

**MINUTES OF 279th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY
2016 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman; Alan Mason, David Knight, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PSCO Louise Johns and 3 members of the public.

1/02/16: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

2/02/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Harry Barker and Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow.

3/02/16: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/02/16/1: A member of the public asked if the litter bin which had been removed from the lay-bye on Tippins Lane could be returned. Councillor Knight said that the bin had been taken away by Barrow Borough Council as people were using the bin for household and garden rubbish and fly tipping around the bin. The Clerk said she would write to the Borough Council and ask again if the bin could be returned.

3/02/16/2: Concerns were raised about 2 near misses last weekend involving horse riders and vehicles on the Lots Road. This was an item on the agenda, but was discussed during the question time. These incidents could have been extremely serious and the upsetting part for the rider of during the 2nd incident was that the driver of the vehicle was laughing as the horse was rearing up with the rider trying to hold on to the horse. The 1st incident saw the vehicle having to swerve to miss the horse and rider and crashing into the hedge and then driving off without stopping. It was agreed that this road is of a particular concern not only for the safety of horse riders, but pedestrians too who use this road. It was felt that signs warning drivers that horses use this road may help and Councillor Knight has been in contact with Cumbria County Council Highways. Another source of concern is the fact that part of the Lots Road is national speed limit, which seems a nonsense taking into consideration the width and condition of the road. This will also be discussed with Highways.

4/02/16: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JANUARY 2016

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

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

5/02/16: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/02/16/1: Public Toilet Area: The delivery of the new bus shelter was due w/b 15th February however the manufacturer was delayed and is now due w/b 29th February. The wall that had collapsed has now been replaced with a banked area and the dwarf fence re-installed, the intention is to provide hedging at the outside of the fencing. Planting has been replaced and is now completed. *Action Cllr Cumming*

5/02/16/2: Plaque for Jubilee Fountain. Both plaques have been returned, painted and fitted by Councillor David Knight. Everyone agreed that they looked very smart and thanked Councillor Knight for this work and particularly thanked Dalton Town Council for loaning their plaque to send to the foundry. *Closed*

5/02/16/3: Common Hest: Barrow Borough Council with the help of payback began work tidying Common Hest and cutting back some of the over-grown trees and brambles and removing the rubbish which has been fly-tipped in the area. A member of the public felt that too much had been cut back, the parish council were surprised as they thought so far they are making a good job of the area. The Clerk will contact Barrow Borough to ask if they would be cutting back any more of the area. This area is common land, but comes under the Borough Council's register of land. *Action Clerk*

5/02/16/4: Coastal Erosion at Duddon Road Picnic Area. Cllr Mike Cumming is still trying to organise a meeting with Steve Solsby of Barrow Borough Council to discuss this matter. *Action Cllr Cumming*

5/02/16/5: Speed Humps Duke Street: This item is being dealt with by Cumbria County Council, Highways. *Closed*

5/02/16/6: Parking in the village: Further complaints have been received regarding parking in the village by Sellafeld commuters. County Councillor Barry Doughty has arranged for representatives from the County Council to visit the village on Tuesday 23 February and hopefully give us some advice. *Ongoing*

5/02/16/7: Update from Cumbria County Council, Highways:

A copy of the report from the meeting with Victoria Upton of Cumbria County was made available to all councillors. A response from Victoria was read out by the Vice Chairman. Victoria has looked at collision records. The collisions at the junction of Lots Road/A595 do not indicate particular issues with the existing layout or road markings at the junctions. However she is looking at signs opposite the Lots Road junction and double white lines within the A595 turning lanes set up. We haven't had a chance to do any specific designs yet, therefore I haven't got anything I can show you for your meeting, we will do that as soon as possible. Works would take place next year, it will be dependent on funding. The budget has not yet been set so at this stage I cannot guarantee funding will be available, how the provisional budget does allow us to undertake the improvements.

Highways are currently preparing a traffic regulation order variation and we have included some double yellow lines at the junction of Dale Street. We are looking at approximately 10 metres to the East of the junction in front of the Pub to improve the visibility. We won't be able to remove all the parked vehicles as the spaces are needed, but aim to improve visibility for emerging vehicles.

6/02/16: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

PCSO reported that there had been 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour, 1 youth related. There were no crime reports during January. The incident with horse riders on the Lots Road was being looked into by a Police Problem Solving Officer. Cllr Knight asked if the SID could be deployed in the area.

7/02/16: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

New Applications

B21/2016/0028 – 41 Saves Lane, Ireleth – Create and extend master bedroom with en-suite and balcony, bedroom 4 with en-suite walk in wardrobe and office at first floor level. Extend living room, extended kitchen, utility room, pantry and cloakroom at ground floor level.

B21/2016/0064 – 37 Furnace Place, Askam – Double storey side extension forming porch at ground level with bedroom first floor level. Ground floor extension forming sunroom, utility, w.c. and store. Internal alterations.

No objections expressed or received. All planning applications can be viewed on the Barrow Borough Council website.

A member of the public had raised two queries regarding developments in the village:

A chalet which has been sited at the rear of Dalton Road. Cllr David Knight said he did not remember this application. Other members of the parish council said that they remembered the application and thought that at the time there were no objections. Cllr Knight said he would check the application on the planning website.

Query regarding the material being used as drive access to the development of houses at the old Furness Tavern site and to the pavement not completed as per planning.. Again Cllr Knight would need to check the planning application and speak to the planning department.

9/02/16: STREET LIGHTING, FURNACE PLACE/PARKLANDS TERRACE

A proposal to site two new lighting columns on Parklands Terrace had been put forward by Cumbria County Council. They asked if the parish council to help by asking residents their opinion. The Clerk wrote to each householder near to where the proposed columns would be sited. There had been one objection. The Clerk was asked to forward this objection to Cumbria County Council who would then make the decision as to whether this scheme would now go ahead.

Action Clerk

10/02/16 QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Bill Wilson and Cllr Denise Wilson had looked at details of how the country is planning to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Cllr Denise Wilson had looked at the plans for beacons around the coastline and Cllr Bill Wilson the initiative of 'Clean for the Queen. The Clerk was asked to contact Barrow Borough Council to see if they would be involved in these events. Cllr Denise Wilson would look into other options involving members of the pensioners group.

Action Clerk/Cllr Denise Wilson

11/02/16: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

None present.

12/02/16: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly finance spreadsheet was made available to all members.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

13/02/16: CORRESPONDENCE

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

13/02/16/1: Meeting of the Duddon Estuary Partnership would be held in Askam on 9 March 2016 in the Rankin Hall. The Partnership are looking for a new Chairman and Secretary.

13/02/16/2: CALC Circular- an item in the monthly circular mentions that the 2016 edition of the Good Councillors Guide is now available. The Clerk would look into this and obtain copies for the parish council. *Action Clerk*

13/02/16/3: Cllr Cumming showed a photograph of the Askam and Ireleth Drop Zone Young People being presented with the 'Terry Spurling' award for work in the Community. This is the first time the award has been made and the parish council thought this was a great achievement for the young people.

14/02/16: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Manor Foundry for making plaques £188.40, paint for plaques £22.00, carriage for sending plaque to Manor Foundry £12.98, dog waste bags £16.98, stationery £10.96, 2nd class stamps £6.48.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

15/02/16: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 March 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed: David Knight (who chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman)

Dated: 15 March 2016