

**MINUTES OF 256th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 17
DECEMBER 2013 AT THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Bill Wilson, Denise Wilson. Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Denis Bell and Barry Doughty; PCSO Louise Perry and 6 members of the public.

1/12/13: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None

2/12/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Councillor David Knight, Emma Twiname. Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow.

3/12/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/12/13/1: Parking on Duke Street. This will be covered later in the meeting.

4/12/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 19 NOVEMBER 2013

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

5/12/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/12/13/1: War Memorial. The Clerk has written to Keith Johnson regarding the concerns the parish council have with the cleaning of the war memorial. She has not received a response, Cllr Hadwick agreed to mention it at the Joint Rural Committee. Action Clerk/Cllr Hadwick

5/12/13/2: Footpath 602054 – Saves Lane. Cllr Doughty said that works to this footpath were on the list of priorities for Cumbria County Highways. He was under the impression that the parish council had agreed to part fund this work. The parish council said this was not the case and had already informed Eve Borrin that the parish council would not be funding this work. The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria County Council Highways and make them aware that the parish council were not in a position to fund this work. Action Clerk

5/12/13/3: Children’s Play Area Sign. The signs have been re-sited by Redsyke with permission from Cumbria Highways. Closed

5/12/13/4: Vehicles accessing Duke Street from Sandy Lane and Motor cycles using Sandy Lane to access Marsh Lane. Victoria Upton of Cumbria County Council, Traffic Management visited the area and will liaise with our Community police on both these matters. Ongoing

5/12/13/5: Paving near Telephone box. Barrow BC say the land belongs to them, but not the paving. The parish council will ask if they know who owns the paving. Action Cllr Hadwick

5/12/13/6: Unmanaged Land in Askam belonging to Barrow Borough Council. Still no response from Barrow Borough Council. Action Cllr Hadwick

5/12/13/7: Triangle of Land at Ireleth Brow. Cllr Thurlow reported that this land belongs to Cumbria County Council. Cllr Doughty will contact the County Council on behalf of Cllr Denise Wilson. Action Cllr Doughty

5/12/13/8: Wall at Jubilee Garden. This will be completed in the New Year. Ongoing

5/12/13/9: Pavement at Beach Street/Headlands. Victoria Upton of Cumbria Highways, Traffic Management visited the area and would pass this on to Highways to deal with. Ongoing

5/12/13/10: Waste Collection, Crossley Street/John Street area. Peter Buckley, Streetcare Manager visited the area with Biffa and agreed there is no reason for the refuse wagons to use this road and will inform them of this. The Clerk will inform the residents who brought this to the parish council’s attention. Closed

5/12/13/11: Parking in and around Duke Street. Again concerns have been raised regarding parking on Duke Street. The parish councillors all agree that this is a huge problem for our village, and although they want to address the problem, they do not want to just move it from Duke Street to other areas in the village. PCSO Perry has been working on some suggestions and will discuss them with the Chairman and County Councillor Barry Doughty.

Ongoing

5/12/13/12: Upgrade of Lots Road. The Clerk has spoken to Cumbria Highways and they have agreed to visit the area in the New Year.

Action Clerk

5/12/13/13: Fencing at Memorial Garden. The Clerk has spoken to Mr Cross owner of the field next to the garden and will meet with him in January.

Ongoing

5/12/13/14: Cumbria County Council, Budget Consultation. Cllr Mason confirmed he has completed this on behalf of the parish council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Mason.

Closed

5/12/13/15: Cumbria County Council's proposals to cease subsidies for bus services. The Clerk has been in contact with other town and parish councils in our region who would be affected should these subsidies cease. Millom town council has made a statement, sent a letter to the County Council with their concerns and they have started a petition. Kirkby Ireleth parish council also have concerns. The parish council are concerned about how these cuts will affect our parish with transport links to Millom and Barrow, particularly when there is no train service on Sundays. They are also concerned about the Leck Service on Thursdays to Ulverston. The Clerk will send their comments to the County Council and our County Councillor, Barry Doughty will also voice the concerns of the parish council.

Action Clerk

5/12/13/16: Vacancy for Library Assistant. The post for an Assistant to cover a Saturday morning, which will be funded by the parish council, has been advertised and interviews will take place in January. The parish council hope a suitable candidate will come forward. The idea of opening on a Saturday is that more people will use the library.

6/12/13 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

6 anti-social behaviour reports only 1 youth related, others included complaints from neighbours of loud music, motor cycles off-roading. 2 burglaries from garages, lead stolen from Marsh Farm. There was a burglary from a house in Saves Lane which the police are investigated, with similar burglaries in Dalton. Damage to the roof at the bowling club and theft from the Co-Op.

7/12/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B28/2013/9014, Hawthwaite House, Hawthwaite Lane, Barrow in Furness (Parish of Askam & Ireleth) project to provide self-contained accommodation in the existing annex building for 2 care leavers. There were no objections.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

8/12/13: PARISH PLAN

Cllr Alan Mason handed out updated copies of the second part of the parish plan. Julia Wilson of Action for Cumbria has offered to come and work with the parish council on completing the second part of the plan. All agreed this offer should be accepted. The Clerk will liaise with Julia.

Action Cllr Clerk

9/12/13: SPEEDING MEASURE IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGE

Cllr Doughty has made enquiries regarding purchasing speed monitoring instrument which would be shared between Askam and Ireleth, Dalton and Lindal. The parish council's cost for this would be £750.00 and for this they would have the device for 109.5 days per year. The parish council agreed this was a good idea and agreed to support the purchase of this device.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr George Twiname

Agreed

Cllr Hadwick suggested that small 20 mph signs should be installed around the village, especially in 'hot spot' areas where speeding seemed to be an issue. Although Askam is 20 mph zone, some motorists seem to forget this. Cllr Doughty advised that the parish council to contact Cumbria Highways.

Action Clerk

10/12/13: REPORT FROM HIGHWAYS MEETING

Cllr Hadwick and the Clerk attended a meeting and presentation held in Barrow by Highways. They both found this very interesting and an explanation of budgets, preparations for winter and how our area is covered was explain. There was a question and answer session and a chance to meet the staff who work in Askam and Ireleth.

11/12/13: PLANTERS AND CONTAINERS FOR VILLAGE

A brochure had been received and Cllr Wilson had looked through this. The Clerk will contact Redsyke and ask advice on which would be best for our village. Action Clerk

12/12/13: BATHING WATER DE-DESIGNATION OF ASKAM AND ROANHEAD BEACHES

Information sent to all parish councils regarding this proposed application from Barrow Borough Council. A response is required by 30 January 2014. As there is a lot to take in the Chairman proposed that this should be discussed at the meeting in January when the parish councillors had had time to read the information. Ian Standing from Duddon Inshore Rescue gave an update from Duddon Inshore Rescue and a report from the National Trust had been received. This was an important issue for the parish council, particularly as Tourism features in the parish plan and it was felt if the beaches were de-designated it would have an adverse impact on the area with regards to tourism.

13/12/13: TOILETS AND BUS SHELTER, DUKE STREET

The future of the toilets and bus shelter were discussed at the budget meeting. Although the parish council would like to keep the toilets open and maintain them, it was again agreed that the annual cost of this is too restrictive for the parish council. The members at the meeting discussed a proposition to keep the toilets in its present form as a bus shelter only. Maybe brick up the toilets, fix the roof and guttering, but not demolish the building which would be such a pity as it is well built. In future monies may become available to re-open the toilets, but if they were demolished that would be an end to any possibility of public toilets in Askam. The parish council agreed it was worth asking the question of Barrow Borough Council and the Clerk was asked to contact Steve Solsby. Action Clerk

14/12/13: BUDGET AND PRECEPT MEETING

4 members of the parish council met on Wednesday 4 December to discuss a budget for next year and setting the precept. A copy of the proposed budget was given to all Parish Councillors. This was acceptable to all parish councillors present and they agreed, with consultation with Barrow Borough Council and local government information that the precept should remain the same as last year at £27,000.00.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

15/12/13: REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Doughty said he had made his reports within the items already discussed.

16/12/13: REPORT FROM CLERK (including finances)

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. There were no comments. A review of the budget had been carried out at the meeting on 4 December and some budget adjustments had been agreed. Copies of these adjustments were available to all parish councillors. These were agreed and the Clerk will update the 2013/14 budget accordingly.

Clerk's Salary Increase to £4281.60 to cover extra hours preparing annual accounts.

Telephone Increase to £250.00 to cover monthly cost of Clerk's mobile phone with internet access.

Litter and Dog Fouling Reduce to £150.00

Footpaths Reduce to £100.00

Grant Aid Increase to £1600.00 to cover amount given to St Peters Church repair fund

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr George Twiname

Agreed

17/12/13: CORRESPONDENCE (to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting)

17/12/13/1: Monthly Newsletter from Drop Zone Youth Project.

17/12/13/2: Correspondence from CCC Emergency Planning asking if they can make a presentation to the parish council at February's meeting. This was acceptable to the parish council and the Clerk will inform Alison.

Action Clerk

18 /12/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk’s salary £345.30, Rental for Rankin Hall for parish council meetings and events £120.00, Rental for Rankin Hall for Drop Zone Youth Projects £120.00, Clerk’s expenses ink cartridges £36.97

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

19/12/13: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 January 2014 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Signed **Date**