

**MINUTES OF 269<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 17  
FEBRUARY 2015 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson Vice Chairman, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, David Knight, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise John; Keiron Christian, Drop Zone and 3 members of the public

**1/02/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cllr Harry Barker disclosed an interest in item 5/02/15/2 & 6/02.15 - B30/2014/0784

**2/02/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Parish Cllr Sandra Hadwick, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, Denis Bell; County and Borough Councillor Barry Doughty.

**3/02/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no question from members of the public, as their questions were regarding items on the agenda.

**4/02/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JANUARY 2015**

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

**Proposed Cllr Harry Barker**

**Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Agreed**

**5/02/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/02/15/1: Broadband.** Cllr Cumming reported that a letter had been received from Connecting Cumbria stating that unfortunately it was unable to include Ireleth and Greenscoe at this time, but may possibly be included in Phase 2. Will continue to ask our County Councillor to press the case for Ireleth and Greenscoe.

**5/02/15/2: Sign for Access to Greenscoe Quarry.** Notice posted at Greenscoe regarding placing a sign. No objections raised the Clerk will now provide costs to the owner of the quarry. Action Clerk

**5/02/15/3: Damage to Street Light Columns near Ireleth Church & Restricted Parking Sign at the Co-Op.** One of the columns is now complete, but the one opposite the churchyard is not. The Clerk will progress with Highways. The restricted parking sign has been replaced at the Co-Op. Action Clerk

**5/02/15/4: White Lines at Junctions in Askam.** Chris Elliott, Traffic Technician, Cumbria County Council Highways surveyed Askam earlier this month and has put together a programme of work for white lines at junctions in Askam. The list was made available to the parish council, the parish council will be informed when the work is to commence. Ongoing

**5/02/15/5: Public Toilet Area.** Cllr Cumming reported that the demolition works by the Borough's contractor had been completed and that the next stage was to award the contract for the groundwork, 4 tenders had been sent out one declined and 2 have so far responded. Ongoing

**5/02/15/6: Proposed Pylon Route by National Grid.** The Clerk has sent a response to National Grid outlining concerning the proposed route and its close proximity to homes and St Peter's school. The Chairman said he had been approached by an agent of National Grid regarding using his land for surveying purposes. Although the Chairman agreed for access to this land he stressed it was pedestrian access only. The Clerk has asked that the parish council are kept informed of any workshops or consultations regarding this route and a member of the parish council will endeavour to attend.

**6/02/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES**

**Applications Received**

B28/2015/0042 Public Conveniences, Duke Street, Askam – landscaping and fencing – see above.

B21/2015/0060 Cardross, Harris Street – Attached garage and utility

**Applications Approved with Conditions**

B18/2014/0793 Far Old Park Farm – Field access and boarding kennels

B31/2014/0797 Land at Lord Street – non-material amendment

B30/2014/0784 Roanhead Solar Farm – variation (noise pollution) and deer fence.

B21/2014/0884 8 Lord Street, dormer extension

#### **7/02/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS**

Theft of winding equipment for the floodlighting at Askam Rugby Club and verbal abuse confrontation. The vandalism to the planter at the jubilee fountain area was discussed and it was agreed that the ageing CCTV equipment at the Co-Op should be upgraded. A quotation of £1834.00 to upgrade the system had been received from Trelore Alarms, who fitted the original camera, this was agreed. A budget adjustment would be made to accommodate this work.

**Proposed Cllr David Knight**

**Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Agreed**

#### **9/02/15: YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE AT PARISH COUNCIL**

Keiron Christian of Drop Zone said that unfortunate the young person who expressed an interest in attending parish council meetings was unable to attend the meeting. The young people have set up a 'youth committee' with 10 members to discuss topics and become involved in village activities. The parish council are pleased to hear this and wish them well and offer help and advice if it is required. It is hoped that the young person would attend future parish council meetings.

#### **10/02/15: CLOSURE OF LOTS ROAD**

The parish council has received notification from Cumbria Highways regarding closure of Lots Road for a period of up to 5 weeks commencing 2 March to complete works to connect the sub-station from the solar farm to the grid. Concerns were expressed from all members of the parish council regarding access to the village being only via the railway crossing and Duke Street. Questions were asked regarding emergency vehicle access should the crossing be closed and the fact that Duke Street is one vehicle only access Monday to Friday with the Sellafeld commuters. The Chairman asked if Highways had completed a risk assessment of Duke Street and if they were intended to put any traffic regulations in place along Duke Street as he felt that this closure could cause gridlock on Duke Street at peak times. The pinch-point areas from Blea Beck to Beach Street were also of concern and the Clerk was asked to express the parish council's concerns regarding this closure and liaise with our community police.

**Action Clerk**

#### **11/02/15: 150 YEARS CELEBRATION OF ASKAM**

Cllr Denise Wilson felt it was appropriate to mark the 150 years since Askam came into being. It was agreed that the parish council working with the history group and community events committee should enter the carnival this year to mark this special celebration. Permission would be asked of the community events committee to have a marquee on the carnival field with a history exhibition. Cllr Denise Wilson will discuss with the events committee and the Clerk will contact Stu Wallace. The community events committee are also seeking volunteers to help marshal the carnival parade. Keiron Christian said he would ask some of the older members at Drop Zone if they would be prepared to help. **Action Cllr Wilson, Clerk & Keiron Christian**

#### **12/02/15: UPATE OF PARISH PLAN**

A meeting had taken place to discuss updates to the parish plan and action issues. The amendments have been agreed and a price for re-prints will be obtained from Astra Print. A report on the meeting was made available to the parish councillors. One of the items which was discussed was to tidy up and re-plant the area at Ireleth Brow Triangle. A quotation from Redsyke to tidy and plant the area has been received and the cost is £350.00. It was agreed to go ahead with this work, once permission was received from Cumbria Highways.

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley**

**Agreed**

It was suggested that there should be a public open day to update residents on the parish plan. This would be arranged after the elections in May 2015.

#### **13/02/15: CLEARING OF RUBBLE ON ASKAM BEACH**

A date for the beach clean was discussed and this would be arranged with all agencies and land owners. Cllr Cumming will liaise with Cllr Barker and Duddon Inshore Rescue.

Mr & Mrs Johnson of Marsh Farm were present at the meeting. A letter they had written to the parish council was discussed and the council wished to point out that clearing historic rubble scattered on the beach will not

impact on the sea defences recently deployed by Mr & Mrs Johnson. Cllr Knight & Cumming agreed to meet with them the next morning at their farm to understand better their issues. **Action Cllr Knight & Cumming**

**14/02/15: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING FINANCES)**

The monthly expenditure spread sheet was available for all parish councillors. This was agreed.

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming                      Seconded Cllr Harry Barker                      Agreed**

**14/02/15/1:** Budget Adjustment required for Admin and Stationery of £180.00 to cover cost of new printer.

**14/02/15/2:** Budget Adjustment required for library service of £250.00 to cover superannuation costs and holiday cover.

**Proposed Cllr Alan Mason    Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley    Agreed**

**14/02/15/3:** Mike Cumming had attended the CALC Local Finance Course and found it most useful.

**14/02/15/4:** 31 March 2015 is the end of the parish council financial year and the accounts will need to be prepared for the auditor. The Clerk has approached Roger Brailsford to seek his acceptance of being the internal auditor for the parish council again this year. The parish council were in full agreement of using Roger's services again this year. Roger asked for a donation of £50.00 to be given to his chosen charity.

**14/02/15/5:** Some changes to the financial regulations will need to be agreed. Update of the risk register and asset register were needed and Cllr Bill Wilson offered his services which were much appreciated. The Clerk will forward the necessary documents to him. **Action Clerk**

**15/02/15: CORRESPONDENCE**

To check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

**16/02/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Donation to MacMillan Charity day on 14 February £50, Dog waste bags £20.79, Samsung Printer £239.39, Access to library computer for family history day £4.50, Cllr Cumming's mileage for attending CALC Finance Course £21.00, Saturday Library Assistant Oct – January £563.63.

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson    Seconded Harry Barker    Agreed**

**15/01/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 17 March 2015 at 7.15pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam**

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

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