

**MINUTES OF 254th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 15
OCTOBER 2013 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, Chairman, Harry Barker, Vice Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson and Emma Twiname. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Denis Bell and Barry Doughty, PCSO Louise Perry.

1/10/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no matters to disclose.

2/10/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr David Knight and Ann Thurlow.

3/10/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/10 /13/1: A member of the public reported faulty street lights on Ireleth Road. The Clerk will report these and asked if any others could be reported to her with addresses and she will report to Highways on the hotline number 0845 609 6609.

04/10/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2013

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

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

5/10/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/10/13/1: Flooding at Dale Street. Worked to commence this week on surface drains on Ireleth Road by Cumbria County Council Highways (this is the reason the railway crossing is closed). Highways will also look at the hole in the pavement on Dalton Road. 4 crew members from Duddon Inshore Rescue will represent Askam and Ireleth at the 'flooding resilience' training at Barrow Town Hall. Environment Agency still looking at options for Blea Beck and will keep the parish council informed.

5/10/13/2: War Memorial. Cllr Denis Bell has spoken to Keith Johnson of Barrow BC and although the memorial will be cleaned it is unlikely to be before this year's Remembrance Service. Keith Johnson assured Cllr Bell that it will be done before the centenary of the beginning of WW1 next year.

5/10/13/3: Hedge on Lots Road. Cumbria CC Highways have cut this hedge because of the railway crossing being closed. The Lots Road at the moment is the only way in and out of Askam. The parish council agreed cutting the hedge has made an immense difference to visibility and asked the Clerk to thank Highways and our County Councillor. Highways performed this task 'without prejudice' as in future it will be up to the landowners.

5/10/13/4: Consumption of Alcohol in Community Field. Cllr Ann Thurlow has been in contact with Barrow BC with regards to making the community field a 'designated no alcohol' area. But because no-one has reported incidents of alcohol in the community field to the police the Borough Council cannot make such an order. The parish council ask if resident witness any anti-social behaviour involving alcohol or underage drinking they should report it to the police by phoning 101.

5/10/13/5: Footpath 602054 – Saves Lane. The Clerk has informed Eve Borrin that Cllr Doughty and Wilson are willing to help in any funding applications. As yet they not been contacted by Eve.

6/10/13 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

There have been 5 reports of anti-social behaviour – an abusive letter, dogs off leads, neighbours verbal confrontation and 4 x 4 on the beach. There was a window smashed on Marsh Street and vehicle damaged in Blea Beck, planter vandalised on the Lots Road and theft of a child's bike in Duddon Road.

7/10/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B18/2013/0616 – Land at Askam Road, Greenhaume – The provision of an access track, crane hard stranding area and electrical works to facilitate the construction, maintenance and de-commissioning of previously approved planning permission of a single wind turbine B18/2011/0429.

B21/2013/0611 – Glengarth, Ireleth Road – Loft conversion and internal alterations including dormer window to front (re-submission of B21/2013/0471)

B13/2013/0637 – Former site of Furness Tavern, Duke Street – Development of 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings

B21/2013/0664 – 41 Dalton Road – Erect bedroom extension (re submission of B21/2013/046)

No comments or objections received or expressed by the parish council.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

08/10/13: PARISH PLAN

Everyone agreed that the work so far on the plan is excellent and informative. Cllr Mason reported that work has been continuing. Cllr Wilson offered to help Cllr Mason with the final stages of the plan.

Action Cllr Mason and Wilson

09/10/13: COMMUNITY FIELD GATE – JOHN STREET

A letter was delivered to the person in question who contacted the Clerk to say that they are prepared to lock the gates at 9 pm in the summer months. This was discussed and a vote was taken to accept this proposal, with the majority agreeing the proposal was accepted but with provisos. The Clerk will write to the person in question regarding the parish council's decision and an agreement will be drawn up. The situation will be monitored by the parish council, the Borough Council and our Community Police. It is hoped that an amicable agreement can be reached. **Vote 5 to 1 motion carried.**

Action Clerk

10/10/13: CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

An application has been received and the parish councillors will meet Mr Bill Wilson next to discuss the position.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

11/10/13: UPDATE FROM JOINT RURAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Twiname and Hadwick updated the parish council on the items and actions concerning Askam and Ireleth.

12/10/13: DROP ZONE WORKING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN ASKAM AND IRELETH

A copy of a report from Drop Zone was made available to the parish councillors and it was agreed that the parish council will fund the cost of the Rankin Hall for the Drop Zone to meet with the young people once per week at a cost of £10 per week to work on various projects including the John Muir Award Scheme.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

13/10/13: REQUEST FOR UPGRADE OF LOTS ROAD

Cllr Mason asked if a request could be made to Cumbria County Council to upgrade and widen the Lots Road. The road is very narrow in places and there is subsidence of the road and steep drops. It is a constant worry to road users, especially as this is the route of the school buses. Pedestrians use this road and as there are no footpaths or pavements and it is dangerous in areas at times. Everyone agreed that cutting the hedge has made a huge difference and this needs to be at least an annual occurrence. The importance of this road is being highlighted at the moment when it is the only road into and out of the village and it is not fit for purpose. Our County Councillor Barry Doughty asked the parish council to put all these points into a letter to Highways and to copy him in.

Action Clerk

15/10/13: WISH LIST

15/10/13/1: Area around the Lots Bridge has been tidied and looks much better.

Closed

15/10/13/2: Grassed area in Beach Street and pavement area in Sharp Street have been cut.

Closed

15/10/13/3: Replace old broken fencing left side of the memorial garden. The Clerk will meet with AK Fencing to discuss this and then contact Barrow BC.

Ongoing

15/10/13/4: The Clerk contacted St Mary's Church regarding the parish council sponsoring a Christmas tree, unfortunately there are no spaces available. Cllr Mason said it would be acceptable for the parish council to have a tree inside Duddon Road church and the Clerk will liaise with Cllr Mason. **Action Clerk/Cllr Mason**

15/10/13/5: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Gutters to Gardens of £180.00 to replace and repair damaged wall and coping stones at the Jubilee Garden. The Clerk will inform the Gutters to Gardens.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

15/10/13/6: Triangle of land on Ireleth Brow, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow was looking into this.

Action Cllr Thurlow

15/09/13/8/8: It was agreed to accept the quotation from Redsyke of £225.00 to tidy up the area behind the Jubilee Fountain on Duke Street. The Clerk will inform Redsyke.

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr George Twiname

Agreed

Any other items for the **wish list** should be brought to the next meeting.

16/10/13: LITTER PICK PRIOR TO SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE, SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2013

Cllr Denise Wilson and Cllr Emma Twiname offered to organise a letter pick on Saturday 9 November prior to the Service of Remembrance. The Clerk will contact the Borough Council to ask if they will carry out an extra clean of Duke Street and the Remembrance Garden.

17/10/13: REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Barry Doughty gave a comprehensive report on behalf of the Borough Councillors and a report on County Council issues. He reminded the parish council that the Borough Councillors hold a surgery in the Library on the last Saturday of each month between 9 am and 10.20 am.

18/10/13: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING FINANCES)

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted by the parish council.

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr George Twiname

Agreed

The Clerk reported that she and Cllr Hadwick will represent AIPC at the CALC AGM at Rheged in November.

19/10/13: CORRESPONDENCE (to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting)

19/10/13/1: Newsletter from British Transport Police – A 53 year old male was convicted of Driving without Due Care and Attention after he drove through red lights **at Askam Level Crossing** just as the barriers were lowering. He was fined £110, plus £320 costs, and had his licence endorsed with 3 points.

19/10/13/2: Letters from the Great North Air Ambulance and North West Air Ambulance asking the parish council to consider a donation. Cllr Barker said both these charities were very important to our rural committee and it was agreed to donate £100 to each of these charities.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

19/10/13/3: Applications received from Askam Carnival and Events committee to support the Christmas Event (£250) and to help with the insurance for the Carnival (£450). As this was part of the annual budget it was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

20/10/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk's salary and pension £345.30, Redsyke £1691.25 (quarterly charge + extra work at Sharp Street and Beach Street).

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

21/10/14: TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19 November 2013 at the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Date