

**MINUTES OF THE 295th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2017 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Denise Wilson, Alan Mason, Steven Smalley and Mike Cumming; also present: County Councillor Ben Shirley, PCSO Louise Johns, Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Johns and 4 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed Cumbria County Councillor Ben Shirley to the meeting..

1/09/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Harry Barker item 5/09/17/2.

2/09/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and Parish Councillors David Knight.

3/09/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/09/17/1: Children's Play Park, Saves Lane. A question was raised regarding the children's play park on Saves Lane regarding the maintenance of the area around the outside of the park on Common Hest. It was asked if the Clerk could contact the Borough Council and ask for details of what work their contractor is contracted to do in this area.

Action Clerk

4/09/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18 JULY 2017

County Councillor Ben Shirley asked that an amendment be made to these meetings to state that he had sent his apologies for this meeting. The Clerk was asked to make this amendment. With this amendment the minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record and duly signed and dated by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Steven Smalley

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

5/09/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/09/17/1: Parking on Walker Street/Duddon Road. There have been no reports made to the Parish Council or Police of vehicles being parked on double yellow lines. Councillor Ben Shirley reported that Parking Officers would be visiting Askam and Ireleth and asked that residents make sure they park properly to avoid parking fines.

Closed

5/09/17/2: Weekend working at Greenscoe Quarry: The resident who brought this to the parish council said that this was still happening on occasions. Councillor Harry Barker said he had spoken to his staff and told them this was not acceptable. He would now speak to sub-contractors who use the quarry.

Closed

5/09/17/3: Parking at the corner of School Street/Duke Street. There have been no reports made to the parish council or the police. Double yellow lines will be installed by Cumbria Highways.

Closed

5/09/17/4: Speeding on Ireleth Road. No further reports. The Speed Indicator Device has been on Dalton Road from 1st until 31st August: Total number of vehicles one way 94,900 the 85% projectile being 33.9 mph. Councillor Cumming asked if we could get more useful information from the SID i.e. how many cars were travelling within the speed limit and how many over the speed limit. The 85% projectile is not easy to understand for the layman. Councillor Ben Shirley said he would feed this information to Cumbria County Council Local Committee to see if road calming could be put in place in this area.

Action PCSO/Cllr Shirley

5/09/17/5: Painting of Police Pod. Clerk contacted CJS and inform them that their quotation is acceptable to the parish council. PCSO Johns asked if the notice board on the Pod could be repaired. The Clerk would attend to this.

Action Clerk

5/09/17/6: Road Closure and Work on Moor Road. Update from Cumbria Highways: Road closure is still in progress, the work itself is on behalf of IRP (Infrastructure Recovery Programme) Team. The Clerk has emailed the Project Manager for IRP, Councillor Ben Shirley has also sent emails to the Highways team.

Action Ongoing

5/09/17/7: CCTV Camera upgrade: This system is working well and the protocol for its' usage has been uploaded onto the parish council website and signage has been installed. The system is accessible by our Community Police 24/7. Cllr Shirley asked if you could have information from the CCTV system regarding congestion at Askam Railway Crossing. Cllr Cumming would action this. **Action Cllr Cumming**

6/09/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR MIKE CUMMING

B21/2017/0443: Gable Cottage, Greenhaume, Demolition of original porch and erection of a shun room to front elevation (retrospective). No comments or objections raised.

B21/2017/0467: 14a Ireleth Court Road, Askam Extension to house swimming pool and associated gymnasium. Residents contacted the parish council and asked that they respond with their concerns that the main water pipeline runs just beyond the present boundary and may be affected by the proposals.

B21/2017/0526: 32 The Headlands, Askam Double storey extension to provide a ground floor garage and first floor bedroom and bathroom over garage. No comments or objections raised.

B8/2017/0506: Land at Lots Road, Erection of 3 agricultural buildings (retrospective). Comments regarding planting to screen the development from the Lots Road and entrance to the village. The applicant be considerate of the households nearby.

B20/2017/0466: Proposed kennels at land at Hawthwaite Lane, Barrow in Furness: Change of use from agricultural land to dog kennels, including erection of 4 kennel blocks, office building, and staff accommodation/training building. Proposal includes construction of new access road from the highway, car park, fencing and landscaping. Comment this is a large development which may have planning issues. The parish council felt that the Planning Officer was more equipped to deal with this application. The Clerk was asked to respond.

7/09/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO LOUISE JOHNS

Report for July 2017 – 7 anti-social behaviour; youths on motor bikes in Beach Street, 2 of abusive text messages, loud music between Askam School and Brickworks, youths at Burlington ponds. 2 reports of criminal damage to vehicles on the Headlands and Estuary Park. No reports of assault, burglary, theft or drugs.

Report for August 2017 – 3 anti-social behaviour, 3 youths on moped, 2 youths on motorcycles on Beach Street, Loud music on Furnace Place. 1 report of theft of a mobile phone from the Black Dog. No reports of assault, burglary or drugs.

8/09/17: SILVER SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2017

Cllr Denise Wilson said that just 2 people were interested in attending the event at the Forum in Barrow. She asked the parish council to agree to provide a taxi for these people to attend.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

9/09/17: LANDSCAPING OF SMALL AREA IN MEMORIAL GARDEN

Cllr Bill Wilson read out the quotations and it was decided to go for the option of a membrane and slate chippings at a cost of 400.00. The contractor would try to complete the work before this years' Service of Remembrance.

Proposed Cllr Steven Smalley

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

10/09/17: REPLACEMENT LITTER BINS

Cllr Denise Wilson asked if the parish council would agree to replace the 2 litter bins on Ireleth Road which were looking very shabby. A cost of £197.95 per bin was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Harry Barker

Agreed

11/09/17: COMPLETION AND CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL AUDIT

This had been completed by the external audit BDO, Southampton. A notice of completion will be placed in the Parish Council notice board.

12/09/17: SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – 12 NOVEMBER 2017

The Clerk was asked to make the necessary arrangements for this years' Service of Remembrance.

13/09/17: UPDATE FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cumbria County Councillor Ben Shirley introduced himself and stated he has been working hard to champion our community with Cumbria CC. He thanked Cllr D Wilson for assisting in a car parking issue on Sharp Street/Steel Street. He has been appointed as shadow cabinet member for Schools & Learning and is Vice Chair for the scrutiny Board for Children and Young people. He is addressing various concerns raised in the village regarding parking and is pushing the Highway Committee to hold a site visit. He is keen to help raise the level of “civic pride” and would like to explore the idea of Street Angels in Askam (replicating an organisation in existence in Barrow). Would like to explore the possibility of opening up the recreation area in Steel Street/Sharp Street as a car park, to be discussed at a later meeting. He also stated that he will be holding further surgeries in Askam and would like the support of the PC to advertise this. Finally there have been complaints of ASB in the community park to him, and this will be pursued by the PCSO and Cllr Shirley with perhaps the support of youth workers from the Drop Zone. The Chairman thanked Cllr Shirley for his report.

14/09/17: REPORT FROM CLERK – INCLUDING FINANCES

An updated financial spreadsheet was made available to all Parish Councillors to inspect. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

The Clerk asked for a meeting to review this year’s expenditure and to prepare a budget for 2017/18. Tuesday 10 October at 7.00pm was agreed.

15/09/17: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

15/09/17/1: An invitation for 2 people to attend the presentation evening on Wednesday 27 September at 7.30 pm at the London House. Cllr Barker and his wife will attend.

15/09/17/2: Invitation to CALC Annual General Meeting on 18 November 2017, Carlisle Racecourse. Cllr Mike Cumming will be attending as this will be the meeting when Barrow Borough will join the CALC Executive. Cllr Cumming would like another member of the parish council to attend. He asked that they look at their commitments and consider attending this meeting and also the RJC.

16/09/17: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Monthly Landscaping and Maintenance for August 2017 £916.00, extra cutting of shrubs on Harris Street and Alexander Place £160.00, Ryan Terpilowski adding CCTV protocol to website £40.00, BDO LLP Annual Audit £276.00, Monthly Landscaping and Maintenance for September 2017 £916.00.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

17/07/17: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17 October 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth

Signed ...Cllr Bill Wilson..... Dated 17 October 2017.....