news on Broadband for Askam and Ireleth. He has a contact at BT who has informed him that this project has slipped by 18 months, which Mike thinks is pretty appalling. The latest information is that completion will not be before Christmas, which probably means sometime in quarter 1 of 2014 (maybe). Mike will keep in touch both with the parish council and BT.

18/11/13: BUDGET PREPARATION AND PRECEPT FOR YEAR 2014/15

The Clerk asked that the parish councillors agree to meet very soon to prepare the budget and set the precept. The Clerk was asked to book a date and inform all the parish councillors.

Action Clerk

19/11/13: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all the parish councillors, this was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

20/11/13: REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

The parish council were reminded that the Borough Councillors surgery would take place in the library on Saturday 30 November between 9.00 and 10.20 am. Everyone was most welcome to discuss matters with their Borough Councillor.

21/11/13: CORRESPONDENCE *(to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting)*

21/11/13/1: Letter from Askam and Ireleth First Responders. The responders are finding it difficult to recruit new members to their team, which is voluntary. The parish council agreed that this is a very worthwhile cause and an

