

**MINUTES OF 264th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2014 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Cllr Bill Wilson Vice Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Denise, Wilson, Alan Mason, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough and County Cllr Barry Doughty; 3 Youth Workers from Drop Zone; 8 Young people from Drop Zone and 5 members of the public.

**1/09/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

**2/09/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Parish Cllr David Knight and Harry Barker, PCSO Louise Perry and Borough Cllr Denis Bell and Ann Thurlow.

**3/09/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/09/14/1:** A member of the public said the cycle path at Greenscoe is very over-grown and makes it hazardous for cyclists and walkers using the path. The Clerk will look at this area and contact Highways.

Action Clerk

**3/09/14/2:** Damage has been caused to a street light column and sign post on Ireleth Road near the church. The Clerk will contact Highways regarding this.

Action Clerk

**4/09/14: PRESENTATION TO DROP ZONE YOUNG PEOPLE**

The Vice Chairman Bill Wilson presented certificates to the Drop Zone young people who have completed various activities and projects with the Askam and Ireleth Group. This was a great achievement for the young people, Drop Zone and the parish council and the young people were congratulated and the Drop Zone Youth Workers thanked.

**5/09/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 JULY 2014**

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

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley**

**Agreed**

**6/09/14: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**6/09/14/1: Sellafeld parking.** There is a possibility that the land opposite the Co-op will be available for development which could incorporate a car park dependant on progressing the Local Plan see below.

Ongoing.

**6/09/14/2: Askam Youth Action Group.** The parish plan has now been amended to include details of the work the Youths do in the village. This is available to download from the internet

[www.askamandirelethparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.askamandirelethparishcouncil.org.uk)

Closed

**6/09/14/4: Tipping of Rubble on Beach near Marsh Farm.** Mr and Mrs Johnson from Marsh Farm attended the meeting to discuss the work they are doing on the foreshore to try and protect their land and property. The parish council explained they have no issue with this and have every sympathy with Mr and Mrs Johnson. But the parish council would like some of the historical rubble removed from the beach. Mr Johnson offered to help with this project. The parish council will look at this later in the year and will liaise with Mr and Mrs Johnson.

Action All

**6/09/14/5: Public Toilet Area, Duke Street** – An application to demolish the public toilets has been submitted by Barrow Borough Council.

Ongoing

**6/09/14/5: War Memorial.** The Clerk is still working with our landscape contractor at the area and will obtain prices for work to remove the grass and replace with chippings and look at some surgery to the trees in the garden.

Action Clerk

**6/09/14/6: WW1 Events.** Both the ‘lights out’ event on 4 August and the Exhibition day on 14 September were extremely successful and very well attended. The Chairman and the Parish Council thanked everyone who had been involved in putting together both these events and said that both events had shown great community spirit, which was what made Askam and Ireleth special. Cllr Hadwick said that the Clerk had worked very hard to get all the information together and thanked her. The Clerk said it had been a joint event with Pete Burt, Mike Cumming and many others doing a lot of work, which had been so worthwhile seeing so many local people supporting and enjoying the event. And remembered all those from our village who fought in WW1. Closed

**6/09/14/7: Silver Sunday.** Cllr Denise Wilson gave details of the programme for the event which will be in the Rankin Hall on Sunday 5 October beginning at 2pm. She hoped the Parish Councillors would come along and support the event. Action Cllr D Wilson

**6/09/14/8: Skate Park.** Cllr Mike Cumming had no further updates as the grant would not be submitted until later in the year. Action Cllr M Cumming

**6/09/14/9: Beach Clean.** Cllr Denise Wilson reported that the beach clean would be held on Saturday 27 September meet at the Boat House at 10.30 am. The Clerk was asked to organise a skip for the rubbish collected.

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

#### **7/09/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE**

In the absence of a community police officer Cllr Bill Wilson read out the police report. CRIME FIGURES FOR AUGUST - 8 incidents of anti-social behaviour 3 involving youths, 2 loud parties, 1 domestic related incident, 1 mini moto on beach and some For Sale sign left in a garden. No burglaries reported. 3 incidents of criminal damage. 1 at the Lots Park. Damage to computer equipment at Hawthwaite House and damage to a vehicle parked on Duke Street. 1 theft of 2 marine engines from a boat which had gone adrift from Millom which floated across the Duddon Estuary. No drug related incidents.

#### **8/09/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES – WRITTEN REPORT ISSUED BY CLLR DAVID KNIGHT**

B18/2014/0561 – Erection of a livestock shelter on hardcore base – Greenscoe (field opposite Park Knott Smallholdings) Askam. Comments sent to Planning

B29/2014/0461 – Demolition of Public Conveniences, Duke Street, Askam in Furness. No objections.

B18/2014/0079 – Reinstatement of Shore bank using a clay and stone mix binded with sand to prevent future erosion (retrospective). Already responded to.

B13/2014/0452 – Development of 4 new dwellings and new shed with associated roads, parking and landscaping – Land at Lord Street, Askam. Already responded to.

B21/2014/0596 – Proposed ground floor side extension forming lounge/kitchen and bedroom/bathroom – Greenbanks, Harris Street, Askam – no objections.

B13/2014/0501 – Proposed erection of a single dwelling house (outline with all matters reserved) – land at 101 and 107 Beach Street, Askam – no objections.

#### **9/09/14: COMMEMORATIVE SEAT FROM MEMORIAL GARDEN**

The Clerk circulated an image of a seat which Barrow Borough Council are ordering for Barrow Park and asked if the parish council would like to purchase some for our memorial garden. It was agreed to purchase 2 seats and site them in the garden at a cost of £535.00 each plus carriage.

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Agreed**

#### **10/09/14: UPDATE FROM MEETING WITH CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING CEASING OF BUS SUBSIDIES**

The Clerk and Cllr Mike Cumming met with Angela Knowles and Alison Meadows. Letters from concerned residents as well as the results of the questionnaires from bus users were handed in to Cumbria County Council. The subsidies have now ceased for the Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening services and this has seen a reduction in the service on these days. The subsidies for the remaining no 7 services will cease on 9

November 2014 and no-one really knows how this will affect the service to and from Askam. The sincere hope is that even though the subsidies cease Stagecoach will deem the route profitable enough to run the service through Askam and Ireleth.

**11/09/14: SHOP FRONT SCHEME**

The Borough Council are running a 3<sup>rd</sup> Shop Front Scheme which gives local shop owners an opportunity apply to the Borough Council for a grant to improve the appearance of their businesses. In the past Askam and Ireleth have not been included, but this time business in our village can apply to this scheme. The parish council will obtain details of how to apply and inform shop owners.

**12/09/14: BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN** Barrow Borough council have issued an updated local plan for consultation. There are a number of locations in Askam where there is potential for further housing. There is a public consultation in Askam at the Community centre on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 between 3pm and 6pm where residents will have an opportunity to express their views and concerns. Concerns were raised at the meeting with regards to the Lots Road and infrastructure for more housing.

**13/09/14: REPORT FROM LOCAL COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Doughty gave the parish council an update on issues within the Borough and County Council. He also reminded everyone that the Councillors hold a surgery in Askam library between 9 am and 10.20 am on the last Saturday of each month.

**14/09/14: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES**

The Clerk mentioned that a request had been made to move the next parish council meeting to Tuesday 14 October 2014. This was put to the vote and agreed.

<b>Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson</b>	<b>Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley</b>	<b>Agreed</b>
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The monthly finances were agreed as a true record and accepted.

<b>Proposed Cllr Alan Mason</b>	<b>Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick</b>	<b>Agreed</b>
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**15/09/14: CORRESPONDENCE**

Nominations have been requested for Love Barrow Awards – this can be done through the parish council or personally.

Information has been sent to every household regarding the National Grid Coastal Connection Proposals. A consultation drop in will be held in the Community Centre, Duke Street on Saturday 1 November 2014 between 10am – 3.30pm. The parish council feel it is important that residents should try to attend this event. Good Council Training from CALC – Cllr Steven Smalley and Mike Cumming will attend the training at Gilpin Bridge on Monday 6 October 2014.

**Agreed**

**16/09/14: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Ryan Terpilowski £100, updating website; Askins & Little £3,594.00 cleaning war memorial; HSP £81.00 printing posters for exhibition; Cumbria County Council £396.99, contribution for Saturday Library Assistant; Clerk's Salary £690.60 (Aug and Sept); Phone £20.00; Clerk's expenses Printing of posters for exhibition £47.00, Stationery £14.78, Refreshments for Peter Donnelly event £4.84, Stamps £6.36, Prizes for Ireleth School children for support WW1 event £35.00, Copying paper £4.80, All gave some poster £11.26, Kitchener Poster £6.21, Lest we forget flag £5.93, Munition workers poster £4.24, Printer Cartridges black £13.00, Printer Cartridges colour £28.50, card for exhibition £13.00, guillotine £39.99; Askam & Ireleth History Group for Peter Donnelly guest speaker WW1 commemoration £60.00, Hire of Band Hall, Askam Town Silver Band for WW1 event £90.00.

<b>Proposed Cllr Alan Mason</b>	<b>Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson</b>	<b>Agreed</b>
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**17/0/14: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 14 October 2014, Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam. At 7.15pm**

Signed ..... Dated .....