

**MINUTES OF THE 249th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 16 APRIL 2013 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, IRELETH**

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, Harry Barker, Sandra Hadwick, David Knight and Denise Wilson. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Perry; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and Barry Doughty; 5 Representatives from the Drop Zone and 7 young people; Rev Allan Mitchell; Rebecca Eastman PhD Student from Plymouth University and 4 members of the public.

1/04/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Alan Mason item 8/04/13 – Planning application B21/2013/0243.

2/04/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Emma Twiname.

3/04/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Letter received from a resident of John Street regarding an accident in John Street and a query regarding the access gate. The parish council agreed that there could be complaints and problems if this gate was permanently closed as it has been used as a right of way for many years. Action Clerk

Correspondence received regarding the poor condition of the land at Common Hest on Saves Lane which is owned by Barrow Borough Council. Cllr Doughty and Thurlow said that they are dealing with this and would report back once they heard from the Borough Council. Action Cllr Doughty and Thurlow

A member of the public voiced their concern regarding the public footpath at Nook Lane which is very muddy and difficult to access. The parish council will look at this matter and if necessary report it to the Cumbria Council Footpath team. The Clerk asked if Cllr Barker could look at this. Action Clerk/Cllr
Barker

A member of the public asked for an update on what was happening with the barriers for the access to Public Footpath 602054 – Saves Lane to A595 opposite Ireleth School. The parish council believe the footpath has been closed due to safety issues. The Clerk will provide the member of the public with a contact at Cumbria Council so they can discuss their concerns with them. Action Clerk

4/04/13: PRESENTATION BY DROP ZONE

Representatives from the Drop Zone presented to each councillor a pack demonstrating the activities of the organisation and financial reports. The representatives were also supported by 2 Youth workers and 7 young people. They described their activities in Barrow and in Dalton and also highlighted the work that has been done in Askam, however there has been difficulty in getting somewhere to meet. During the winter the Youth workers were meeting the young people in the Street or in the Railway Station which was not ideal and would really like a permanent meeting place to help support the Projects that the Drop Zone are doing with the young people. These include environmental projects, also summer camps and visits to Blackpool. The council expressed their support for this initiative and suggested that the Rugby Club may accommodate the Drop Zones requirements. DZ to follow up.

5/04/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 MARCH 2013

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

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

6/04/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

6/04/13/1: Caravan at Greenscoe. The Clerk contacted the planning department at Barrow BC. An approach was made to them in November last year and the Enforcement Officer is looking at the matter, enforcement notice CMP/2012/0110. Anyone concerned can contact the Enforcement Officer and ask for an update.

Ongoing

6/04/13/2: Locking of Community Field Gate near Rugby Club. As there seems to have been no progress on this item it will be closed. Closed

6/04/13/3: Skate Park. Unfortunately there has been little progress mainly because of funding and the cost of a new skate park. It was stated that some of the equipment is in need of repair and the Clerk will meet with the young people to look at this and if need be contact Barrow BC as the equipment belongs to them. There may grants available and the parish council will look at these with the Drop Zone, it could be a long process and the parish council understand the young people's frustration.

Action

Clerk

6/04/13/4: Parking at Junctions. Again no incidents have been reported to the police over the last month. .

Ongoing

6/04/13/5: Pavement, Duke Street. The Clerk met with Melanie Bowers from Cumbria Highways and Melanie will be looking at the issue and will report back to the Clerk in due course.

Action Clerk/Ongoing

6/04/13/6: BOAT 602031 – Foreshore access to pier. Martyn Taylor of Cumbria Highways has spoken to the Borough Council, Environment Agency, Natural England and a local ecologist regarding the site. The site is within the Duddon Estuary SSSI (Special Site of Scientific Interest) and I am awaiting a decision from Natural England to see what they will or not allow. Due to the close proximity of the salt marshes, potential bird nesting sites and natter jack toad activity in the area they may put restrictions on time of year, type of work we can do. Or put a halt to any potential drainage works in the area at all. He will update us further as and when I receive any information.

Ongoing

6/04/13/7: Footpath, Greenscoe. Cllr Barker confirmed that the work at Greenscoe is the finished product as instructions from the working group. The Clerk will meet with Mark Hankin of Cumbria CC regarding some signage at the Greenscoe end of the footpath/road to instruct vehicles and pedestrians there is on-coming traffic.

Action Clerk

6/04/13/8: Jubilee Garden. The jubilee oak has been planted and the plants given by Mike Miller and Brenda Jefferson. The garden is looking very nice, the parish council expressed their thanks to Mike and Brenda. The area will be maintained by the parish council through their contractor Redsyke.

Closed

6/04/13/9: Litter Bins. The new litter bins have been received and will be sited as soon as possible.

Closed

6/04/13/10: Parish Council Logo on Road Signs. This is being progressed with Cumbria CC Highways.

Ongoing

6/04/13/11: Dog Fouling. There has been no improvement and the parish council can only ask dog owners to pick up and bin their dog waste. They feel the only way of stopping this is by issuing fines to offenders, it is difficult apprehending the culprits. **PLEASE BE A CONSIDER DOG OWNER - PICK UP AND BIN YOUR DOG'S WASTE.** Dog waste bags are available free of charge from the police pod.

Ongoing

6/04/13/12: Flooding in Village. Cllr Gaskell has received all the information and contact numbers from Cllr Doughty and will be putting packs together for residents.

Action Cllr Gaskell

6/04/13/13: Letters from Askam School. Cllr Gaskell will write to the school and liaise with them. The school has been extremely successful at the choir competition and an athletic event. The parish council send their congratulations to the pupils and teachers on such achievements.

Action Cllr Gaskell

6/04/13/14: Visit by Rebecca Eastman. Rebecca reported that she has been well received by people in the village and thanked everyone for their help and co-operation. Once her studies are complete she will report back to the parish council with some of her findings.

Closed until report comes back

6/04/13/15: Land at rear of Dalton Road. Cllr Knight and Gaskell visited to area and spoke to the resident who wants to block off the area. Photographs were taken and an application to the land registry office will be completed to confirm ownership.

Action Cllr Knight

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

6/04/13/16: Landscaping at Sharp Street: Quotation to do this work of £150.00 from Redsyke was agreed by the parish council. The Clerk will inform resident of the proposed work and ask them to contact her if there are any objections.

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Wilson

Agreed

7/04/13: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Crime figures 9 reports of anti-social behaviour, 3 youth related, 1 incident in Sharp Street the parents have been spoken to. Incident of motorcycle on Roanhead beach. 2 vehicles damaged and 1 theft from the co-op CCTV images are being looked at.

8/04/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B26/2013/0184 - 9 Manx View – Certificate of Lawfulness of proposed use or development for erection of a rear kitchen extension in place of existing conservatory and the erection of an adjacent but detached outbuilding.

B21/2013/0227 – 235 Ireleth Road – erection of a conservatory to front elevation

B21/2013/0162 – 102 Parklands Terrace - Double storey side extension with utility room to side and detached garage to the rear.

No objections received or express by the parish council.

B21/2013/0243 – 4 Ireleth Court Road – Replacement of rear extension & conservatory with a larger living room extension.

From looking at the area and studying the plans the parish council found no reason to object to this application.

JP/Screening opinion 2013 Bennett Bank – Proposed single wind turbine up to 90m to tip.

Concerns expressed by the parish council regarding the size and site for this wind turbine. The Clerk will format a response and submit.

All planning applications can be reviewed on Barrow Borough Council's Planning Website www.barrowbc.gov.uk any comments can be sent via email to consultplanning@barrowbc.gov.uk

9/04/13: SHOP FRONT SCHEME

Letter received from Barrow BC regarding the parish council's query as to why Askam has not been included in this scheme. Cllr Gaskell said she is not happy with the response and would like to follow this up. This was agreed by the parish council.

Action Cllr Gaskell

10/04/13: UPDATE FROM RURAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Cllr Hadwick and Gaskell attend these meetings to represent the parish council and find them very useful and interesting. The minutes of these meetings were available for the parish councillors to read.

11/04/13: PARISH PLAN

A separate meeting will be held with all parish councillors to work on the parish plan.

Action Clerk

12/04/13: ST PETER'S CHURCH, IRELETH

Rev'd Allan Mitchell gave an update on the work that was needed at St Peter's and explained that the parochial council were working tirelessly to secure funds to do this work. A collection in the village has so far raised around £900.00 which is excellent and he hoped the community will continue to support them. Rev'd Mitchell spoke about the works already done at the church which have been essential and expensive. Rev'd Mitchell is heartened to see that the community of Askam and Ireleth are contributing and showing their commitment to the church which is a grade II listed building. The church congregation on Sunday's has fallen and he hopes people will come and join in the service, they will be made very welcome. The church is still used throughout the year for funerals, christenings and weddings. All the parish councillors agreed that it would be a tragedy if St Peter's was to close either due to repair works or not being used. They felt the church is an important part of village life and hoped support will be forthcoming and the community will rally round to help Rev'd Mitchell and the parochial council. The Chairman thanked Rev'd Mitchell and Mrs Louwes for attending the meeting and sharing the information with the parish council.

13/04/13: LIBRARY

A business case has been produced by the parish council's sub-committee with a recommendation for the parish council to fund the library opening for 3 hours on Saturday mornings for a 12 month trial period at a cost of £1,500.00. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed. This decision will be communicated to Cumbria CC Library Services for their consideration.

Proposed Cllr Wilson

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

14/04/13: ANNUAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next meeting of the parish council in May will be when officers including Chairman and Vice Chairman will be appointed.

15/04/13: ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

A report received from Angela Knowles stated that the Environment Agency will be bidding for funds in July 2013 to address flood risk from Blea Beck – which is called a main river. In the current economic climate EA no longer get 100% funding for major works and will expect a contribution from stakeholders before any scheme can go ahead. This means that there is no timetable for works at present only that they are starting bidding process. However Angela feels this is a positive position to be in and at least there is recognition that work is needed. There is a ‘Making Space for Water’ group meeting in Barrow on Tuesday 30 April and Angela will endeavour to get feedback from this meeting.

16/04/13: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Doughty explained that the Borough Councillors have been holding surgeries for the last 3 years in the village and these regrettable have not been particularly well supported. Times and venues will be looked at for the next year.

17/04/13: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES – CLERK

The monthly spreadsheet of expenditure was given to each parish councillor to view.

17/04/13/1: Annual Audit of Accounts. The Clerk as RFO has completed the annual accounts and they have been reviewed by the internal auditor Roger Brailsford who has signed them as a true record. The Clerk asked that these accounts were accepted by the parish council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

17/04/13/2: Annual Governance Statement was approved by the council and signed by the Chairman.

The Clerk also reported that she has now completed the VAT return and this will be submitted.

18/04/13: CORRESPONDENCE *to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection*

Reminder of County Council elections on 2 May – very important for our village to have a representative at County Council level.

Annual insurance reminder – the Clerk is looking at getting other quotes to compare.

Unfortunately our application for a grant from Nurture Lakeland to repair the access steps at Duddon Road to the beach was unsuccessful – will have to fund the repair ourselves.

19/04/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

£50 Askam ARFLC (Roger Brailsford) for internally auditing of accounts, £793.26 Unicorn for litter bins, Clerk’s salary & extra hours for completing VAT, annual accounts £447.68, ink cartridges £49.14, land registry document £3.00, photocopying of accounts £3.00, top up for mobile £50.00.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

20/04/13: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 May 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed **Date**