

MINUTES OF 278th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2015 IN THE RANKIN HALL, ASKAM IN FURNESS

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Alan Mason, David Knight, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; County Councillor Barry Doughty, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; PSCO Louise Johns and 4 members of the public.

1/12/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

2/12/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Parish Councillor Bill Wilson.

3/12/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public raised his concern about the safety of the A595 in the area around Greenscoe and Askam Brickworks. The Chairman said that this would be included in discussions for in item 8) on this agenda.

A member of the public asked if the surface of the lay-bye on the Askam Road could be improved. The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria Highways. *Action Clerk*

4/12/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2015

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

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

5/12/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/12/15/1: Street Lighting, Furnace Place. Highways have come up with a proposal for the street lighting, there are some issues to look at and these will be progressed in the New Year. *Action Clerk*

5/12/15/2: Public Toilet Area: The wall separating the toilet area from the adjacent field has collapsed due to the rains and Barrow BC are in contact with the owner. The new bus shelter has been ordered. The new bins will be ordered in the New Year. *Action Cllr Cumming*

5/12/15/3: Plaque for Jubilee Fountain. Cllr Steve Smalley has been unable to make any progress with this and Cllr Knight said he would progress it now. *Action Cllr Knight*

5/12/15/4: Coastal Erosion at Duddon Road Picnic Area. Awaiting progress from Barrow BC. *Action Cllr Cumming*

5/12/15/5: Hedge on Lots Road. Highways have been contacted awaiting progress. *Action Clerk*

5/12/15/6: Raised beds for the Youths at the Community Centre. Work has been completed. *Closed*

5/12/15/7: Repairs to Jubilee Garden wall. Work will begin on 6 January 2016. *Ongoing*

5/12/15/8: Rose Garden at Memorial Garden: Roses have been delivered and will be planted 16 December.

5/12/15/9: Planted Area at Turnstone Crescent: Has been tidied up and much improved. *Closed*

5/12/15/10: Common Hest- Barrow BC reviewing situation and are in contact with Payback. *Ongoing*

5/12/15/11: St Peters' Churchyard: Redsyke has completed the first cut of the Churchyard and looks excellent. *Closed*

5/12/15/12: Precept: Letter sent to Barrow BC confirming Precept to remain the same at £27,000.00 *Closed*

5/12/15/13: Christmas Story Time: Cllr Smalley reported all on track for the Storytime in the library on Wednesday 23 December at 6 pm *Ongoing*

5/12/15/14: Yellow Lines Lord Street: Highways have added this to next year's programme *Ongoing*

5/12/15/15: Overhanging Vegetation A595: Clerk has contacted Better Highways *Ongoing*

5/12/15/16: Speed Humps Duke Street: Clerk has informed Highways about the loose Speed Bumps *Ongoing*

5/12/15/17: CCTV at the Co-Op: Working well, Trelore Alarms coming to check on 21st December. Cllr Cumming also reported on the possibility of remote controlling the system *Ongoing*

6/12/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

PCSO reported that there had been 4 incidents of ASB 2 neighbourly disputes. No burglary, no criminal damage, no drugs, no violence. Stats from SID being downloaded and will report next meeting.

7/12/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

New Applications

B21/2015/0779 – 5 Blea Beck, Askam in Furness, removal of existing conservatory and replacement with a rear sun lounge.

Application was discussed no objections.

B21/2015/0819 – Netherclose, Tippins Lane, Ireleth, extension to existing domestic garage to garden room/fishing store and store room with additional garage.

Comments were made in regards to the potential increase in use of the vehicles accessing and leaving the site onto that which is already a dangerous part of the A595. The excavation of the banking to a depth of 2.5m could cause problems with potential subsidence at the road verge, we cannot determine from the drawings the scale of the construction of the retaining wall, heavy traffic on this stretch of road will determine the type and size of the retaining wall to be constructed. The stretch of road in this area is susceptible to flooding, and would benefit from some form of surface water drainage, to prevent the possibility of flooding to this new dwelling. The Clerk was asked to respond. *Action Clerk*

8/12/15: JUNCTION OF LOTS ROAD AND A595

A member of the public asked if the parish council could bring to the attention of the relevant authority the junction at the Lots Road and A595. His wife recently had an accident there and he feels something needs to be done. This was discussed along with the recent fatal accident further along the A595 which resulted in a request to be made to Highways to review the situation and take into consideration the accidents and fatalities that have happened on this stretch of the A595 in recent years. *Action Clerk*

9/12/15: JOINT RURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Cumming and Hadwick attended the JRC and reported back on the meeting. Barrow BC Chief executive has written to the owner of the land behind the Rankin Hall and asked for it to be cleaned up. *Ongoing*

10/12/15: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

Update received from Barry Doughty CCC on flooding issues and also an area of possible funding. Arriva North are the new franchisees for the area. Cllr Thurlow reminded us of the DONG fund which will be £650K per annum for local entities to access.

11/12/15: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING EXPENDITURE)

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

12/12/15: CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence received was made available for all the parish councils to view.

Cllr Cumming reported on the Drop Zone and showed a Christmas card made by one of the young people.

13/12/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

HBP Limited top soil for planter at Lots Road £113.90, Askam Pensioners rental of Rankin hall £200.00, Red Syke extra landscaping includes Turnstone Crescent Area, Raised Beds at Community Centre and tidying Ireleth Churchyard £3195.00, Roses for the memorial garden £619.20.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

14/12/15: CHAIRMAN

Before we close the meeting can I would like to mention the Christmas light switch on, which was excellent again this year and thanks to the Askam Community Events Committee and Duddon Inshore Rescue for their hard work in making this a success. The Chairman always wished everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

15/12/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 January 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.