

**MINUTES OF 275th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 15
SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM IN FURNESS**

Present: Members of the Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, David Knight, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Johns; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and County Councillor Barry Doughty; 3 Representatives from National Grid, 2 Representatives from the National Trust and 2 members of the public.

Prior to the business of the parish council meeting James Glynn of National Grid gave a presentation on the National Grid Project to connect Moorside with the Main Grid at Morecambe. National Grid will hold an information day in Askam in Furness on Friday 23rd October 2pm – 8pm in the Community Hall Duke Street.

1/09/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/09/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Jill Heath.

3/09/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

4/09/15: PRESENTATION FROM NATIONAL TRUST

Emma Franks and Neil Forbes from the National Trust gave a presentation regarding proposed new access plans for Sandscale Haws. These plans would include a new upgraded car park area and re-instating the ‘ice cream’ building. The parish council were impressed with the plans and thought it was very encouraging that the National Trust were supporting Sandscale Haws with this investment. Members of the public can go along to the Drop In event and view these plans at Dalton Drill Hall on Friday 2 October between 1pm and 7pm. Or you can complete the visitor survey form on the Sandscale website:

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/sandscale-haws-national-nature-reserve/> ; scroll down to the bottom of the page and it’s under ‘Can you help us’.

5/09/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 JULY 2015

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

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

6/09/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

6/09/15/1: Caravan at Greenscoe. The appeal is being dealt with by Barrow Borough Council and there has been no update and shall be removed as an agenda item.

6/09/15/2: Broadband. No change in the Broadband situation expected December 2015 Cllr Cumming to keep a watching brief on the situation and raise it as an agenda item if required.

6/09/15/3: Public Toilet Area. Cllr Cumming said that it was disappointing to report that there had been no progress. There is still the bus shelter to erect and some fencing and there was no date for this work to be completed. Barrow Borough Council have written the contractor to no avail. Cllr Cumming will keep progressing this with the contractor and the Borough Council.

6/09/15/4: Coastal Erosion. A date for the visit was arranged for the 15th October but Mr & Mrs Johnson were not available an alternative date to be arranged with United Utilities. Action Clerk

6/09/15/5: Seats, Benches and Litter Bins. Work is ongoing.

6/09/15/6: Jubilee Fountain Plaque. Cllr Steve Smalley reported that no progress has been made to date.

Action Cllr Smalley

6/09/15/7: Coastal erosion of Area at Duddon Road Car Park. Cllr Cumming is meeting with Barrow Borough Council to seek their advice on this matter.

7/09/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES

Applications discussed at this meeting

B20/2015/0541 – Cardross, Harris Street, Askam – Change of use from brownfield land to residential garden to be incorporated within curtilage of Cardross and including 2m high wooden fencing on 3 sides of the land.

No objections

B06/2015/0532 – Proposed Solar Farm, Broughton Road, Dalton – Development of a solar farm and ancillary infrastructure.

Concerns about access to the site to be raised Borough Council planning.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

8/09/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

Anti-Social Behaviour; Askam totalled 2 incidents – youth related, criminal damage 1 on the Lots, 1 theft of A fishing net No incidents of Drugs or Violence. The Speed Indicator Device was deployed on Headlands.

9/09/15: OVERGROWN HEDGES ON PROPERTY ALONG IRELETH ROAD

The clerk has contacted Highways and ENWL who own this field. ENWL's "vegetation team" will investigate.

10/09/15: CLEARING OF RUBBLE FROM ASKAM BEACH

Two separate days were spent clearing some of the rubble over the past 12 months approximately 48 Tons have been removed. Council expressed their thanks to all involved.

11/09/15: SILVER SUNDAY

It was decided to ask the pensioners if they would like to attend the Silver Sunday event being held at the Forum 28 on Sunday 4 October. The parish council would provide transport for anyone wishing to attend.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

12/09/15: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2015

The Clerk was asked to begin the organisation for this on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Smalley and Cumming agreed to help with this and in particular the march from the Rankin Hall and the laying of the wreaths. Cllr Smalley would also ask if the scouts and brownies would attend and if the scouts would help by handing out and collecting the order of service. As Rev'd Mitchell was retiring alternative arrangements would need to be made for someone to take the service. **Action Clerk. Cllrs Smalley and Cumming**

13/09/15: HEDGE ON LOTS ROAD

Complaints have again been received about the height of the hedge on Lots Road causing problems with visibility for vehicles and pedestrians using this road. Cllr Knight has spoken to the owner of the land, but he is unwilling to cut the height of the hedge. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding this matter.

Action Clerk

14/09/15: BUDGET COMMITTEE/PARISH PLAN

A list of projects was given to the parish council for their consideration in line with actions from the parish plan. It was agreed that the Clerk should progress these items and progress would be discussed at the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

Action Clerk

15/09/15: LETTER FROM 'FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S CHURCH'

Two representatives from the Friends of St Peter's Church attended the meeting and spoke to the parish council about their concerns regarding the church. Rev'd Mitchell is retiring in October and it is not certain when St Peter's will have another Vicar. The church is also in need of repairs which will cost quite a substantial amount of money. But the main worry is attendance at church on regular Sunday services. The

Friends asked if the parish council would be prepared to help. The parish council said that they had contacted Rev'd Mitchell regarding funding the maintenance of the churchyard. This was discussed in detail and the Clerk was asked to contact Barrow Borough Council regarding this matter. Action Clerk

16/09/15: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Doughty reported on County Council issues.

17/09/15: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

The Clerk reported that the Annual Accounts had been returned from the External Auditor BDO, all correct with no issues arising.

18/09/15: CORRESPONDENCE

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

19/09/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

BDO payment for annual audit £240.00, HBP hire of equipment and man hours for 2 days of beach cleaning £650.00, hire of Banksman £40.00, Cumbria County Council payment for Saturday librarian £561.20, Redsyke 80 tonnes of top soil, digger and dumper truck hire, boards for protecting paving and 2 men for 1 full day works for the '1865/Jubilee Fountain Area' £2450.00, parking at Barrow Town Hall for planning training £6, Postage £7.22, Black Cartridges for printer £42.66, Dog Waste Bags £19.80.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

20/09/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20 October 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

**Signed by Parish Council Mike Cumming
in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman**

Dated 20 October 2015