

**MINUTES OF THE 288th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 17 JANUARY 2017 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllr David Knight, Steven Smalley, Mike Cumming, Sandra Hadwick, Denise Wilson; also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; County Councillor Barry Doughty; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and 6 members of the public.

The Vice Chairman commenced the meeting by welcoming everyone and wishing them a Happy New Year.

1/01/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/01/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Harry Barker and Alan Mason

3/01/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/01/17/1: A resident questioned why the new turning lines on the A595 at Greenscoe were not as wide as the previous lines and too short. The ones at the Brickworks were much wider and fit for purpose. The parish council will raise this issue with Cumbria CC Highways. Action Clerk

3/01/17/2: It was stated that there was a problem with flooded onto the A595 from the service access road for the BT tower at Greenhaume. This would be raised with Cumbria CC Highways and our County Councillor Barry Doughty asked that he was copied into the email. Action Clerk

4/01/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2017

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

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley

Agreed

5/01/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/01/17/1: Police Pod: Cllr Denise Wilson said she would approach a contact with regard to painting the police pod. Action Cllr Denise Wilson

5/01/17/2: Report from Children's Christmas Story Time: Cllr Smalley said it had been a success and all the children and parents seemed to enjoy the evening. He thanked everyone who had helped, especially the Story Tellers and the Library Service for allowing us to use the library for the event.

5/01/17/3: National Grid Coastal Connections: Cllr Cumming reported that the formal consultation has closed. The next stage will be for National Grid to apply to the Government for permission for the connection to be built, that will probably be later this year. There would be a meeting of the Parish Council Co-Ordination Group in February and representatives from the parish council would attend this. A member of the public present at the meeting thanked Cllr Cumming for all his hard work on this issue.

5/01/17/4: Askam Indoor Bowling Club: Cllr Hadwick and the Clerk attended the presentation afternoon and were made very welcome by members. They were both very impressed with the club and thought it was a wonderful facility for the village. The new mats purchased by the group, funded by Cumbria County Council were excellent and are proving a great asset to the club. The parish council wished the club every success for the future.

6/01/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

B20/2016/0892 – 1 Duke Street, Askam - Change of use from retail shop A1 retail to A5 hot food takeaway including stainless steel ducting/pipework attached to exterior wall. No objections or comments.

B18/2016/0821 – Dalton Road, Askam – Siting of a timber clad, one bedroomed chalet with septic tank drainage, car port and revised access onto a classified road (A595). There were comments and grave concerns raised from the floor and the parish council regarding access to the site.

It would seem from the application that the proposed chalet is a substantial and habitable structure this raised concerns regarding accessing and exiting the development onto the busy A595. Visibility from the site is restricted and the access is on to a 40 mph road, not too far from the national speed limit which could cause a hazardous situation. There is no pavement on this side of the road for pedestrians using this site. It was noted that there had been accidents in that area in the past.

B18/2017/0001 – The Old Vicarage Rest Home, Ireleth Road, Askam – Erection of a two storey. No comments or objections.

The Clerk was asked to respond with the parish council's comments

Action Clerk

7/01/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO LOUISE JOHNS

4 anti-social behaviour reports, 2 criminal damage – fencing damaged at Furness Cars and Commercials and a tyre slashed on Duke Street, no burglaries, no drugs, no violent crimes.

8/01/17: COMPLAINTS REGARDING MOTORCYCLES AND QUAD BIKES ON ASKAM BEACH

Several complaints have been received regarding these type of vehicles using the beach and areas around Black's pond for 'joy riding'. It is illegal to use motor vehicle 'off road' and as such the police will act to prosecute anyone found committing this offence, whilst there is a right of way between Roanhead and Askam this is an established 'greenway' (BOAT) and as such all vehicles must be road legal. The Sandscale reserve and parts of Askam beach are also a SSSI and as a result any individual off roading would be committing more serious offences. PCSO Johns said she would highlight this issue to our Local Police Team. The Clerk was asked to write Cumbria Police asking if they could monitor the increasing number of illegally using the beach area.

Action Clerk

9/01/17: COMPLAINTS REGARDING FLY TIPPING, LITTER AND DOG FOULING

A number of complaints have been received and it seems it is a problem throughout the village. Fly tipping at the lay-bye on the A595 at Tippins Lane, the Clerk will report this to Barrow BC. Fly tipping on private land should be reported to the owner of the land. It would be useful if anyone sees fly tipping anywhere in the area if they could get a vehicle registration number and this can be reported to the local authority. Dog fouling is a problem and although there are plenty of bins, some dog owners are still not picking up. Reports of a dog owner who is picking up and then hanging the full waste bags on the trees along the Lots Road, when there is a bin at the end of the Lots Road. Others seem to think it is acceptable not to pick up on the beach, this is not the case, it is even more important to pick up on the beach, as children play there. Again if you see anyone not picking up and you know who they are and where they live they should be reported to the Police or the Borough Council. It was stated that the police and the Borough Council are the only ones who can make enforcements. The help and co-operation of the community are needed to keep our village clean and tidy. All agreed that Askam and Ireleth is a great place to live and it is a small minority who refuse to pick up. For the sake of our community. **PLEASE BE A CONSIDERATE DOG OWNER AND PICK UP YOUR DOG WASTE AND PUT IT ANY OF THE BINS AROUND THE VILLAGE.**

10/01/17: PARKING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Cllr Knight had been approached regarding vehicles parking on double yellow lines on Duke Street and Duddon Road. Councillor Doughty asked that Cllr Knight to contact him directly with the details of these vehicles and timings and he would make sure Parking Officers visited the area.

Action Cllr Knight

11/01/17: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow gave an update from the Borough Council meeting she had attended. The main issue had been the rail service and the poor state of the rolling stock being used by the rail provider. The Borough Council will be writing to complain about the service.

County Councillor Barry Doughty updated the parish council on County Council issues:

On Thursday 26 January he would be meeting with Cumbria Footpath Officer to discuss the public footpaths in Askam and Ireleth. He thanked Cllr Denise Wilson for her help in this matter.

Councillor Doughty was experiencing some frustration with Cumbria CC Highways regarding items he had raised and was meeting with the Chief Highways Officer in February to discuss these issues.

A plan for street lighting on Furnace Place was being put together by the County Lighting Engineer and it was hoped this would be approved in March/April this year.

12/01/17: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING FINANCES)

The monthly expenditure was made available to all parish council members. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley

Agreed

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by Ray Millard of Red Syke, who is the landscape and grounds maintenance contractor for the Parish Council, that he would not be renewing the contract in April with the parish council. Ray had accepted another position with the National Park. All agreed that although they wished Ray well, it was a sad loss for the parish council and the village. Ray gave 110% to any task he performed around the village and always did that little bit extra. His boots would be difficult ones to fill. A new contractor would be sort in the near future. Anyone wishing to quote for this work should contact the Clerk.

13/01/17: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

13/01/17/1: Nomination to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 23 May 2017. The Chairman was nominated. The Clerk was asked to respond.

Action Clerk

14/01/17: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Broxap litter bin for Steel Street park area £283.14; Room rental and refreshment for DEP meeting in Rankin Hall £23.89 (this has been refunded to the parish council by DEP); Refreshments for Children's Christmas Story Time £41.50, Postage Stamps £7.24; Wooden pegs for putting up pylon signs £30.00; Sign for pylon campaign £100.00; Cumbria CC payment for Saturday Librarian £582.09; AK Fencing fixing pedestrian gate at Community Field £96.00; 3rd instalment annual grounds maintenance £1808.75, Constructing ramp and clearing path at Sandy Lane £250.00; Supply and fit paving slabs, fit new bin and remove old bin at Steel Street park area £95.00.

15/01/17: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 February 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed by Dated