

**MINUTES OF 277<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 17 NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PSCO Louise Johns and 1 member of the public. In the absence of the Chairman Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman chaired the meeting.

**1/11/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**2/11/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Cllrs Harry Barker, David Knight and Alan Mason; County Councillor Barry Doughty.

**3/11/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**4/11/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2015**

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

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley**

**Agreed**

**5/11/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/11/15/1: Street Lighting, Furnace Place.** The Clerk had made contact with Cumbria Highways and they have a draft proposal for funding for this project. But at this stage it is just a proposal. The Clerk will keep in contact with Highways.

*Action Clerk*

**5/11/15/2: Over-hanging branches near Rankin Hall.** This has been dealt with.

*Closed*

**5/11/15/3: Public Toilet Area:** Barrow BC contractor terminated for this work, Redsyke has been asked to quote to complete the works.

*Action Cllr Cumming*

**5/11/15/3a: Litter Bins:** Public Toilet area bin is badly corroded also another 2 bins are required, one at Askam School and one at Duddon Inshore rescue. Costs for 3 bins with one having coastal protection paint £950.00.

**Proposed Cllr D Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr B Wilson**

**Agreed**

**5/11/15/4: Plaque for Jubilee Fountain.** Cllr Steve Smalley is making enquiries with 2 companies regarding cost for a new plaque. He has sent a photograph of the plaque and will report back to the parish council when he receives a response.

*Action Cllr Smalley*

**5/11/15/5: Coastal Erosion at Duddon Road Picnic Area.** Cllr Cumming reported a meeting with Barrow BC and Capita at Duddon Road Car Park to review the erosion. Barrow BC advised that the costs were in the region of £16k and would require Marine Licence and planning to proceed. Barrow BC were asked to supply the specification and help with the architectural requirements and the PC would look at sourcing the work cheaper.

*Action Cllr Cumming*

**5/11/15/6: Meeting at Marsh Farm.** Cllr Barker (part time) and Cumming attended a meeting with United Utilities, Capita (representing Barrow BC), NFU and the farmers Mr & Mrs Johnson. Mrs Johnson expressed concerns about overflow from high tides affecting the Sewage Works, Capita stated that the storm of 2014 was a 1 in 200 year storm. It was noted that the area was possibly vulnerable to flooding in the future, however any defences of the Works would be carried out at the works and not at the coast. A number of actions resulted from this meeting and will be followed up. A copy of the report from United Utilities was made available to the parish council and a copy sent to Mr and Mrs Johnson.

*Action Cllr Cumming*

**5/11/15/7: Hedge on Lots Road.** The hedge on one side has been cut back from the road, but the height remains the same. There has been no progress with the hedge on the other side of the road. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways regarding this issue.

*Action Clerk*

**5/11/15/8: Planting at Jubilee Fountain and 1865 Garden:** The planting is now complete and the parish council agreed it is looking much better and brightens up the area.

*Closed*

**5/11/15/9: Raised beds for the Youth at the Community Centre.** Work will commence in the next few weeks.

*Action Clerk*

**5/11/15/10: Repairs to Jubilee Garden wall.** Work ongoing

*Ongoing*

**5/11/15/11: Rose Garden at Memorial Garden:** Roses have been ordered and should be delivered 1<sup>st</sup> week in December *Ongoing*

**5/11/15/12: Planted Area at Turnstone Crescent:** Quote to tidy up area £85.00 and added onto the annual maintenance contract.

**Proposed Cllr M Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Smalley**

**Agreed**

**5/11/15/13: Common Hest-** Barrow BC looking at tidying area up, will proceed when appropriate equipment available, member of the public raised the issue of possible wildlife in the area, work to progress with care. *Ongoing*

**5/11/15/14: Lots Road Enhancement:** Cllr Knight planted 400 daffodils at new planting area on Lots road at his own expense PC will look at improving the banking next year. *Closed*

**5/11/15/15:** Barrow BC have worked on the Churchyard doing an excellent job making it more accessible. Still some work required behind the War Graves, approval given for Redsyke to complete this. Cost £250.00. Also money set aside in next year's budget for ongoing maintenance there. Decision on contract will be made then.

**Proposed Cllr B Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Cumming**

**Agreed**

#### **6/11/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS**

PCSO reported that there had been 3 incidents of ASB 2 youth related (separate). 1 Theft of tools at Paradise The SID had been placed at Ireleth Brow 30mph sign for 1 week during which highest speed recorded was 44.5 mph with an average of 37.2 mph surprisingly there were 7944 cars recorded in the 1 week peaking at the weekend. There was a request for the SID to be re-sited on Ireleth Road as there has been no change in traffic speeding on that road. PCSO said they may deploy the laser again. 30mph indicator working intermittently and may need calibrating.

#### **7/11/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT**

Applications to be discussed at this meeting. *Cllr Cumming reported on behalf of Cllr Knight.*

***B18/2015/0596 – Erection of a detached garage for domestic use at land adjacent to Fallowfield View, Crossley Street,***

***Askam:*** Concerns were expressed regarding this development and the parish council were pleased to note that it will not be used for a business or commercial enterprise, which was felt would need to be enforced. The area surrounding this plot is residential and with the access and condition of the road not suitable for a business. Comments made were regarding the fact that there will be no onsite connections for electricity and the question was asked if this would be provided by a generator. If so, could a restriction be made on usage and times that the generator is used, as this could cause noise problems for residents. The applicant should be made aware that they are in very close proximity to residential caravans and houses and to have consideration for their neighbours.

***B20/2015/0598 – Notification of prior approval for a proposed change of use of Agricultural building for the conversion of a traditional stone barn associated with old water mill into two residential units with parking and gardens at Marsh Grange Farm, Dunnerholme, Askam.***

There were no objections and the parish council felt that, if sympathetically carried out this work could save what is an almost derelict building of some historical importance to the area. The parish council felt they were not qualified enough to comment on the architecture of such a historical building and would leave that to the experts. They felt that if appropriate some of the old workings, if not being used in the build, could be offered to a museum.

***B21/2015/0731 Application for a minor material amendment via a variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2015/0485 and resubmission B21/2015/0304 at 2 Spindrift Close, Askam.*** There were no objections from the parish council or any member of the public present at the meeting.

The Clerk was asked to respond to Barrow Borough Council with the parish council's comments. *Clerk*

#### **8/11/15: BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/17**

A meeting was held on 4 November to discuss this and a copy of the proposed budget was discussed. It was also recommended that the precept remain the same at £27,000.

**Proposed Cllr B Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Smalley**

**Agreed**

#### **9/11/15: CHRISTMAS STORY TIME IN THE LIBRARY**

It was agreed to go ahead on the same basis as last year. The Story Time will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December all agreed to support it and advertise it round the village. Cllr Smalley to organise. *Action Cllr Smalley*

**10/11/15: YELLOW LINE, LORD STREET**

The Parish Council have been approached by the Co-op to get the yellow lines at Lord Street / Duke Street to re-instate as they are badly faded. A query was raised why the yellow lines at Parklands/ New Road corner had not been completed. Clerk to approach highways. *Action Clerk*

**11/11/15: DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

Cllr Cumming and Hadwick attended the AGM where the Chairman stood down having completed his term in office of 4 years. The secretary also resigned due to paid work commitments. The next meeting will be in Askam 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2pm host village will chair meeting until permanent officers appointed.

**12/11/15: OVER-HANGING VEGETATION A595**

Cllr D Wilson reported trees were overhanging the road near the Brickworks. Clerk to contact highways. *Action Clerk*

**13/11/15: REPORT FROM CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S AGM**

Cllr Cumming reported on the AGM which had a very interesting talk on the World Heritage Site of Hadrian's Wall followed by the AGM. It was noted that there is no representation from Barrow BC on the CALC executive which should be raised at the next JRC. Also information regarding the possible devolution of Cumbria was discussed and information disseminated to the Parish Council.

**14/11/15: SPEED HUMPS ON DUKE STREET**

It was reported that two speed humps on Duke Street near the Polly's Plaice were loose and would require reworking. Clerk to contact Highways. *Action Clerk*

**15/11/15: CCTV DUKE STREET**

At the budget meeting it was suggested that the CCTV should have remote access due to issue gaining access at the Co-Op. Trelore Alarms to supply a guide on setting up the system in the event of a power cut. *Action Cllr Cumming*

**16/11/15: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

None present

**17/11/15: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING EXPENDITURE)**

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

**Proposed Cllr Smalley**

**Seconded Cllr D Wilson**

**Agreed**

**18/11/15: CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**19/11/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Oz Clean Painting inside of gazebo and benches in memorial garden £150, Drop Zone support Youth in Askam £1,300.00, Donation to Royal British Legion £50.00, Askam Band £50.00 for support for our Service of Remembrance, Poppy Wreaths and crosses for war graves £44.00, 2nd class stamps £6.48, Copying paper £7.50, Laminating pouches £5.90, Daffodil bulbs for Lots Road £12.00, LED candle lights for war memorial £7.93, Samsung Toner Cartridges £171.72, Refreshments for Service of Remembrance £19.83, Mileage to attend CALC AGM £28.80, Plants and labour for work at the jubilee fountain 1865 garden area £2800.00.

**Proposed Cllr B Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr S Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**15/10/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.**