

**MINUTES OF THE 246th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 15 JANUARY 2013 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, David Knight, Harry Barker and Sandra Hadwick; Borough Councillor Barry Doughty. **Also present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Rural Projects Officer Angela Knowles; PCSO Louise Perry; Aimee Walsh, NWEM and 2 members of the public.

1/01/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Gaskell for items

2/01/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Cllr Emma Twiname and Denise Wilson, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow.

The Chairman asked the PCSO if she would like to report on item 6) of the agenda as she had to leave the meeting early. For the minutes the items will be kept in sequence.

3/01/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/01/13/1: Precept. A member of the public asked if the annual precept is not spent can monies be carried over to the following year and this amount be deducted from the following year's precept. The Responsible Finance Officer replied that the precept is derived from the budget that the parish council produces at the beginning of the year and assured the member of the public that this budget was kept very tight and no monies would be carried over. The whole of the precept would be spent in the parish on items which either the parish council or residents feel are important to this community. The parish council's budget and accounts are subject to stringent audit procedures by both internal and external auditors on an annual basis. The dates of when these accounts are available for public viewing times are advertised on the parish council notice boards and on our website.

4/01/13: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 18 DECEMBER 2012

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

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

Agreed

5/01/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/01/13/1: Refuse Collection. Messages left for Alan Barker, Streetcare Manager as to what the Borough council's policies are on collecting black bins left alongside the wheelie bins on collection day. No response received.

Action Clerk

5/01/13/2: Refuse Wagons, Accessing John Street. Messages left for Alan Barker, Streetcare Manager as to whether risk assessments have been carried out. No response received.

Action Clerk

5/01/13/2: Skate Park. Angela met with Drop Zone to ask if they would help with accessing funding through their youth worker. Drop Zone has agreed to contact the lads to discuss this and will then liaise with Angela and the parish council. Councillor Gaskell is happy to be involved with this action.

Action Angela/Cllr Gaskell/Clerk

Angela also reported from the meeting with Drop Zone that 2 youth workers visit Askam on a Monday evening between 6pm and 8pm to speak to the young people. The Drop Zone are applying for bus passes for the youth workers to help with travel costs and asked if the parish council would write to Stagecoach in support of this. It was unanimously agreed and the Chairman asked the Clerk to liaise with Angela in sending a letter. **Action Clerk/Angela**

5/01/13/4: Parking at Junctions. PCSO Perry said the police are monitoring the situation. Cllr Hadwick said it was still a problem on Duke Street especially in an evening when people are using the various take-away outlets. PCSO Perry has contacted Cumbria County Council but as not yet received a response. **Action Community Police**

5/01/13/5: Public Toilets. Correspondence regarding the toilets has been sent to Cllr Doughty explaining the parish council's position regarding the toilets. Any further discussion will be held with the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Angela Knowles and Cllr Doughty.

Closed

5/01/13/6: Pavement, Duke Street/Steel Street Junction. A letter has been sent to Nick Raymond regarding this problem area. No response as yet. Clerk will progress.

Action Clerk

5/01/13/7: Picnic Bench and Seat. Both items have been received and Cllr Hadwick reported that they are both good quality. The Clerk will arrange for them to be fitted in the better weather. **Action Clerk**

5/01/13/8: Flooding in Village. Work is continuing on Ireleth Road and there have been no reports of flooding in Dale Street over the Christmas period. Work is now being carried out at the Old Vicarage and Abbey Heights. Angela reported that a flood group has been formed in Dalton and wondered if this was something that residents in Dale Street would be interested in. As there are still other problems of flooding in the village it maybe something to consider. **Ongoing**

5/01/13/9: Foreshore Access near pier. The Clerk has not yet met with DIR but will endeavour to write a letter to Cumbria Highways before the next meeting with the help of Cllr Wilson. **Action Cllr Wilson/Clerk**

5/01/13/9: Bins on Ireleth Road. It was reported that there are still some problems with siting of the bins on Ireleth Road. Cllr Gaskell will visit the householders again. **Action Cllr Gaskell**

5/01/13/10: Footpath, Greenscoe. Payment paid to Cumbria CC for this work. Signs and lines have been ordered and work should be completed in early February. **Ongoing**

5/01/13/11: Remembrance Service. New order of service acceptable to everyone, the Clerk will arrange to have them printed. **Action Clerk/Closed**

5/01/13/12: Allotments: Angela contacted Barrow BC with parish council's decision. **Closed**

5/01/13/13: Woodland Trust Trees. Progress has been slow because of the weather. The Clerk is meeting Redsyke to discuss planting the trees on the Lots and other areas in the village. Cllr Gaskell made contact with the schools and St Peter's, Ireleth has asked for some of the trees to plant in the school grounds. The Clerk will arrange for the trees to be delivered to Cllr Gaskell. **Action Clerk/Cllr Gaskell**

5/01/13/14: Pointing of Pavement at the Jubilee Fountain. The Clerk has spoken to Gutters to Gardens and this work will carried out when the weather permits. **Closed**

5/01/13/15: Jubilee Garden. The Jubilee garden is looking much smarter with the beach hedge being planted and the trees provided by Barrow BC. Bulbs have been planted in the boat and the handrail fitted to the wall near the step – thanks to Cllr Dave Knight for providing the handrail which was fitted by Redsyke. Monies have been put aside in next year's budget to maintain this area and the hedge on Sandy Lane. **Ongoing**

6/01/13: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Theft of a mobile phone from Askam Rugby Club, 6 anti-social behaviour reports, a quad bike stolen from near Paradise. Two reports of criminal damage to vehicles and damage to a door in Steel Street. The police are continuing to monitor parking at junctions, but no response received from Cumbria Highways Traffic Management as to request for yellow lines.

7/01/13: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER'S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

Angela reported that she has spoken to Cumbria Highways regarding the work to the pavement on Dalton Road. This work is causing some problems because of the beck and Highways are liaising with the Environment. Highways cannot at the moment give a timescale as to when this work will be completed. The minor road repairs due to start on 21st January on Ireleth Road/ Dalton Road have been postponed until the culvert repairs on Ireleth Road have been completed. Work to commence on a section of road at Ireleth Brow on 11 February 2013 for approximately 2 weeks. Works to repair the carriageway (A595) next to Ireleth School are planned to take place shortly. Flooding issues in the village seemed to have abated for the moment with the works around Dalemount Service station. As previously stated Angela together with Cllr Doughty will be attending the Flood Action Group meeting in Dalton tomorrow evening, this group has been set up by the residents of Goose Green. Angela will report at the next meeting on this meeting.

Angela has obtained funding of £500.00 from e.on for individual lights on each of the pensioners bungalows. Angela asked that a member of the parish council would go with her to see the pensioners would like an outside light fitting to their bungalow. Cllr Hadwick volunteered to do this. **Action Angela/Cllr Hadwick**

Angela produced a photograph of the proposed new signage for the library, which everyone agreed was much better. There will be one pointed from Duke Street to Lord Street and the sign on Ireleth Road near the railway crossing will be updated with a library sign and the other signs will be consolidated. There will be a meeting at the library with Cumbria Library Services, date to be arranged.

Meeting of the Friends of Askam Station will be held on Wednesday 6 February at 7.00 pm in Duddon Road Church. This will be an open meeting and Angela hopes the parish councillors and the community will attend and support the Friends.

Angela handed out copies of the draft parish plan and asked that all parish councillors look at this at their leisure and report back to Angela. Once the plan is finalised it will be uploaded on to the website as well as hard copies being available in key places in the village. It is hoped when the plan is finished it will be a useful document which can be given to both the Borough and County Council to feed into their plans.

8/01/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK

B18/2012/0818 – Proposed access track & crane hard standing area to facilitate construction of approved single wind turbine (B18/2011/0429) – east of existing telecoms tower Askam Road.

No objections were expressed or received.

B20/2012/0702 – Change of use from open land to a fenced area – 36 Sharp Street, Askam

Cllr Hadwick reported that this application has been refused by the Planning Department.

9/01/13: SCOUTS AND CUBS WORK FOR PARISH COUNCIL

Mr Johnson of the Scouts and Cubs asked Cllr Mason if they could help with work in the village to gain their community badge. This was discussed and it was decided to contact Mr Johnson and asked if they would like to help with the planting of the shrubs in the jubilee garden. The Clerk will make contact with Mr Johnson. **Action Clerk**

10/01/13: STEPS TO BEACH AT DUDDON ROAD CAR PARK

Cllr Barker reported that these steps are in a poor condition. A quotation from Gutters to Gardens for £245.00 to repair the steps and the area around them has been received. Cllr Barker said this seemed a fair price and the vote was to allow this work to be carried out. Work to the gas pipeline is to be carried out by National Grid and Cllr Barker thought it was advisable to work on the steps after this work has been completed.

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

11/01/13: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS

It was confirmed that all parish councillors have done read these documents and agree with their content. These documents will now be adopted by Askam and Ireleth Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr G Twiname

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

Agreed

12/01/13: PRECEPT FOR YEAR 2013/14

A letter has been received from Barrow Borough Council asking the parish council to set their precept. Following the budget meeting held on Tuesday 8 January 2013 it was agreed that the precept should remain unchanged at £27,000.00. The Clerk would confirm this by letter to Barrow Borough Council.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

13/01/13: UPDATED FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR DOUGHTY

Cllr Doughty reported issue which had arisen during the month to the parish council including decisions made by the Borough Council on their precept and a possible raise in the amount paid to the police. Cllr Doughty reported that an amount of £2,000.00 would be paid to the parish council to spend on village festivals and events.

14/01/13: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. There were no questions.

15/01/13: CORRESPONDENCE – (to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection)

Safer, Stronger, Better Communities event – Policing in Cumbria to take place at Forum 28 on 22 February 2013.

Representatives from parish council will attend.

Circular from CALC asking for nominations for the Chairman to attend Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Our Chairman, George Twiname will be nominated to be considered for an invitation.

16/01/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk’s salary £255.89, Phone £40.00, postage £3.00, Redsyke £2076.25 (3rd annual payment + £75 Sharp St & Beach St, Shrub area Turnstone £75, Tree Surgery Steel St/Sharp St £840.00 extra to budget) Gutters to Garden repairing and painting fence at jubilee garden £45.00.

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Mason

Agreed

17/01/13: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19 February 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth at 7.15 pm

Signed Dated

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