

**MINUTES OF THE 296th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2017 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Denise Wilson, Alan Mason, Steven Smalley and Mike Cumming; also present: County Councillor Ben Shirley, PCSO Louise Johns, PCSO John McVea and PCSO Truckell; Clerk Janice Cumming;

1/10/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/10/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and Parish Councillor Harry Barker. Cllr Bill Wilson chaired the meeting.

3/10/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/09/17/1: Children's Play Park, Saves Lane. The Clerk contacted Barrow Borough Council regarding whether it was in their contract with Continental Landscapes to cut the area around the play park. The response was that there was no provision within the contract to cut around the park, but this had been done to keep the brambles and weeds from encroaching into the play area. Closed

4/10/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

Councillor Ben Shirley asked that an amendment be made to item to 5/09/17/7 CCTV Camera upgrade. Councillor Shirley had requested information from the system regarding congestion around Askam Railway Station. Councillor Cumming said he would endeavour to get this information for Councillor Shirley. It was agreed the minutes would be altered. Withstanding this amendment the minutes were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

5/10/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/10/17/1: Painting of Police Pod. The work was due to commence on 25 September. Unfortunately this did not happen. The Clerk has tried to gain a response from CJS with no success. It was suggested an alternative contractor was contacted. Cllr Knight will look into this. Action Cllr Knight

5/10/17/2: Road Closure and Work on Moor Road. Cllr Ben Shirley reported that Moor Road was still closed. A design has been done and costed at just short of £250,000. It is hoped that the IRP will pick up the bill for this work. Keiron Tetchner, Highways Engineer and other Officers are working hard to make this happen, although there are no guarantees at this time. Action Ongoing

5/10/17/3: New Litter Bins for Ireleth Road. These are on order with Broxap, delivery date 27 October 2017.

5/10/17/4: Service of Remembrance. The Clerk has made all the necessary arrangements for the Service, which will be held on Sunday 12 November 2017. Meet at the Rankin Hall at 2 pm. Closed

5/10/17/5: Work at the Memorial Garden. Cllr Bill Wilson reported that this work had been completed and he felt that the contractor had made an excellent job. Closed

6/10/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR Dave Knight

B18/2017/0598 – Land at John Street, Askam. Proposal: Application for removal or variation of a condition following grant of planning permission B13/2015/0561 (erection of a dormer bungalow) to allow discharge of the surface water to the combined public sewer located adjacent to the site. No objections or comments. The Clerk was asked to respond.

B21/2017/0588 – 110 Steel Street, Askam. Proposal: Garden shed on land to rear of 110 Steel Street.

No objections or comments. The Clerk was asked to respond.

B09/2017/0416 – Land at A595 Dalton Road, Askam. Proposal: Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for the construction of Meat Processing Plant with associated car parking and landscaping. The parish council have received an objection from residents of Greenscoe, this was read out the meeting. The parish council have concerns regarding this development and these were discussed at great lengths, the Clerk was asked to formulate a response from these discussions and distribute to the parish council for comment before responding to Barrow Borough. **Action Clerk**

B18/2017/0628 – Partylite, Park Road, Barrow. Proposal: Construction of temporary Operations and Maintenance Heliport Facility, on land off Sandscale Park. Proposals include the construction of a helipad, a flight operation building (incorporating an office and crew facilities), refuelling facilities, car park, diesel generator and associated infrastructure. This application had only recently been received and the parish council asked for more time to review this.

Correspondence from Barrow Borough Council to say that Planning Committee reports will be sent by email only and no paper copies will be provided.

7/10/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO LOUISE JOHNS

For the month of September: 1 report of Anti-social behaviour, 1 of theft of a purse from John Street and 1 criminal damage to a gaming machine at the Railway Inn.

8/10/17: PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018/19

A meeting had been held on 10 October to discuss a budget for 2018/19. A copy of these findings were made available the parish councillors. It was asked that they take these away to study. This will be discussed at the next meeting and if agreed the precept will then be set. Also at this meeting the 5 year parish plan was discussed. The current plan will cease in 2019 and the meeting felt it was a good idea to start making enquiries with Action for Cumbria on updating the current. This was agreed and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

9/10/17: CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS STORY TIME, ASKAM LIBRARY

Cllr Steve Smalley asked if the parish council would like to continue with the Children's Christmas Story Time. This was agreed and Cllr Smalley would look at organising this event with the help of the Clerk. Cllr Ben Shirley offered to be one of the guest story tellers. The parish council thanked Cllr Shirley. The event would take place on Friday 22 December 2017 at 6pm in the library.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

10/10/17: DETAILS OF SURVEY ON ASKAM & IRELETH BEING SAFEST VILLAGE IN THE NORTH WEST

Cllr Bill Wilson had contacted the organisers of this survey Value Penguin and received information about this survey which involved some 96 post codes areas in the North West of England. With a population over 3,000 residents, Askam and Ireleth is the safest post town in North West England, boasting an overall score of just 640. Remarkably, Askam and Ireleth's violent crime score of 448; 78% lower than average across the North West. The parish council felt this was something to be proud of and thanked the members of the police team present at the meeting. It was suggested that this is advertised within the village. Another reason to be proud to live in Askam and Ireleth. The parish council thanked Cllr Wilson for responding and taking the time to look into this. You can view the complete results at <https://www.valuepenguin.co.uk/safest-places-north-west-england>

11/10/17: UPDATE FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Ben Shirley gave a comprehensive update on the work he had been involved in over the last month, which included:

Car Parking Issues in the village. Cllr Shirley was congratulated on getting renewed focus on this Project which the Parish Council has been pushing for the last few years. He also explained his Community Rangers scheme and gave an update on the Street Angels proposal. Cllr Shirley has been liaising with the PCC and proposed starting a neighbourhood speed watch taskforce which will be trained in the use of speed cameras to record speeding traffic for police to issue warning letters. There is also a new initiative across the Borough with combined agencies to tackle the causes of ASB in the young and Askam will be assessed as part of this.

