

**MINUTES OF 252nd MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY  
16 JULY 2013 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason and Harry Barker. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and 1 Member of the public.

**1/07/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS**

Cllr Gaskell and Hadwick declared an interest in item 14/07/13/4 donation for Mega Fun Day.

**2/07/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr George Twiname, David Knight and Denise Wilson; Borough Councillor Barry Doughty and PCSO Louise Perry.

**3/07/13: STATEMENT FROM CHAIRMAN**

The Clerk received a letter from the Chairman, Cllr George Twiname to say he will be stepping down as Chairman of the parish council as from 23 June 2013. Cllr Twiname will remain as a member of the parish council. Appointment of a new Chairman will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**4/07/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**4/07/13/1:** Mr Cairns from Askam School approached Cllr Gaskell regarding the land adjoining the school play area belonging to Lecks, this area is again over-grown. Cllr Gaskell has spoken to Lecks who assure her the work will be carried out during the school holidays. Lecks are also prepared to discuss long term options for this piece of land. Cllr Gaskell will keep the parish council informed.

**4/07/13/2:** Residents of Tippins Lane contacted Cllr Barker regarding flooding to their homes from the field opposite their properties. Most of the problems with this flooding is because the surface drains and connecting pipework is either blocked or damaged. The Clerk will contact Cumbria Highways and our County Councillor regarding this issue. Action Clerk

**4/07/13/3:** It has been brought to the attention of the parish council that the owner of the allotment land on John Street has installed a connection to the sewer and put in water pipes to his land. The parish council will seek advice from United Utilities. Action Clerk

**5/07/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 JUNE 2013**

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

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**6/07/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING**

**6/07/13/1: Footpath at Nook Lane.** The Clerk has given the information regarding Nook Lane footpath to the resident concerned and this item will now be closed, unless further problems arise. Closed

**6/07/13/3: Drop Zone – Working with Young People.** No update, this item will be kept open as the parish council feel it is important to support this project. This item will be left open for any updates, but will be removed from the minutes until such updates are received.

**6/07/13/4: Skate Park.** Barrow Borough Council have made repairs to the equipment. The parish council are still looking into funding for new equipment. This item will be left open for any updates, but will be removed from the minutes until such updates are received.

**6/07/13/5: Pavement, Duke Street.** The parish council have reported the meeting with Mr and Mrs Lowther to Cumbria County Council Highways and they will now be dealing with this matter. This item will be left open for updates, but will be removed from the minutes until such updates are received.

**6/07/13/6: Change of Rota of Parish Council Meetings:** These changes have now been implemented and a notice will be posted and sent to all concerned. Closed

**6/07/13/7: War Memorial, Duke Street.** The Clerk has written to Barrow BC asking if they will consider having our war memorial cleaned for the centenary of the beginning of WWI in 2014. As yet there has been no response. Cllr Denis Bell will also mention this at the next Barrow Council Executive Meeting.

**6/07/13/8: Wish List.** Cllr Gaskell asked that over the summer break the parish councillors think of some items for the wish list.

**6/07/13/9: Flooding in Dale Street.** Representatives from the Environment Agency will be visiting on Wednesday 17 July. The residents have asked if someone from the parish council can be there to support them, the Clerk has agreed to go along. The parish council agree to offer any support they can to the residents.

#### **7/07/13 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY**

PCSO Perry was unable to attend the meeting through illness.

#### **8/0713: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK**

##### **New Planning**

B21/2013/0468 – Erect a bedroom extension at first floor level – 41 Dalton Road

No objections.

B21/2013/0472 – Build a porch to the front of property – 17 Abbey Heights

No objections.

##### **Approved**

B28/2013/0323 – 31 James Street

B21/2013/0300 – Marsh Farm – roof

B20/2012/0489 – Siting of caravans at Park Knott – approved on appeal

It was agreed that planning applications received during the parish council's summer break can be dealt with by Cllr Hadwick unless she feels any items need to be discussed by the parish council, then a meeting will be called.

**Proposed Cllr Mason**

**Seconded Cllr Barker**

**Agreed**

#### **9/07/13: PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Gaskell and Mason have received a lot of information and are planning to work on the plan during the summer break. They are hoping to present the plan to the parish council in September.

*Action Cllr Mason and Gaskell*

#### **10/07/13: BROADBAND**

Superfast High Speed Broadband has been installed at Dalton Telephone Exchange and is starting to be rolled out over the exchange area, which includes Askam and Ireleth. There will be 3 cabinets initially one in Duke Street for Askam village, one on Parklands to cover Parklands and one for Ireleth which is near the station on Dalton Road. Currently BT is forecasting that the cabinets on Duke Street and Dalton Road will be completed, to allow people to start ordering high speed broadband by the end of September beginning of October. Due to way leave issues the one in Parklands was delayed, however with help BT have now had this issued resolved and hope that this cabinet will be ready about the same time as the other two. The parish council expressed their thanks to Mike for the work he has carried out on behalf of the parish council and for attending the meeting in Penrith and providing the updates.

#### **11/07/13: PUBLIC TOILETS, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

It seems that Barrow Borough Council intend to demolish the toilets. It was agreed that this will be a sad day for our village. The parish council wish to work with Barrow BC and our Borough Councillors on this issue, as not only does this building house the toilets it is also a bus shelter. The parish council want to ensure a proper bus shelter is installed and the area is landscaped and made good. Cllr Gaskell and Hadwick said they would like to be involved in this project and represent the parish council. The Clerk will inform Barrow BC. Cllr Hadwick and Gaskell asked if the area behind the jubilee fountain could be tidied and landscaped and the sandstone wall repaired. Cllr Barker said we should check with the rail company to see if they owned this area. The Clerk will speak to Terry Davies who liaise with Network Rail.

#### **12/07/13: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Thurlow had no updates for the meeting.

#### **13/07/13: REPORT FROM CLERK, INCLUDING FINANCES**

