

**MINUTES OF 279th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 15 MARCH 2016
IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM IN FURNESS**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Alan Mason, David Knight, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; County Councillor Barry Doughty; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; PSCO Louise Johns and 2 members of the public.

1/03/16: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Steve Smalley declared an interest in items 11/03/16/1.

2/03/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Harry Barker, Bill Wilson and Mike Cumming

3/03/16: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/03/16/1: A member of the public asked if there was any update on the road markings on the A595 at Greenscoe. The Chairman said that this was being dealt with by Cumbria County Council Highways, who would come up with proposals for the area. The Chairman thanked the member of the public for his suggestions, which would be passed on to Highways.

3/03/16/2: A member of the public asked if there was any update on the matter of the caravan sited on land at Greenscoe. It was explained that this matter was being dealt with by the Enforcement Officer at Barrow Borough Council.

4/03/16: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2016

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

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

5/03/16: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/03/16/1: Litter Bin for Lay-Bye on A595, Tippins Lane: The Clerk contacted Barrow BC and was told that there was no plans to replace the bin. The reason it was removed was because people were leaving household and garden waste in the litter bin, which was not what litter bins should be used for. The Clerk asked if the Borough Council could litter pick the area. *Closed*

5/03/16/2: Near Misses for Horse Riders on Lots Road: Cllr Knight is looking into the cost of signs and posts for this area. Once these have been obtained the parish council will contact Highways for their advice and approval.

Action Cllr Knight

5/03/16/3: Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations: The Clerk asked if the parish council would consider purchasing some bunting to decorate the jubilee fountain area and the memorial garden on 21 April to celebrate this event. Cllr Hadwick agreed to help with the decorating. This was agreed.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

5/03/16/4: Street Lighting, Furnace Place: The Clerk has forwarded all the information to Highways. There was one objection. No update as yet.

Action Clerk

5/03/16/5: Public Toilet Area: Bus shelter now in place. A small piece of fencing needs to be erected, then the safety fencing can be removed. New litter bins have been ordered for the area. The Clerk asked if the parish council would consider buying barrier flower baskets for the new fencing to brighten up the area. This was agreed and the Clerk will obtain prices. Cllr Smalley gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Cumming and Ray Millard for their work on the area.

Action Clerk

5/03/16/6: Common Hest: The Clerk has spoken to Barrow BC and it is their intention to clear an area around the slat bin on Saves Lane and then just tidy the area. If the parish council want any further work doing to Common Hest it will be up to the parish council to arrange it. Cllr Denise Wilson has received a request for the litter bin to be moved closer to the railings of the park, so the children can more easily use it for litter. The Clerk will ask Barrow BC if this is acceptable to them.

Action Clerk

5/03/16/7: Parking in the village: A report from the meeting held on 23 February in Askam with Officers from Cumbria County Council was read by Cllr Hadwick. This included yellow hatching at the junction of Duddon Road and Duke Street; Parking/Waiting restrictions outside the Community Centre; Keep clear signs on Alexander Place and the Memorial Garden entrance; Bus Stop Clearway on New Road. A notice to owners to remove caravans, boats, trailers etc. from the streets or highways unless attached to a registered vehicle can be sent by Highways. Anyone who wishes to report this can contact either the parish council or Cumbria Highways.

6/03/16: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

PCSO Johns reported that there had been 4 incidents of anti-social behaviour, 3 youth related. Theft of a generator for the allotments on Lots. An incident of violence at Askam Rugby club. The Speed Indicator had been deployed at the Lots Road and some 32,328 vehicles had been recorded as using this road during the period. The 95% percentile was 27.9 mph, but speeds of 55 mph had been recorded. This information would be processed and passed on to the traffic police. Incidents reported to the police regarding horse riders on the Lots Road was also being monitored and the police were liaising with the horse riders.

7/03/16: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

New Applications

B20/2016/0139 – Cardross, Harris Street, Askam. Change of use of land at the rear of Cardross from brownfield (ex industrial land) to residential garden. No objections raised or received.

B27/2016/0141 – Old Parsonage, Sun Street, Ireleth. Removal of sycamore tree due to the fact that it is pushing and lifting boundary wall. No objections raised or received.

B21/2016/160 – 8 Park Avenue, Askam. Double storey rear extension forming ground floor extended playroom with new bedroom 4 at first floor level. Ground floor extended living room. Internal alternations. No objections raised or received.

Planning Queries from last meeting. The Enforcement Officer had visited the chalet at the rear of Dalton Road and spoken to the applicant. Everything was in order and being carried out as per the planning application.

Housing Development on Duke Street. Councillor Knight had contacted the Enforcement Officer to discuss the application which did state that the front of the houses should be permeable block type paving and only one of the properties had this. Also on the pavement should have a drop kerb and be repaired to an adoptable standard. This had not been out. The Enforcement Officer said he would contact the Developer regarding these issues.

Action Cllr Knight

8/03/16: APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM ASKAM UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

The club had contacted the parish council regarding financial support for the club. Ben Shirley presented the club at the meeting and gave a presentation on the problems the club had experience, particularly with the club house and ground from Storm Charlie. Mr Shirley gave a breakdown of costs for items which the club needed to comply with the league rules and to get the training pitch and club up to standard. He answered questions from the parish council regarding the club's financial position. A vote was taken and it was agreed unanimously to give a grant of £1,000.00 to the club from S137 Grants and Funding. Mr Shirley thanked the parish council on behalf of the club.

Action Clerk

9/03/16 REPORT FROM DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Cllr Sandra gave a report from the meeting held at the Rankin Hall on 9 March attended by Cllr Hadwick and Cllr Cumming. If anyone would like a copy of this report or the minutes of the meeting, please contact Janice Cumming, Clerk to the parish council.

10/03/16: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Barry Doughty gave an update on County issues including the flooding on the closed footpath at the rear of Saves Lane. Councillor Doughty has had several agencies looking at this problem and problems on the A595, Tippins Lane and Moor Road. Councillor Doughty is working with Highways with regards to parking issues in the village.

11/03/16: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly finance spreadsheet was made available to all members.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

11/03/16/1: A proposal had been made to make donations to the 4 main youth groups in the village from funds allocated in the budget for Youth Projects. It was agreed to donate £150 each to the Brownies & Rainbows; Scouts, Cubs and Beavers; Askam Youth Action and Drop Zone.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

11/03/16/2: The Joint Rural Committee would be held on 23 March in Dalton. If anyone had any items for the agenda could they forward them to the Clerk.

12/03/16: CORRESPONDENCE

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

12/03/16/1: A letter had been received from a resident of Marsh Street regarding the condition of the area at the end of Marsh Street, which they said resembled a 'scrap yard'. Members of the parish council had visited the area and made comments regarding not only that area, but there seemed to be an issue of scrap and rubbish being left around the rear of properties on Marsh Street. The parish council felt this was distressing as this area was a place where you could walk along the banking and look over the Duddon and it seems such a pity. Councillor Knight said he would speak to the residents of Marsh Street.

Action Cllr Knight

12/03/16/2: A letter from the Temperance Hall committee regarding the persistent flooding on the A595 near St Peter's school and on Moor Road which is causing problems for the residents on Saves Lane with water from these areas flooding down footpath 602054 and blocking the beck with rubble and debris. The parish council and Councillor had raised this issue with the County Council and a site visit would take place on Monday 21 March between Chris Parkes and Mark Hankin.

13/03/16: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Askam Pensioners £20.00 rental of Rankin Hall for Parish Council meetings; Cumbria County Council £1,018.95 for Saturday library assistant Aug '15 to Feb '16; Temperance Hall for Parish Council meetings 2015/16 £40.00; Toner Cartridge £47.33; Copying paper £5.00; Redsyke Ground Care 4th annual instalment for annual maintenance £1641.25; Askam United FC £1,000.00; Drop Zone Youth Projects £150.00; Askam Youth Action £150.00; 2nd Duddon Rainbows; 3rd Duddon Scouts and Cubs £150.00

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

14/02/16: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19 April 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Harry Barker

Date 19 April 2016

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