

**MINUTES OF 265th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2014 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Bill Wilson Vice Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, David Knight, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough and County Cllr Ann Thurlow and Denis Bell, PCSO Louise Johns and 4 members of the public

1/10/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/10/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Cllr Denise Wilson and Borough and County Councillor Barry Doughty.

3/10/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/10/14/1: A member of the public asked if a sign could be fitted at Greenscoe to indicate the way to the quarry. PCSO Johns said she would look into this with Cumbria Highways. Action PCSO Johns

3/10/14/2: A member of the public raised concerns regarding the provision of broadband to Ireleth. Our Broadband Champion Mike Cumming would discuss this issue later in the meeting, as the parish council has received correspondence from other members of the Ireleth community.

3/10/14/3: Complaints have been received regarding visibility along the Lots Road and the fact that the hedge needs to be cut again. The Clerk will contact Highways. Action Clerk

4/10/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER 2014

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

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming Secoded Cllr Bill Wilson Agreed

5/10/14: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/10/14/1: Cycle Path, Greenscoe. There had been some confusion with the cycle path and it was explained that the problem area was the cycle path on the A595. The Clerk will contact Cumbria Highways and asked them to look at the area. Action Clerk

5/10/14/2: Damage to Street Light Column on Ireleth Road. The Clerk reported this after the meeting and the column has been removed. The issue will be getting it replaced and the Clerk will keep progressing this with Highways. Ongoing

5/10/14/3: Sellafeld Parking. The Local Plan has identified the site as ready for development and hopefully discussions can start with the Land Owner on getting an area of the land, nearest the toilets, allocated as a car park for approx. 20-30 cars.

5/10/14/4: Tipping of Rubble on Askam Beach. No progress. The Clerk asked if Cllr Mike Cumming and Sandra Hadwick could ask for advice and input from the Duddon Estuary Partnership group. Cllr Cumming would ask for it to be put on the agenda. As the Environment Agency and Natural England usually attended these meetings it could be a good source for advice on this matter. Action Cllr Cumming

5/10/14/5: Public Toilet Area, Duke Street – Planning permission has been approved to demolish the toilets and there are a number of conditions attached including supply of a plan to support the planting regime. M&P are establishing a tender process and hopefully go out to tender for the works within the next few weeks.

5/10/14/6: War Memorial. A quotation received from Redsyke to remove the grass around the memorial and replace with blue slate chippings has been received at a cost of £200. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker Secoded Cllr Alan Mason Agreed

A further quote for pruning the cherry trees, removing some of the lower branches of the sycamores and removing the dead sycamore was received at a cost of £480.00. The Clerk would liaise with Barrow BC regarding these trees.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

5/10/14/7: Silver Sunday. This event had been a huge success and enjoyed by everyone who attended. Graham Standing did a fantastic job of providing the entertainment. Cllr Denise Wilson was to be thanked for the work she put in to organising this event. Due to the success it is hoped we can have other events in the future.

Closed

5/10/14/8: Beach Clean. Although not as many people attended as at the last beach clean the team still managed to collect a huge amount of litter and rubbish. A disappointing issue was the amount of dog waste and dog waste bags which had just been left along the beach. It is difficult to understand how dog owners think this is acceptable in such an outstandingly beautiful area. Cllr Steve Smalley said that the scouts were unable to attend because they had been at camp. But they would endeavour to attend any other beach cleans and asked that they were given notice of any future events. Again Cllr Denise Wilson, together with Duddon Inshore Rescue and everyone who turned up to support the event were thanked for their efforts. Closed

5/10/14/9: Commemorative Seats. The seats had been delivered to Barrow Park and they would store them for us until they were ready to be fitted into the memorial garden. A quote of £180.00 had been received to provide a concrete base, deliver and erect the seats. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

5/10/14/10: Removing of Bus Subsidies. There had been no update, but the subsidies would cease on 9 November 2014 and the parish council hope from Cumbria County Council in the near future.

6/10/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

B20/2014/0645 – Change of use of Paddock to domestic garden and recreation area at Greenscoe (Island opposite Park Knott) – concerns were expressed both by the parish councillors and members of the public present. There is an outstanding complaint regarding the caravan being sited on this land and concerns regarding the change of use from agricultural land. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Planning Officer with these concerns.

B29/2014/0461 – Demolition of Public Toilet Block, Duke Street, - approved with conditions

B13/2014/0452 – New development of 4 houses and shed with associated roads, parking and landscaping, Lord Street – approved with conditions

B18/2014/0079 – Reinstatement of Shore Bank at Marsh Farm (retrospective) – approved with conditions

All planning applications can be viewed on Barrow Borough Council Planning website.

7/10/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

There has been 9 reports of anti-social behaviour 3 youth related, 4 neighbour disputes, 1 regarding a dog and 2 criminal damage. 4 reports of theft – theft of a mobile phone outside Askam Co-Op, money stolen from Dunnerholme Golf Club, this is being dealt with under the Community Resolution Scheme, money from a house and a pedal cycle stolen, recovery of which is ongoing. A meeting was held with the police and Clerks from Dalton, Askam and Lindal regarding the Speed Indicator Device (SID). Findings from the device have been analysed and there is evidence of speeding on roads where the SID has been placed. These will be targeted by the police with a speed laser gun in the near future. Suggestions for future use of the SID is near Ireleth School and on the A595.

8/10/14: BARROW BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN

A hard copy of the plan has been received from Barrow Borough Council and is available for all parish councillors. Concerns were raised about the amount of land being made available for building within Askam and Ireleth. The concerns were regarding current infrastructure, roads, drains and sewerage which the parish council do not feel is of a standard to support these developments. These concerns will be sent to Barrow

Borough Council. An Open Event will take place on Thursday 16 October and parish councillors will attend to voice these concerns.

9/10/14: BUDGET 2015/16

The Clerk asked if a sub-committee could be formed to discuss next year's budget which would then set the precept for the year. Cllr Steve Smalley, Bill Wilson and Mike Cumming agreed to part of this sub-committee and a date would be set to meet.

10/10/14: ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH PLAN

Councillor Bill Wilson gave a brief update on the plan and asked that the sub-committee meet to discuss progress and set some goals and stake holders for some of the issues on the plan. The Clerk will try and set up a meeting. It was suggested that this meeting should to part of the budget meeting as the plan forms the basis of the budget.

11/10/14: GOOD COUNCILLOR TRAINING

Cllr Steve Smalley and Mike Cumming had attended the training given by the Cumbria Association of Local Councils. Cllr Smalley said they had both found it worthwhile and that the Instructor had been very knowledgeable. He said it was also good to meet Councillors from other Town and Parish Councillors from other areas of Cumbria.

12/10/14: SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The Clerk asked if the parish council would like her to organise the Service of Remembrance which will be on Sunday 9 November 2014 in the same format as previous years, with the same arrangements. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

13/10/14: UPDATE FROM MORECAMBE BAY PARTNERSHIP SEMINAR

Cllr Sandra Hadwick attended this meeting on behalf of the parish council. She reported that most of the topics concerned the bay and not area around our estuary. The main speaker was from National Grid regarding the North West Coast Connection. National Grid will be holding an open event in the Community Centre, Askam on Saturday 1 November and residents should try to attend as this could affect our community. A map of seldom known places in Cumbria is being developed and will be available soon. Details of the new Cumbria Coastal path was presented by Natural England which is in the planning stage at the moment.

14/10/14: LIBRARY USAGE

The Clerk reported that library usage has improved slightly, but still more users are needed to help keep our library. Karen who works on a Saturday is starting a monthly book club, the first meeting will be on Saturday 18 October. It is hoped that Karen gets support for her efforts. The parish council do not want to lose our library and hope the village will support this facility.

15/10/14: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH & COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ann Thurlow mentioned that Dalton Town Council were hoping to provide a plaque at Dalton Cemetery with details of their Commonwealth War Graves. She said this maybe something our parish council would like to look into. The Clerk said it was something she had looked at and contacted the War Graves Commission and although they have plans to fit signs to cemeteries which have Commonwealth War Graves, it maybe some time before they get to Ireleth. It is something the parish council could consider funding, but this would need to be agreed with the Parochial Church Council who have responsibility for the Churchyard.

16/10/14: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure spreadsheet was made available to the parish councillors. This was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley

Agreed

17/10/14: CORRESPONDENCE

17/10/14: Letter from Askam Village School – this letter from the PTA asked for a contribution towards the new playground surface needed at the school after it was vandalised some time ago. The parish council asked the Clerk to send a grant/donation form to the school for them to complete and return to the parish council for consideration.

17/10/14: Broadband, Ireleth – in answer to the question from a member of the public and an email received from Mrs Donnelly. Cllr Mike Cumming explained that there were 2 variations of the High Speed Broadband Roll-out in Cumbria, 1- BT's own commercial Initiative, 2- Cumbria County Council and Government initiative. Askam & Ireleth fall under the first initiative and Askam is now connected. However reported issues related to a Section 58 imposed by the Cumbria Highways on the A595 where the Ireleth CAB is located and the perceived difficulty of resolving this resulted in BT removing CAB 6 from its programme. Local residents escalated the matter to the Evening mail, County Councillor and MP. Cumbria Highways have now lifted the Section 58 as of 29th September. The possibility of it being completed under Cumbria County Council initiative is unlikely before the next round of funding in 2016. Cllr Cumming agreed to try and get BT to reinstate CAB6 into the commercial roll-out programme and will contact BT on behalf of the residents and the parish council.

18/10/14: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Mr Ian Standing, paint for gazebo and gift for entertainer for Silver Sunday £50.96, Jennifer's favourites afternoon tea for Silver Sunday £125.00, Skip hire for beach clean £150.00, CALC Councillor training x2 £59.00, mileage for councillor training Cllr Steve Smalley £20.66, phone charge £20.00, Morecambe Bay Conference Cllr Hadwick £12, 2nd class stamps £6.36, Dog waste bags £17.82, Laminator pouches £9.85, Royal British Legion, 2 x poppy wreaths and crosses for war graves £46.00, Redsyke annual maintenance 2nd instalment £1641.25.

19/10/14: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 November 2014, Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth at 7.15 pm

Signed ...*Harry Barker*..... Dated*18 November 2014*