

MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY NINTH MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JANUARY AT 7.15 PM IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, IRELETH

Present: Parish Cllrs. George Twiname (Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, Liz Gaskell, Emma Twiname and Harry Barker **Also present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Rural Projects Officer, Angela Knowles; Borough Cllrs Ann Thurlow and Denis Bell; Sgt John McIntosh; PCSO Louise Perry, no members of the public present.

1/1/12: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Gaskell disclosed an interest in item 8 – Planning, relating to land adjacent to 91 Duddon Road.

2/1/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apology received from Cllr Denise Wilson.

3/1/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Cllr Hadwick said she had received complaints regarding dog fouling in and around the village. She had spoken to the Clerk and they both felt the Parish Council should try to instil in **ALL** dog owners the importance of picking up and disposing properly of dog waste. Cllr Hadwick and Clerk are working on an idea to hand out a pack containing dog waste bags and information on how much dog fouling upsets and affects the residents of our village.

Action Clerk/Cllr Hadwick

An area that is badly affected by dog waste is the path between the rugby club and the bowling green. This path is difficult to clean because of the weeds, brambles and builders rubble. The Clerk will ask our landscape contractor Red Syke to look at this area and quote for clearing and maintaining this area.

Action Clerk/Chairman

Cllr Hadwick asked if the sign on Ireleth Road near the garage could be repaired. The Clerk and Angela Knowles will make enquiries regarding ownership of this sign.

Action Clerk/Angela

Cllr Hadwick has received a complaint regarding a trailer being permanently parked in the back Street of Duke Street /Beach Street. It makes it very difficult for delivery vans and the dustbin wagon to access the back of the shops. PCSO Perry will speak to the owner of the trailer.

Action PCSO Perry

The Chairman had received a telephone call regarding a hedge being cut down on Sandy Lane. This action was not initiated by the Parish Council and the complainant should contact the people who carried out this work. In the past the Parish Council have received complaints about the state of Sandy Lane and that the over-grown hedge made it difficult to walk up the lane safely and the amount of litter in the hedge being unsightly.

4/1/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 13 DECEMBER 2011

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

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

5/1/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/1/12.1: Extra Notice Boards for village. It was suggested that the Clerk contact Dr Jain and the owner of Dalemout Service station to ask if the Parish Council could erect a notice board on their premises.

Action Clerk

5/1/12.2: Litter at Urofoam Site. Cllr Wilson emailed the Clerk to say she thought this has been reported to the Borough Council. Cllr Barker said that as this area is near to his business premises he will look at tidying the area. But if this is an ongoing problem other provisions will have to be made.

Action Cllr Barker

5/1/12.3: Fly Tipping at Duddon Inshore Rescue. This has been reported to the Borough Council, if anyone had an information as to who was tipping this waste could they report it to the Police or the Parish Council.

5/1/12.4: Step at Marsh Lane. The Clerk received a telephone call from the Borough Council and they will be sending someone to look at this step.

Ongoing

5/1/12.5: Street Lighting. There are still some lights not working and the Clerk will report these.

Action Clerk

5/1/12.6: Bus Timetable. Angela has permission for the timetable to be sited at the bus stop near the Station and is trying to source a suitable frame for it. Action Angela/Clerk

5/1/12.7: Ireleth Road hedge. The Clerk received an email from Cumbria Highways explaining the timetable for Highways to carry out work in Askam. She will report the Ireleth Road pavement using this system.

5/1/12.8: Beach Area – Duddon Road. Clerk is liaising with ENWL regarding this issue.

5/1/12.9: Dog Fouling. The Clerk has purchased dog waste bags; these will be available from the Police pod.

5/1/12/10: Parking on Ireleth Road and Visibility on Lots Road. These are two areas which need to be discussed with Highways. The Clerk will write to the owner of the land near the Lots Road and ask if he would be willing cut the hedge from the White Bridge to his gate to help with visibility. Parking on Ireleth Hill is causing problems and these needs to be addressed. Action Angela/Clerk

5/1/12/11: Street Light – Marsh Street. A justification needs to be put together and presented to Cumbria County Council. Action Angela/Clerk/Cllr Wilson

5/1/12/11: Pharmacy. Angela made enquiries regarding the provision of a pharmacy in Askam. The PCT said they had not received a formal application to open a pharmacy in Askam. The PCT said that such a proposal would probably be refused because it could adversely affect the GP practice in the village. No further action

6/1/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

Sgt McIntosh reported two crimes one of theft of metal from a farm and an internal theft from La Bella. Two anti-social behaviour reports one in Duke Street and one in Duddon Road. Sgt McIntosh then reported on the closure of Dalton police station, which he does not feel will have any adverse affect to Dalton or Askam. The police will still be stationed in Dalton but in a shared facility. The Dalton police station will be put up for sale. The police pod in Askam will remain open and manned two days per week. The area now has a new Inspector and once he has had time to settle in Sgt McIntosh will bring him along to a Parish Council meeting.

PCSO Louise Perry said she will be working with the Street Care team from the Borough Council to try and tackle dog fouling. A team will patrol the village and speak to residents with regard to dog fouling. The Parish Council are also concerned about the amount of dog fouling around the village and will work with the team.

7/1/12: UPDATE FROM RURAL PROJECTS OFFICER – ANGELA KNOWLES

Askam Station Project. Angela had met with the Community Rail Officer regarding options for the station. An open day will take place in February which will involve a presentation at the Community Centre and a chance for people to look around the station to see what has already been achieved. This will be a chance for interested parties setting up a ‘friends of Askam station’ group. This could involve looking after the station, planting hanging baskets and flower displays, as other stations along the West Cumbria coast have done. There are monies left from the station project, Northern Rail as well as Cumbria County Council are willing to support such a project. Askam station is a significant historical building and worth saving for future generations.

Community Plan. Angela has been working on the questionnaires completed by residents and handed a copy of the some of the comments received. They made interesting reading. From these replies an action plan will be developed.

Young People’s Activities. County Councillor Jill Heath has given £1,500.00 from her budget to spend on young people’s activities in Askam and Ireleth. Angela is working with the Drop Zone which will involve them creating an outreach programme in the village. This has been extremely successful in Dalton.

Website. Angela and the Clerk are working on this and will have meetings with 3 other companies in the next few weeks to obtain prices for a Parish Council website.

Community Centre. Meetings are taking place at the community centre and Angela is helping them with issues regarding the lease of the centre.

Library Service. No updates at the present time, although Angela has spoken to Bruce Bennison. Our libraries are still at risk.

8/1/12: REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES – COUNCILLOR SANDRA HADWICK

B21/2011/0730 *11 Spindrift Close* *2 storey side extension*

B21/2011/0874 *5 Caspian Road* *first floor bedroom and ensuite over existing garage*

No objections have been received by the Parish Council and the Parish Councillors had no objections.

B21/2011/0725 *Land adjacent to 91 Duddon Road* *1 pair of 3 storey semi detached houses*

This was a re-submission after some alterations had been requested by the Planning Officer. The Parish Council are still concerned about this development with regards to parking, drainage and the proximity to the end terrace house and asked the Clerk to express their concerns to the Planning Department.

B21/2012/0003 *Alterations to Park Lodge* *reconstruction of garage & garden shed &*

Widening of existing vehicular access

This application only received today and the Planning Officer has not had time to visit site. Will report back at next meeting.

Action Cllr Hadwick

9/1/12: HEADLANDS PLAY AREA

Cllr Bell has canvassed people in the area to ask them how they would like this area developing. Most of the people he canvassed said they would like a tarmac area and some soft planting. What they did not want was the area turning into a dog toilet, a dumping ground or a hideaway for potential anti-social behaviour. Cllr Gaskell agreed and said she will work on a plan for this area and asked that a letter could be sent to the Borough Council with our proposals. If this work was carried out Cllr Gaskell asked if the Parish Council would maintain the area through our contractor Red Syke. It was agreed that this is an option that could be considered.

Action Clerk/Cllr Gaskell

11/1/12: REPORT FROM CLERK

11/1/12/1: Budget and Pre-cept. Letter received from Borough Council regarding precept for 2012/13. The Clerk presented the proposed budget which all Parish Councillors had been given prior to the meeting. The budget was discussed and accepted. After discussing the budget it was unanimously agreed to keep the precept the same as last year at £27,000.00. The Clerk will confirm this with the Borough Council.

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Barker

Action Clerk

11/1/12/1: Direct Debit, Affiliate Membership Cumbria Wildlife Trust

The Clerk received a letter from Cumbria Wildlife Trust stating that the annual membership had been increased to £57.00 per year. It was agreed to cancel this membership as it was not something that benefitted our Parish.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Twiname

12/1/12: CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence are available to view at the meeting, these include:

- Request from NALC to nominate Chairman to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party.
- Request for donation from North West Air Ambulance. It was decided to support this request as North West Air Ambulance is an important asset to our rural community. A donation of £100.00 was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

13/1/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk 'salary £255.89, Red Syke repair of benches and 3rd instalment for ground maintenance £1286.25, Postage £8.64, stationery £7.26, dog waste bags £7.90, top-up for mobile £20.00, Hire of Temperance Hall £48.00

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Barker

14/1/12: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman mentioned that a resident had retrieved a metal barrier which had been thrown into her garden. Cllr Hadwick said she will collect this from the lady and try to ascertain who it belongs to and if it is not claimed she will dispose of it.

Cllr Gaskell was concerned about lack of public attendance at the Parish Council meetings held in the Temperance Hall and asked if this could be discussed at the next meeting. Tonight the hall was cold and there have been complaints about difficulties parking near the hall.

15/1/12: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 February 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam..

The Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed Date