

MINUTES OF 253rd MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2013 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, Chairman, Harry Barker, Vice Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson and Emma Twiname. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, Denis Bell and Barry Doughty and 5 Members of the public.

1/09/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no matters to disclose.

2/09/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr David Knight and PCSO Louise Perry.

3/09/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/09 /13/1: The residents of 32 Sharp Street asked if any comments have been received by the parish council regarding a shed they have replaced behind their property. The Chairman assured them that no comments have been received by the parish council. The Borough Councillors present and the parish council advised the residents that this land belonged to Barrow Borough Council. Any queries regarding this land should be addressed to Barrow Borough Council.

Closed

04/09/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 16 JULY, 1 AUGUST AND 9 AUGUST 2013

Meeting 16 July 2013

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

Meeting 1 August 2013

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

Meeting 9 August 2013

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

5/09/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/09/13/1: Grass cutting at Askam School. Lecks carried out this work during school holiday.

Closed

5/09/13/2: Flooding at Tippins Lane. Clerk informed Highways. Cllr Doughty said that he had looked at this area when he met with the Environment Agency. It would be included in the flood area report.

Closed

5/09/13/3: Allotment on John Street. United Utilities have informed the Clerk that this work has been properly applied for by the owners of the land.

Closed

5/09/13/4: Drop Zone Youth Work. Unfortunately Askam Rugby Club cannot accommodate this work as they are closed on the evenings Drop Zone are in Askam. They are looking at alternatives for a meeting place and will report back to the parish council.

5/09/13/5: Skate Park.

Ongoing

5/09/13/6: Pavement, Duke Street. Mr and Mrs Lowther have cut back the hedge and Clerk has informed Highways of this and it will be left to them to see if the pavement area can be re-instated. The parish council asked the Clerk to write and thank Mr and Mrs Lowther for their co-operation.

Closed

5/09/13/7: War Memorial. Keith Johnson of Barrow Borough Council is looking into the cleaning the war memorial. Cllr Denis Bell is also in communication with the Borough Council regarding this item.

5/09/13/9: Flooding in Dale Street. The Clerk attended a meeting with the Environment Agency. This meeting was to present options to help with flooding of Blea Beck to all the householders involved in the scheme. The presentation made by the Environment Agency seemed to be acceptable in principle to the householders. The representatives from the Environment Agency will now look at the options and try to find funding for this work. Our

County Councillor Barry Doughty has also been busy ‘fighting the cause’ with regards to flooding problems around Dalton North.

The residents of Dale Street and Waterside over a number of years have been clearing the large metal grid at Dalton Road end of Blea Beck. Duddon Inshore Rescue have agreed to look at doing this work and are liaising with the Environment Agency. The parish council asked the Clerk to write to DIR to thank them for this positive action.

Cllr David Knight attended a meeting with Cumbria County Councillor Highways regarding exploration work on the surface drains on Ireleth Road, which have caused problems with flooding on Ireleth Road (near CJS cars).

6/09/13 REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

As there was not a representative from our community police, the Chairman read the report sent by PCSO Perry for August. There has been 7 reports of anti-social behaviour, 1 report of theft, no criminal damage or drug issues.

7/09/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

New applications

- B21/2013/0541 Front conservatory at 43 High Duddon Close
 B18/2013/0399 Installation of 1 no. Micro scale wind turbine (14.97m to hub, 5.6m diameter blades) to provide renewable energy for use on site at Park Farm.
 B18/2013/0560 Installation of 1 x 5 kw small wind turbine on an 18 metre tower. Land at quarry bank Stewner Park, Marton.

No objections received or expressed by the parish council on these applications. The Clerk will respond.

Approved applications

- B27/2013/0464 Demolition of Furness Tavern
 B21/2013/0472 Porch at 17 Abbey Heights
 B27/2013/0432 Agricultural Building at High Riddings Farm
 B18/2013/0399 Turbine at Marsh Farm
 B13/2013/0321 Apartment at Ireleth Road Garage

08/09/13: PARISH PLAN

Cllr Mason reported that work has been continuing with the parish council and handed a copy of plan he has been working on with Liz Gaskell. He asked that the parish councillors take this away and study for comments.

Action All

09/09/13: UPDATE ON VISIT BY PARISH COUNCILLORS TO ROANHEAD

Cllr Sandra Hadwick, Denise Wilson and the Clerk together with Cllr Ann Thurlow and Barry Doughty met with the National Trust Warden for a guided tour of Roanhead. This was a very informative and useful morning in which we all learn so much about the area and the work the National Trust and their volunteers do at Roanhead. The parish councillors assured the Warden that the parish council would be keen to work with the National Trust on issues of concern at Roanhead which included access by vehicles, safety and bathing areas.

10/09/13: CO-OPTION OF A PARISH COUNCILLOR

The parish council have been advised by Barrow Borough Council that they can now co-opt a new parish councillor. The Clerk has prepared a notice and this was accepted by the parish council.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

11/09/13: PARISH COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

Cllr Mason agreed to take on this task of managing the facebook page, the Clerk will inform Liz Gaskell.

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

12/09/13: RURAL JOINT COMMITTEE

The Chairman agreed to attend this meeting with Cllr Sandra Hadwick on 25 September.

13/09/13: HEDGE ON LOTS ROAD

Complaints have been received regarding the over-grown hedge on the Lots Road which hampers visibility. There is some confusion as to who is responsible for cutting this hedge. Although Mr Steele, owner of the land cut the hedge

last year, he has been told that it is the responsibility of Highways. The parish council will contact Highways and also ask Cllr Barry Doughty to help with this matter as Cllr Doughty is a representative on the Highways Committee.

Action Clerk/Cllr Doughty

14/09/13: PUBLIC FOOTPATH 602054 – SAVES LANE

Correspondence from Eve Borrin of Cumbria County Council Rights of Way regarding maintenance and works to restore this footpath. Eve is looking for a volunteer either from the parish council or in the village to work with her on this project. Cllr Denise Wilson together with Cllr Barry Doughty offered to look at this with Eve and the Clerk will inform Eve.

Action Cllr Wilson & Cllr Doughty

15/09/13: WISH LIST

The Chairman's idea of a wish list was discussed and items brought by the parish councillors.

15/09/13/1: Tidy area around the old Lots Bridge. A quotation of £150.00 from Redsyke was accepted and the Clerk will contact Redsyke.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

15/09/13/2: Tidy grassed area on Beach Street and Sharp Street pavement edges. A quotation of £100.00 from Redsyke was accepted and the Clerk will contact Redsyke.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

15/09/13/3: Extra weed spraying in the village next year. This was agreed and all parish councillors were asked to suggest areas.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

15/09/13/4: Replace old broken fencing left side of the memorial garden. This will be discussed at the Rural Joint Committee meeting, as the old fence possibly belongs to the owner of the field and the memorial garden is the property of Barrow Borough Council.

15/09/13/5: Sponsor a Christmas tree at St Mary's Church to support the event and represent our village. The Clerk will make enquiries with the church. Also maybe have a tree at Duddon Road Church. Cllr Mason will look into this.

Action Clerk/Cllr Mason

15/09/13/8/6: Replace damaged and missing coping stones from the wall around the jubilee garden. Enquiries would be made regarding this work.

Action Clerk/Cllr Hadwick

15/09/13/8/7: The triangle of land on Ireleth Brow was being damaged because vehicles were mounting the edging stones to avoid parked cars on Ireleth Brow. Parking in this area is an on-going problem and it was suggested this be a restricted parking area. Cllr Thurlow offered to look at this issue. **Action Cllr Thurlow**

15/09/13/8/8: Tidy up behind the Jubilee Fountain on Duke Street. Clerk will contact Redsyke.

Action Clerk

16/09/13: LITTER AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL IN COMMUNITY PARK

Over the last few weeks there has been problems with litter in the community park and a litter bin was set on fire. Also residents are concerned with the consumption of alcohol in the area and asked if the park could be a 'designated no alcohol zone'. Cllr Ann Thurlow offered to make enquiries with the Borough Council on this issue.

Action Cllr Ann Thurlow

17/09/13: PAVEMENT AT BEACH STREET AND THE HEADLANDS

The Chairman expressed concerns regarding cars driving too fast and mounting the pavement. This will be an item at the Rural Joint Committee to discuss with Cumbria Highways.

18/09/13: CHILDREN'S SAFETY AROUND THE PLAYGROUND AREA

Cllr Emma Twiname asked if the safety signs could be moved from Headlands area and placed on Beach Street to remind people that children use this road to access the play park. This will be an item at the Rural Joint Committee to discuss with Phil Huck of Barrow Borough Council.

19/09/13: SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

The service will take place on Sunday 10 November. We will meet at 2pm at the Rankin Hall for the march to the cenotaph. A new order of service has been printed. The Clerk was asked to make the usually arrangements for the occasion with donations of £50 each agreed to RBL and Askam Band. **Action Clerk**

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr George Twiname

Agreed

20/09/13: REPORT FROM THE BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Barry Doughty gave the report on behalf of the Borough Councillors including an update from the 'seagull seminar' held in Barrow, the flooding action group visit to Dalton North and the public toilets in Askam. Cllr Doughty reminded people of the Borough Councillors surgery which takes place on the last Saturday of each month in the Library between 9.00 am and 10.20 am.

21/09/13: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted by the parish council.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

22/09/13: APPROVAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL RETURN AND CONCLUSION OF AUDIT

The annual audit has been completed and returned from the external Auditor. There are no matters arising which came to their attention. The Clerk/RFO presented these documents to the parish council and asked that they be approved and accepted. The annual return and notice of conclusion will be displayed for a period of 14 days.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

23/09/13: CORRESPONDENCE (to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting)

The Clerk asked if anyone would be interested in attending the CALC 2013 Annual General Meeting at Rheged on 9 November. The parish councillors will inform the Clerk if they are able to attend.

24/09/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

£100.00 donation to Brownies 'Mega fund day', Clerk's salary £690.60 (2 months August and September), 4 copies of plans for work at Blea Beck £4.00, registered letter £1.70, Dog Waste bags £21.85, mobile phone top up £40.00, 100 x new Remembrance Service sheets £52.90, Annual Audit charges BDO £276.00, Ryan Terpilowski update of website £100.00.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

25/09/14: COMMUNITY FIELD GATE AT JOHN STREET

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the gentleman in question stating that because he has refused to comply with the parish council's request to lock the gate later in the summer months; the parish council no longer require him to lock the gate. The parish council will make our community police aware of our decision and will inform Barrow Borough Council. Cllr Harry Barker offered to take the letter to the gentleman.

Proposed Cllr George Twiname

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

26/09/15: TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 October 2013 at the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm and the Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Signed Date

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