

MINUTES OF 260th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2014 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH

Present: Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, Bill Wilson, Mike Cumming; Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Perry and 2 members of the public.

1/04/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Cllr Harry Barker item 6/04/14/1.

2/04/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr David Knight.

3/04/14: DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Michael Cumming made his declaration of acceptance of office as a co-opted member of Askam and Ireleth Parish Council. The Chairman welcomed Mike to the parish council. The Clerk will inform Barrow Borough Council of the appointment.

Action Clerk

4/04/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

4/04/14/1: Telephone call from Mrs Yates regarding a large tree in her neighbours garden. The matter was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Yates making a suggestion that she speak to her neighbour regarding the tree and the problem it is causing her in the first instance. If she had no success with this approach she should contact the citizen advice bureau.

5/04/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 MARCH 2014

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

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

6/04/14 PROGRESS REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

6/04/14/1: Complaints regarding Seagulls at Urofoam Factory. The residents in the area carried out a thorough clean of the streets and area on Saturday last. The clean was carried out to help with the problem of seagulls and to prevent them feeding on any discarded food waste. Everyone agreed what a fantastic job they had done. There had been a good 'turn-out' of people including residents, parish councillors and borough councillors. The residents will continue to work with the factory owner to try to come up with a solution to the problem of the seagulls nesting on the roof of the factory.

6/04/14/2: Garage at the back of Askam Co-Op. The Clerk contacted the Area Manager for the Co-Op and explained the poor state of the garage and sent photographs. Since this conversation new garage doors have been put on the building making it tidy and less of an eyesore. The parish council were grateful for the prompt action of the Co-Operative.

Closed

6/04/14/3: Tipping of Rubble on the beach near Marsh Farm. The Clerk has contacted Barrow Borough Council, Natural England regarding residents and the parish councils concerns about the type of rubble being dumped onto the beach. The Chairman said he would be surprised if this action was lawful as licences were needed before any tipping could be carried out and these licences are usually issued by SLDC and the Clerk should contact them. The parish council will monitor the situation and keep in contact with the Borough Council.

Action Clerk

6/04/14/4: Land Registry (27 Dalton Road). The parish council have had no response from the resident offering help to remove the structures. The other residents of Dalton Road concerned about parking and access in this area will now seek legal advice.

Closed

6/04/14/5: Saturday Morning Library Opening. The first Saturday morning opening had been well attended and enjoyed by everyone. It is hoped that the community will support the library ensuring its' future in the village for many years to come.

Closed

6/04/14/6: Public Toilets, Duke Street. Meeting will take place on Friday 25 April with Steve Solsby at Barrow Town Hall. Parish Councillors Bill Wilson and Mike Cumming will attend and report back to the parish council. **Action Cllr Bill Wilson and Mike Cumming**

6/04/14/6: Fencing at Memorial Garden. AK Fencing now completed the new fence and everyone agreed it was an excellent job and made a huge difference. Redsyke will commence work on the paving next week and Askins & Little will begin cleaning the war memorial on w/c 12 May 2014. All in time for the centenary of the beginning of WW1 in August 2014.

6/4/14/7: Parking in Village. Meeting held with Sellafield, although they were sympathetic they came up with no solutions. As for purchasing the field opposite the co-op and turning into a car park, they said they could not fund such a scheme. Sellafield give £3 million each year for community funding to the British Energy Coast, unfortunately the British Energy Coast seems to end at Millom, which seems unfair as we in Askam are providing free car parking for Sellafield workers. Cumbria Traffic Management will look at limited parking for the village which may help with the situation, but unfortunately will not cure the problem of all day parking for Sellafield workers. **Action CCC Traffic Management**

6/04/14/8: De-designation of Askam and Roanhead Beach. The parish council have written to Defra with their concerns about this proposal.

7/04/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

PCSO Louise Perry reported that there has been 10 reports of anti-social behaviour, 6 youth related, fly tipping and illegal use of motorcycles. 1 burglary for which an arrest has been made and others for handling stolen goods. 3 reports of criminal damage – 2 for vehicle damage and 1 damage to a conservatory roof. With regards to illegal use of motorcycles, the police will be carrying out joint patrols with the National Trust on the beach area and Roanhead.

The new speed indicator device has been used in the village for the first time on Dalton Road recording 13500 vehicles using this road over a 6 day period. It indicating the average speed was 39.2 mph in a 30 mph zone the police have now informed traffic control and speed checks will be put in place.

8/04/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B21/2014/0179 Erection of double garage in place of existing single garage – Rathvale, Marsh Street, Askam

B21/2014/0146 Erection of first storey extension above existing garage to accommodate new lounge/diner and front entrance - High Riddings, Hollowgate, Ireleth, Askam in Furness

B21/2014/0156 Erection of a side conservatory – 44 The Headlands, Askam

B13/2014/0272 Erection of a new dwelling and detached garage – Belmont (land adjacent to) Duddon Road, Askam

B21/2014/0068 Front and rear dormers and a dining/sun room to the side elevation at 16 Sandy Lane, Askam

B13/2014/0271 (B13/2011/0715) minor material amendment – land off Lord Street, Askam.

No objections were raised by any members of the public or the parish council at this meeting. **Action Clerk**

9/04/14: PARISH PLAN

Cllr Mason handed out a copy of the proof from the printers which was agreed by the parish council. The Clerk will now distribute copies to all the ‘stakeholders’ for comment. Cost of the draft copies is £59.00 for 20 copies for the final copies the cost is £276.00 per 100. The parish council agreed to these costs. A public open day has been arranged for Saturday 31 May from 10.30 in the Community where Cllr Bill Wilson will present the plan to the village.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

10/04/14: WORK TO BLEA BECK

The Environment Agency and continuing work to Blea Beck which will hopefully prevent flooding to properties in the area. The parish councillors all agreed that it looked a very good job and asked the Clerk to thank the Agency for this work. **Action Clerk**

11/04/14: PROPOSED SOLAR FARM, ROANHEAD FARM

Kinetica contacted the Clerk regarding a proposal for them to come to Askam and discuss this proposal with the parish council. All the parish councillors thought this was an excellent idea and asked the Clerk to contact Kinetica to arrange a date.

Action Clerk

12/04/14: RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT FOR POLICE POD IN ASKAM

The current agreement was due for renewal in August this year. The parish council agreed that this was a very important resource for Askam and Ireleth and asked that the Clerk contact Sgt McIntosh with their agreement to this proposal and thank him for the work and support of his team in the village.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

13/04/14: MEMBERSHIP OF CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

It was unanimously agreed to continue membership of CALC at a cost of £329.00 for the year 2014/15.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

14/04/14: MEETING WITH POLICE REGARDING OFF-ROADING

The Clerk had represented the parish council at a meeting regarding off-roading on Askam beach, the SSSI sites and the National Trust site at Roanhead which is causing damage to these sites. A report was handed to the parish councillors. If anyone has concerns regarding off-roaders they should call 101, also if anyone is unsure about the law regarding off-roading they can also contact the police who will be more than happy to explain the law, particularly with regards to the beach, Roanhead and the area around the Lots.

15/04/14: AMENDMENTS TO PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Updates have been received from NALC which have now been incorporated into the financial regulations. The Clerk asked that these be accepted by the parish council.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

16/04/14: GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR YEAR 2013/14

A copy of this year's Governance Statement was given to each parish councillor to read and answer the questions. Each question was answered in the affirmative. The Chairman therefore agreed to sign and date the Governance Statement on behalf of the parish council.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

17/04/14: ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2013/14

The accounts have been checked, agreed and returned from the Internal Auditor with no queries or amendments advised. The Clerk/RFO asked that the parish councillors read and accept the accounts at this meeting.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

18/04/14: REPORT FROM CLERK, INCLUDING FINANCES

A copy of the monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

The Clerk reminded the parish councillor that the May meeting would incorporate the Annual Assembly.

19/04/14: CORRESPONDENCE – (to check the appendix of items which will be available at the meeting)

20/04/14: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Redsyke 4th annual instalment £1441.15, Broxap, litter bin £283.14, Kodak Office Printer £100.71 (last year's expenditure – invoices accrued). Anthony Nolan Trust payment for Internal Auditor £50.00, Skip hire £583.68, AK Fencing £3718.80, Clerk's salary + extra hours for completing accounts and VAT £494.10, stationery paper & laminating pouches £7.00, CALC good councillor booklet £5.00, CALC Annual Subscription £329.00

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick****Agreed****21/04/14: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING****Tuesday 20 May 2014 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam****Signed Dated 20 May 2014**