

**MINUTES OF 262<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 17 JUNE 2014 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Vice Chairman Cllr Bill Wilson, Cllr's Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley. Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Perry, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, Barry Doughty and Denis Bell, Tracy Thomas, Askam Youth Action Group, Keiron Christian, Drop Zone and 5 members of the public.

**1/06/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

**2/06/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr David Knight.

**3/06/14: DECLARATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY MR STEVEN SMALLEY**

Steven Smalley made his declaration and accepted the office of co-opted member of Askam and Ireleth Parish Council.

**4/06/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**4/06/14/1:** Residents again expressed their concerns about Sellafield workers parking all day in Askam and Ireleth. The Chairman explained the residents that this topic would be covered in progress from previous meetings.

**4/06/14/2:** Phone call received from resident of Dalton Road, who could not be present at the meeting asking if the parish council could write to the estate agent dealing with the sale of 27 Dalton Road regarding the on-going issue of obstructions onto the access road near that property. This situation had been subject to previous discussions at the parish council and contact with the land registry and the occupier of the property. It was agreed the Clerk should inform the estate of the issues raised. Action Clerk

**4/06/14/3: Askam Youth Action Group.** Tracy Thomas expressed the concerns of the group that they had not be included in the 5 year parish plan. Tracy gave a report on what the group do within the village for our young people. The parish council apologised for this omission and said they would correct this by putting an amendment in the parish plan brochure and make sure the YOUTH I was included in the plan which would go on the parish council website. The parish council would be very pleased to work with the Youth Action Group and were very impressed with the work they do and feel it is vital for such groups to work within our community.

**5/06/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 MAY 2014**

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

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**6/06/14 TRANSITION FOR SUBSIDISED BUS ROUTES**

Angela Knowles and Alison Meadows from Cumbria County Council gave a presentation to the parish council regarding the cuts to bus subsidies by Cumbria County Council which will affect the no 7 services from Millom to Barrow and the 509 service to Ulverston on Thursdays. An overview of the services affected was given to the parish council which is; all buses except school buses. This could mean that once the subsidies cease, if the bus operator does not believe the route to be viable all services into and out of Askam could end by 2015. The parish council found this totally unacceptable and felt there must be alternatives presented to provide transport to our community. Angela and Alison have been tasked to work on looking at the affect this will have on the area and look at other alternatives. The parish council will meet next week to discuss this situation in full and liaise with Angela and Alison.

### **7/06/14: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**7/06/14/1: Sellafield parking.** Cllr Cumming reported that dialogue had been opened with the owner of the land opposite the co-op and various departments in Barrow BC with a view to getting this land developed and to include a car park. This is to be able to influence the outcome by discussing prior to any permissions being granted.

**7/06/14/2: Seagulls at Urofoam.** The Chairman said that Mr Stables, the factory owner, had been on the roof and cleared some of the nests as per instructions from Natural England. The Chairman felt that the situation with the seagulls was a little better. But reiterated that this was an ongoing situation and needed to be monitored over the next 3 years with nests being destroyed each year to discourage the gulls from nesting on Urofoam. The item will be closed, until next year or if any updates are needed. Closed

**7/06/14/3: Tipping of Rubble on Beach near Marsh Farm.** As far as the parish council are aware this issue is still being dealt with by Barrow Borough Council. Councillor Barry Doughty had met with Mr Johnson and felt he was being given conflicting advice from different agencies and Councillor Doughty will liaise with the Planning Officer. The parish council, again said they understand why Mr Johnson is trying to put up sea defences and reclaim his land, but are just concerned about the method he is using. They are concerned about the materials he is tipping onto the beach, both recently and historically and if the method he is using is correct and that the soil, waste etc. will not after a few high tides just end up washing out to sea. This may create a mud trail along the beach instead of the sand we now have.

**7/06/14/4: Public Toilet Area, Duke Street** – Cllr Cumming advised that following successful open day a consensus had been reached regarding the final layout for the area. Barrow BC advise that they will now move to the next stage which is applying for planning permission to demolish the toilet block and apply for permission to develop the area in conjunction with the Parish Council.

**7/06/14/5: War Memorial.** Askins and Little have completed the work to repair and clean the war memorial as part of the commemoration of the 100 years since the beginning of WW1. The parish council think they have done an excellent job and hope the community agrees. Some events around this year are planned and it is hoped the community will join in.

**7/06/14/6: Illegal Off-Roading.** This continues to be a problem both on the beach area and on private land. Residents are asked to report all such activities to the police by phoning 101.

**7/06/14/7: Planters in Village.** In response to requests from the community to tidy and brighten up the village, 3 planters have been purchased, thanks due to Barrow Borough Council for providing the plants and doing the planting. If these are a success there are plants to brighten and plant up other areas. If you would like to help with this project or just volunteer to water the planters during the hot weather, please contact the parish council.

### **8/06/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY**

There had been 9 reports of anti-social behaviour – which included 3 youth related, 2 damage to vehicles and 2 neighbour disputes. There was an attempted burglary on Ireleth Court Road and the police asked residents to make sure they lock their properties including sheds and garages. The Speed Indicator Device was to be deployed on Ireleth Road after complaints regarding concerns about speeding in this area.

### **9/06/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES – WRITTEN REPORT ISSUED BY CLLR DAVID KNIGHT**

B18/2014/0389 – erection of a steel framed building as a tractor and implement store – land at junction of Lots Road and A595.

B18/2014/0400 – Construction of new bulk wax storage tank farm –Partylite, Park Road, Barrow.

B18/2014/0367 – Wheelchair access to front of property, extended perimeter wall to front of property and slate canopy to front of property – 24 Ireleth Road, Ireleth.

All plans were viewed and discussed, there were no objections from the floor or members of the parish council. The Clerk will respond to Barrow Borough Council Action Clerk

**10/6/14: PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Bill Wilson reported that the open morning to present the parish plan had been very well attended and supported and hoped residents thought it had been informative and worthwhile. There was a lively question and answer session at the end of the presentation. The work would now begin on the 36 issues highlighted in the plan with leaders appointed for the tasks. Cllr Mike Cumming has created the basis of a project plan which the parish council will work to and updates will be given at parish council meetings. The Clerk was asked to arrange a date to begin looking at the project plan. Action Clerk

**11/06/14: REQUEST FROM ASKAM AND IRELETH COMMUNITY CENTRE**

A letter has been received asking for help with funding to decorate the community centre and buy new chairs. The Clerk was asked to send one of the parish council funding forms for the committee to complete and return. There was also a request for a member of the parish council to join the committee. Cllr Steven Smalley agreed to represent the parish council on the committee. The Clerk will inform the community centre committee. Action Clerk

**12/06/14: SILVER SUNDAY – 5 OCTOBER 2014**

Cllr Bill Wilson produced an article from the saga magazine regarding an event which is being promoted throughout the UK regarding communities getting involved to provide an event for Sunday 5 October to banish loneliness among older people. Cllr Wilson felt this was something the parish council could consider getting involved in. The parish council agreed this would be an excellent idea and suggested members think about this and come up with some ideas. This will then be discussed at the next meeting. Action All

**13/06/14: FOOTPATH 602054**

Email received from David Clare of Cumbria County Council Footpaths asking the parish council to part fund the replacement of this footpath. The full cost of this work will be in the region of £30,000 and the County Council need 30% of match funding which is around £9,000. The parish council agreed unanimously that they would like to see this footpath replaced and re-opened, but felt there were other priorities for their budget during this financial year. Councillor Barry Doughty said he would contact David Clare and see if he and his team could be of assistance. Councillor Doughty is working with the flood action group and one of the main reasons why this footpath is in such a poor state is due to flooding down the path from Moor Row.

**15/06/14: UPDATE ON WW1 EVENT**

Sunday 14 September has been set as the date for the event which will be held in the Band Hall between 10 am and 4 pm. There will be a number of events including a vintage fair, tea room, music, dancing and of course the exhibition of the research done by the history group and parish council on the names on our war memorial. The entry will be free with donations to the Royal British Legion.

**16/06/14: REPORT FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Doughty had met with representatives from Northern Rail regarding utilising the station toilets for public use. Although there is a long way to go and quite a lot of work would be required to make these toilets usable, Cllr Doughty was encouraged by this meeting.

**17/06/14: REPORT FROM CLERK (including finance)**

The monthly income and expenditure sheet was given to all parish councillors for their agreement.

**Proposed Cllr Harry Barker**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

The Clerk asked that a resolution be approved to remove George Twiname as a signing authority and to nominate two new signing authorities. Cllr Mike Cumming and Bill Wilson agreed to be signing authorities. The resolution was read out and agreed unanimously.

The Clerk reported that damage had been caused to a seat in Steel Street/Sharp Street park area, this had been reported to the police.

**18/06/14: CORRESPONDENCE** (to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection).

18/06/14/1: Invitation received to attend the 3 Service Veteran Association Commemoration of 100 years since the beginning on WW1 in Barrow on Sunday 3 August. 6 members of the parish council said they would be pleased to attend. The Clerk will respond to the association. Action Clerk

**19/06/14: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Clerks Salary £345.30, Hire of Community Centre £30.00, Contribution to Carnival £450.00, Printing of Parish Plan Brochure £276.00, Printing of book marks for library £46.00, Dog Waste Bags £19.80, Soil for jubilee garden £12.00, Envelopes and Paper £7.85, Laminating Pouches £5.90, Refreshments for parish plan morning £21.17, 2 storage boxes to archive material £9.98, Graphixsigns £241.92.

**20/06/14: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 15 July 2014, Temperance Hall, Ireleth at 7.15pm**

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

