

MINUTES OF THE 241ST MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JULY 2012 AT 7.15 PM AT THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH

Present: Parish Cllrs. George Twiname, (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson and David Knight. **Also present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Angela Knowles, Rural Projects Officer; PCSO Louise Perry.

1/7/12: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Gaskell disclosed an interest in item 14/7/12 – payment made to Gutters to Gardens.

2/7/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Cllrs Harry Barker and Emma Twiname; Borough Cllrs Ann Thurlow, Denis Bell and Barry Doughty who are attending a Borough Council meeting at Barrow Town Hall.

3/7/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/7/12/1: The Chairman has received a number of complaints regarding parking and traffic congestion on Duddon Road and surrounding area last Saturday. The reason for this was the football tournament at Duddon Sports Club. PCSO Perry said that the police had been called and they will be speaking to the organisers of the event. The Chairman said if they have another tournament he would try to organise an alternative parking area.

3/7/12/2: Complaints received regarding motor bikes and scooters on the beach area. PCSO Perry asked again for people to ring the police with these issues – **PLEASE CALL TELEPHONE NUMBER 101.**

4/7/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 19 JUNE 2012

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

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Knight

Agreed

5/7/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING5

5/7/12/1: Grass Cutting A595. Thank you email sent to Gary Thomas.

Closed

5/7/12/2: Grass cutting in village. Angela has a map of areas in the village which should be cut by the Borough Council. It was made quite clear at the Rural Joint committee by Phil Huck that no extra grass cutting will be undertaken by the Borough Council.

Closed

5/7/12/3: Broadband Update. Mike's report was read out by the Chairman. Fujitsu have withdrawn from the Connecting Cumbria project which leaves BT as the only provider and makes the process uncompetitive. Mike is still pursuing BT Open reach to try and understand whether the Dalton upgrade includes Askam and Ireleth but so far little progress has been made despite the fact it is scheduled for September.

5/7/12/4: Parking at Junctions. This remains a problem in certain areas of the village. PCSO Perry has spoken to some drivers and asked people to report incidents to the police.

5/7/12/5: Footpath at Greenscoe. Cllr Barker, Angela and Gary Thomas met at Greenscoe to assess the problems. There are several issues to address including extra signage, repairs to the road surface and a BT inspection cover which needs repairing. These issues will be dealt with as soon as possible and monitored by all concerned.

5/7/12/6: Dog Fouling. A 'hot spot' reported at the Headlands on the approach to the jubilee garden. This area will be monitored by the police and dog warden. Again dog owners are asked to bag and bin their dog's waste or face a fine. Dog Waste bags are available from the police pod.

5/7/12/7: Street Lighting, Marsh Street. Angela visited the area with 2 Lighting Engineers. The fact that this part of Marsh Street is un-adopted and there is no electricity supply nearby means it is unlikely a Street Light will be installed by the County Council.

Closed

5/7/12/8: Land Ownership. The Clerk has set up an account with the land registry; it was decided to work on this after the summer break. Angela reported that the land next to the railway station is owned by ENWL.

5/7/12/9: Jubilee Garden. The boat is in place and full of bedding plants and looks bright and cheerful. Quote from Redsyke to make a path was discussed and the Clerk will speak to the Redsyke regarding this. It was agreed to make the slope into a step, the Clerk will liaise with Redsyke regarding this too.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Mason

Agreed

5/7/12/10: Facebook. Cllr Gaskell reported the page now has 109 'likes'. There was a comment from a concerned resident about someone trying doors on properties and cars in the village. Cllr Gaskell said that these types of issues should be reported to our Community police immediately. Facebook is a social network only and not a means of contacting the authorities. But it was agreed that facebook is a good way of letting residents know of such issues.

5/7/12/11: Website. The Clerk is in contact with Ryan and will meet with him soon with pages for the website. Some talented members of the community have come forward with wonderful photographs from around the parish which will be put on the website. It was agreed that interim payments should be made to Ryan if this work is done over the summer break.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr Twiname

Agreed

5/7/12/12: Access to Beach at Duddon Road. Angela has spoken to Natural England who would prefer a gated or barrier access to this area. Angela is still waiting for a response from Boughton Estates; once this is received Angela will be in a position to report back fully. Duddon Inshore Rescue is being updated on progress.

5/7/12/13: Training for Parish Councillors. Cllrs Hadwick and Knight attended the 1st session of training by CALC and found it very useful and informative. They will attend the second session later this year.

Closed

5/7/12/14: Grass Cutting, Duddon Road Car Park. This has been carried out by the Borough Council.

Closed

5/7/12/15: Public Toilets. Angela is working with Cllr Doughty, who is keen to find a solution to this problem and will update the Parish Council when any information is available.

Ongoing

5/7/12/16: Pavement, Duke Street. Cumbria County Council has contacted the owner of the property regarding the hedge; a copy of the letter was handed out. The Parish Council will liaise with the County Council.

5/7/12/17: Picnic Bench for Community Field. Angela has completed all the paperwork and the money will be made available and the picnic bench purchased. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Jill Heath.

5/7/12/18: Cleaning of area at Jubilee Fountain. A quote from DCP cleansing of £70 to power wash this area was accepted. The Clerk will contact the company and arrange a date.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Twiname

Agreed

6/7/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

The figures for June – 4 reports of anti-social behaviour, 2 reports of illegal vehicles (1 moped and 1 car with no insurance). A burglary at a property in Saves Lane and a break in at Duddon Sports Club. No one has been apprehended but the Community Police are working on these crimes. Residents are asked to be vigilant and phone 101 if they see anything that concerns them. **If any residents would like to start a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in their area they can contact the PCSO.** An incident at Priors Walk was discussed; the police are aware of this situation and are monitoring the area and speaking to the residents and concerned parties.

7/7/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER' S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

Angela reported on an update received from Highways regarding the flooding at the Dalemout garage, which seems to have been caused by debris in the water culvert. The Borough Council are now dealing with this matter.

Library Angela and her colleagues met with library services and the meeting was very positive. But numbers of library users has fallen in the last year and we must encourage more people to use the library or we may lose it. Over the next few months the Parish Council will work with Angela to think of ways to market the library and get more people through the doors with events. Volunteers maybe required support the librarian while she conducts events.

Sellafeld Parking Angela with her colleague Laurence and PCSO Perry will be monitoring the parking situation on Thursday this week and will report back to the Parish Council on their findings.

County Council Grant Cllr Jill Heath has allocated money to the jubilee garden and the station garden project.
Parish Plan Angela has booked the Community Centre for Saturday 15 September between 9am and 1pm to finalise the parish plan. This will be a public meeting and Helen Houston from the Borough Council will be on hand to help with this process.

8/7/12: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK

B21/2012/0298 – First Floor extension – 10 Manx View

Concerns have been expressed by the neighbouring properties.

B21/2012/0420 – Erection of Conservatory – 116 Parklands Terrace

No objections received from any members of the public or the Parish Councillors.

B21/2012/0438 – Rear living room & first floor extension – 34 Caspian Road

No objections received from any members of the public or the Parish Councillors

B22/2012/0400 – 2 storey side extension – 9 Manx View

Concerns received from neighbouring properties with regard to parking, overshadowing and loss of light.

B31/2012/0412 – Amendment to allow raising of roof – 38 Caspian Road – Granted with conditions

B21/2012/0259 - 11 Avocet Crescent- sun room and balcony – Withdrawn

It was agreed that during the summer break Cllrs Hadwick and Knight will deal with planning applications. If they feel an application needs discussion they will contact the Clerk who will call a meeting. Any concerns regarding planning should be taken up with the Planning Department at the Town Hall. The Parish Council will also look at and report on residents' views and concerns on planning issues.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Wilson

9/7/12: PARKING ON TURNSTONE CRESCENT – CLLR KNIGHT

Now that the pier is closed to traffic, vehicles, mainly fishermen and people digging for bait are parking on Turnstone Crescent and causing an obstruction. A member of the public phoned the police, but was told this is a civil matter. The PCSO said that if vehicles are obstructing drive ways then it is a police matter and residents should call 101 and tell the call centre that the issue is one of obstruction and an Officer will attend.

10/7/12: CODE OF CONDUCT

The new code of conduct will be adopted by the Parish Council. A training session at the Town Hall will take place on Thursday 26 July and all Parish Councillor have received an invitation to this. The Clerk will also attend.

11/7/12: FLOODING IN THE VILLAGE – CLLR GASKELL

Flooding in areas of the village was alarming during the heavy rain early this month. Although the emergency services and the community worked extremely hard to alleviate the situation, Cllr Gaskell felt there were lessons to be learned. Duddon Inshore Rescue were contacted and immediately filled sand bags and distributed them to areas, but this could have been done sooner if the emergency services had been aware that DIR had sand bags. Cllr Gaskell asked that the Parish Council discuss this matter more fully after the summer break.

12/7/12: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

A copy of the updated finance spreadsheet was made available to all the Parish Councillors. The Clerk reported that the annual accounts have been filed with BDO.

13/7/12: CORRESPONDENCE - to check the appendix of items all of which are available at the meeting

13/7/12/1: Email from Cllr Jill Heath asking if the Parish Council have any projects they wish Cllr Heath to consider supporting. A member of the public has asked for an extra seat at the end of Marsh Street. Cllr Wilson asked if steps at the end of Sharp Street could be considered to make it safer for residents accessing the path to the beach. These ideas will be sent to Cllr Heath.

13/7/12/2: Report from Friends of Askam Station. Cllr Wilson read out an updated report on progress at the station from Terry Davies, Secretary of the friends. The friends now have their committee and have formulated a constitution. The friends have worked on the garden area and it is looking much tidier. Incidents of vandalism has decreased, but there is still room for improvement and the friends ask for residents support by phoning the police on 101 if they witness any of this behaviour at the station. Recruitment posters for extra volunteers are being created and Terry is awaiting a response from Northern Rail as to when Askam station will to be painted.

14/7/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerks Salary £255.89, CALC Cllr Training £58.00, Mobile top up £30.00, hosting of website & 3 years start up £149.52, plants for boat jubilee garden £10.00, postage stamps £3.00, copier paper £4.76, Redsyke £1111.25 quarterly maintenance & landscape, Gutters to Gardens, painting seats and litter bins £285.00.

15/7/12: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 September 2012 at the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam at 7.15 pm.

Signed Date.....

The Parish Council do not meet in August, but if any resident has any concerns or question for the Parish Council please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk or any member of the Parish Council.