

**MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THIRD MEETING & ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF
ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 15 MAY 2012 AT 7.15 PM IN THE
TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Parish Cllrs. George Twiname, (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Harry Barker, Sandra Hadwick, Emma Twiname, Denise Wilson, Alan Mason. **Also present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Borough Cllr Ann Thurlow, Barry Doughty and Denis Bell; Sgt John McIntosh, PCSOs Louise Perry and John McVea; David Knight; John Johnson, Biffa; David Pickthall, NW evening mail and 5 members of the public.

1/5/12: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Gaskell disclosed an interest in item 11/5/12/16.

2/5/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Angela Knowles, Rural Projects Officer who is on annual leave.

3/5/12: CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Council's annual assembly and monthly meeting. The Chairman said that he has been a member of the Parish Council for 17 years, but this was the first time he had taken on the role of Chairman. He spoke of some of the achievements of the Parish Council during the year which he feels have made a difference to the village. Our local amenities and facilities have had to endure the spending cuts. Sadly, this saw the closure of our toilets on Duke Street after considering all options and reaching the most pragmatic solution. The library remains under threat, which is a concern to us. However, we will be working alongside the County Council in doing our best to ensure that we received a continuing library service. Additional landscaping has been carried out in an attempt to tidy up the village in answer to the community questionnaires. Work has commenced on the jubilee garden at Headlands and we managed to get some of the hedges on the Lots Road cut back, resulting in a vast improvement to the visibility for users, therefore improving safety. Additional benches and waste bins have been positioned and have helped to improve the village environment. The Parish Council made donations to various village charities during the year and to the village Carnival and Christmas tree event. The Parish Council also purchased 2 defibrillators for our Responders. The Agreement to use the Police Pod has been successfully renegotiated with Cumbria Police and he thanked Sergeant McIntosh for this. The Chairman thanked all the Parish Councillors, the Clerk, Angela Knowles, the Community police, our Borough Councillors and County Councillor for their commitment to our community.

Whilst we continue to face the consequences of cut backs, our priority remains the best results for the people we represent.

4/5/12: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

Chairman	Cllr George Twiname	
Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick	Seconded Cllr Liz Gaskell	Agreed
Vice Chairman	Cllr Liz Gaskell	
Proposed Cllr Harry Barker	Seconded Cllr Alan Mason	Agreed

5/5/12: DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY DAVID KNIGHT

After interviews carried out in April David Knight has accepted the office of Parish Councillor. David made and signed his declaration. The Chairman thanked and welcomed David to the Parish Council.

6/5/12: APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

These would remain the same as last year. Apart from Cllr Wilson who relinquished her position on the Rural Joint Committee as she is finding it difficult to attend since the day of these meetings has altered. Cllr Hadwick will now attend these meetings with Cllr Gaskell.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname	Seconded Cllr Emma Twiname	Agreed
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7/5/12: ANNUAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

The Clerk handed out copies of the accounts, which are now complete and have been returned from the Internal Auditor. The internal audit has signed these as a true and accurate record with no changes or comments. The accounts will be available for the public to view from 26 May until 28 June and the notice has been posted. The Clerk asked that the Parish Council accept the accounts as a true record at this meeting.

Roger Brailsford the Internal Audit asked that his fee of £50.00 be donated to Askam and Ireleth Responders.
Proposed Cllr G Twiname **Seconded Cllr Mason** **Agreed**

8/5/12: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

It was agreed that to the best of the Parish Councillor's knowledge and belief, with respect to the accounting statements for the year ended 31 March 2012 that there was a sound system of internal control including preparation of the accounting statements, as per the Annual Governance Statement.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell **Seconded Mason** **Agreed**

9/5/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public expressed their concerns regarding the proposed development of 120 m high wind turbines across the estuary at Langthwaite. The parish council said they also have some reservations regarding the amount of wind turbines being erected on land, as they seemed to be surrounding our parish. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with the company planning to build these turbines regarding the visual impact. She will also contact the parish involved and ask for their views on this proposed development. **Action Clerk**

Concerns were expressed regarding the speed of broadband to our parish. It was explained that the parish council have appointed a broadband champion who is liaising with BT openreach and Cumbria County Council. He is also concerned that the parish may be left out on the upgrade and is finding it frustrating as he is not getting answers to his questions. There is a meeting next week in Penrith which he will try to attend and report back to the parish council.

Parking on the junction on Ireleth Brow by Sellafield employees is still a problem. This has been mentioned on several occasions. The police and Highways department have been asked to look at this with some urgency.

Action Police/Highways

10/5/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 17 APRIL 2012

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

Proposed Cllr Gaskell **Seconded Cllr Twiname** **Agreed**

11/5/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

11/5/12/1: Highways Issues. The list given to Highways is a 'work in progress' and being dealt with.

Action Clerk/Angela/G Thomas

11/5/12/2: Accident on Ireleth Road. Gary Thomas, Highways is looking into this.

Action G Thomas

11/5/12/3: Footpath, Greenscoe. Cllr Barker reported that he is waiting for a date for a meeting with Highways.

Action Angela

11/5/12/4: Street Lighting. The Clerk sent a further email regarding faulty street lights to the new Street Light Manager. Cllr Doughty asked for a copy of these as he is attending a meeting with Highways this week and will mention these lights to them.

Action Clerk/Cllr Doughty

With regard to street lighting the parish council felt there is black spot near the pensioner's bungalows. This was discussed some time ago, but no proposals were received. The Clerk will liaise with Angela on her return.

Action Clerk/Angela

11/5/12/5: Hedge at Dalton Road. Network Rail will begun work on cutting the hedge commencing 31 July 2012.

Closed/to be monitored

11/5/12/6: Dog Fouling Ongoing reports of dog fouling on Avocet Crescent and the path at the rugby club. PCSO asked to put up extra signs.

Action PCSO Perry

11/5/12/7: Extra Notice Board. This is on order from a new supplier and when delivered will be fitted at Dalemount.

11/5/12/8: Street Lighting, Marsh Street. Cllr Wilson is liaising with Angela Knowles and residents.

Action Cllr Wilson/Angela

11/5/12/9: Litter and Street Cleaning. The Chairman invited John Johnson from Biffa to address the meeting. John updated the meeting on the new work schedule for Askam and Ireleth. Work had begun in Steel and Sharp Street and these areas are looking much better. John said that this work is on-going and he hoped that residents will see a difference in the streets of the village. Weed spraying will be carried out during the next few months. The Chairman thanked John for attending our meeting and for all his and the Streetcare's team help in getting the village

cleaner. This is an important issue and one of the main concerns of residents from the community plan questionnaires.

11/5/12/10: Land Ownership: Angela will apply to the land registry on her return from leave.

Action Angela

11/5/12/11: Jubilee Park: Redsyke is working on the park area for the Borough Council. Clerk visited site and the area is looking much better. Turf will be laid on Friday 18 May. Feedback from residents has been positive.

11/5/12/12: Brambles behind Jubilee Fountain. Quotation from Redsyke to clear brambles and tidy area received at a cost of £50.00. A vote was taken to accept this quotation.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Wilson

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

Agreed

11/5/12/13: Facebook. Cllr Gaskell reported that facebook is working well; it now has 96 'friends'. People are raising issues that concern them and Cllr Gaskell is bringing them to the Parish Council meeting. It is another way of communicating with the parish and getting people involved with the parish council.

Closed

11/5/12/14: Website. A quotation for setting up a website had been received from Ryan Terpilowski at a cost of £800.00. The parish council would have to purchase its' own domain. The Clerk will discuss with Angela Knowles on her return.

Action Clerk/Angela

11/5/12/15: Access to Beach at Duddon Road for Duddon Inshore Rescue. Angela is dealing with this matter and is in contact with Cllr Wilson and other agencies.

Action Angela

11/5/12/16: Tender for Work. A notice asking for tenders have been placed on the village notice boards. There has been one response. This response was discussed and it was agreed to ask Gutters to Gardens to work on the litter bins and seats in the village. The Clerk will contact the company.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

12/5/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – SGT JOHN MCINTOSH

Sgt McIntosh reported on the annual crime figures for Askam. He reported that there had been a fall in the crime figures for the year. 66 reported crimes for 2011/12 compared with 104 last year. These included 16 violent crime (10 of which were domestic violence), 9 vehicle crimes which included items stolen from a vehicle, 2 house burglaries, and 18 reports of criminal damage. The parish council are still concerned with youth anti-social behaviour, Sgt McIntosh said the police could only react on reported crimes and asked that residents **phone 101** and report any issues to the police. The Chairman thanked Sgt McIntosh for his report and for the work the community police carried out in the parish.

13/5/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER' S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

In Angela's absence Cllr Gaskell read the update which included analysis of the Community led planning questionnaires. Preliminary analysis on question relating to environment has been circulated to the parish councillors. Parish council will be meeting in June to discuss the next stage of the Community plan.

A further meeting has been arranged for Parish Councillors on the future of the library service in Askam and Ireleth for Thursday 24 May in Duddon Road Methodist Church.

14/5/12: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK

B21/2012/0259 *Erection of a sun lounge extension and roof top balcony - 11 Avocet Crescent, Askam*

It was agreed that the sun lounge extension seems acceptable, but the balcony it is felt will be intrusive for the neighbouring properties. Members of the public present at the meeting voiced their concerns regarding privacy issue with this application. It was agreed to send a letter of objection to this applications.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr G Twiname

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

15/5/12: TRAINING FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS – CLLR GASKELL

The Clerk had received dates for training and Cllr Gaskell asked if any Parish Councillors would like to attend this training. Cllrs Sandra Hadwick and David Knight expressed an interest in attending. The Clerk will organise this with CALC.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

16/5/12: PARKING AT JUNCTIONS – CLLR GASKELL

All the Parish Councillors agreed this is a problem in the village, especially on Streets off Duke Street. Sgt McIntosh said this is also an issue in Dalton and was brought to their attention at the Safer Stronger Community meeting on Monday. The Community police were asked to look at this as a priority and Sgt McIntosh said that

fines of £30.00 could be issued for obstructive parking. He asked residents to report this type of obstruction to the police. Cllr Gaskell will also put a notice on facebook regarding this issue. **Action Police/Cllr Gaskell**

Proposed Cllr G Twiname

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

17/5/12: RENEWAL OF PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL INSURANCE

The renewal had been received from Aon and the Clerk asked that the amount of £1473.76 be paid to them to continue this insurance.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

Agreed

18/5/12: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS – CLLR BARRY DOUGHTY

Cllr Doughty felt that together we are tackling some of the important issues for this community. He also mentioned that the Borough Councillors hold a surgery on the last Saturday of each month in the Temperance Hall. Cllr Doughty also has concerns about speeding vehicles on the A595 from Greenscoe to Kirkby and is speaking to the relevant authorities regarding this. Our Borough Councillors are looking at issues which affect our community i.e. Sellafeld parking, our library and youth provision. The Borough Councillors are pleased with the communication they have with the Parish Council and members of the public who attend the meetings. The Chairman thanked Cllr Doughty and said how pleased he is that at every meeting we have a representative from our Borough Councillors.

19/5/12: MAYOR'S CIVIC VISIT

Cllr Gaskell and the Clerk attended Mayor Councillor John Murphy's civic visit in April to represent Askam and Ireleth Parish Council. As well as being a very enjoyable day, Cllr Gaskell felt it had be most useful in making contact with other Councillors and talking to them about the issues which affect their communities. Not surprisingly many of the issues are similar to the ones we experience in our village. But the interest thing is the way in which they are tackled, some of which could be useful for Askam and Ireleth.

20/5/12: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly finance spreadsheet was made available to all Parish Councillors.

21/5/12: CORRESPONDENCE – *to check the appendix of items all of which are available at the meeting.*

Letter received from Askam mini rugby requesting a donation. The Clerk handed out press cuttings on how well the teams had performed this year. It was agreed that the team and the staff are to be congratulated, they are a credit to the village, a sum of £250.00 was proposed as a donation.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr E Twiname

Agreed

22/5/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerks Salary £255.89, Clerk's extra hours for completing accounts £102.48, hire of Duddon Road church for interviews £4.00, dog waste bags £15.80, mobile phone top up £30.00, black cartridges £19.92, annual insurance £1473.76, internal auditor £50.00.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

Agreed

23/5/12: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Tuesday 19 June 2012 at 7.15 pm at the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.

There being no other questions, the Chairman closed the meeting.

Signed Date