

**MINUTES OF THE 285th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
18 OCTOBER 2016 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM IN FURNESS**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllr Alan Mason, Sandra Hadwick, Denise Wilson, Mike Cumming, Steve Smalley and David Knight; also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; County Councillor Barry Doughty; PCSO Louise Johns and 8 members of the public.

1/10/16: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/10/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3/10/16: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/10/16/1: A question was asked regarding the Barrow Borough Council Local Plan. The Chairman explained that this was an item on the agenda and the question would be answered and discussed during that time.

3/10/16/2: Concerns were raised regarding the parking restrictions planned for outside the Community Centre in Duke Street. The Chairman explained that this had been requested by groups using the Community Centre during the day, as they cannot get parked in the area for train commuters. The concern was that with restrictions outside the Community Centre it would mean that commuters would park in other streets and make access difficult for residents. The Chairman said he understood the concern, but that the request had been made and consultation was now going ahead with Cumbria County Council Highways. He said that the only course of action was to express their concerns to Cumbria County Council, details will be on the notice posted near the Community Centre. Again, parking issues in the village were discussed, unfortunately there are no immediate solutions.

4/10/16: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

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

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

5/10/16: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/10/16/1: Disabled Ramp on Sandy Lane: Councillor Denise Wilson agreed to discuss this with Ray Millard of Red Syke Ground Care.

5/10/16/2: Wall at Jubilee Fountain Area. This would be completed as soon as possible.

5/10/16/3: Barrow Borough Council Local Plan: Councillor Cumming read out the statement which had been prepared in response to the Local Plan. Concerns were raised from members of the public present at the meeting regarding the building of houses on the land at Duke Street opposite the Community Centre.

Councillor Cumming said that their concerns would be incorporated into the Parish Council's response which will be sent to Barrow BC.

Action Cllr Cumming

5/10/16/4: Litter bin for Steel Street/Sharp Street Park: This had been ordered from Broxap.

6/10/16: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

B21/2016/0737– First storey extension above garage forming new bedroom with ensuite and rear ground sunroom at 42 Caspian Road. *No objections or comments.* The Clerk was asked to respond.

7/10/16: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO LOUISE JOHNS

Month of September: 1 anti-social behaviour, 1 criminal damage in Saves Lane, theft from a house in Ireleth Road, power tools stolen, 2 domestic assaults.

**8/10/16: REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL CO-ORDINATION ACTION GROUP (PCCAG) –
CLLR's MIKE CUMMING/ STEVE SMALLEY**

It was reported that National Grid had recognised the Chair of PCCAG as a strategic partner and had invited him to a workshop prior to the consultation. This had subsequently been cancelled at short notice. A list of

salient points regarding the consultation has been distributed to the Parish Councils involved. Cllr Smalley said that a delegation from the World heritage Organisation had been visiting the Lakes National Park to review the site for World Heritage Status and were very interested in the campaign for Power without Pylons. The next meeting of the group will now be 2nd November 2016. Cllr Cumming read out the terms of reference for this group and the Council voted unanimously to continue being a member.

9/10/16: NATIONAL GRID NORTH WEST COASTAL CONNECTION & REPRESENTATION AT ANY FUTURE MEETINGS WITH NATIONAL GRID

Unfortunately the workshop which was to take place with National Grid on 17 October was postponed by National Grid. It was agreed that Councillor Mike Cumming and Councillor David Knight would attend any future meetings with National Grid and had the agreement of the parish council that they would represent the views of the parish council, which have been discussed on numerous occasions. They would then report back to the parish council from these workshops. Mrs Emma Bryer, Chairman of the local Power without Pylons group in Askam and Ireleth asked if the parish councillors would be prepared to protest at any meetings with National Grid. The Chairman said that if a parish councillor wished to protest it would be a personal decision and they would not be representing the parish council. He felt that the parish council could express the views of the parish council and that of the community through meetings and consultation events. The parish council agreed that they would actively promote the consultation events to the community and update them on the project and work with the local Power without Pylons group to inform the public of the campaign. Hard copies of National Grid's Proposed Application and associated documents will be available from 28 October and can be viewed at Barrow Library, Dalton Drill Hall (Library), Ulverston library and Barrow Town Hall for our area.

10/10/16: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Barry Doughty gave an update on County Council issues. He spoke of the rolling programme the County Council have for reviewing footpaths and hoped that Askam and Ireleth would be part of the review next year. He is liaising with Duddon Inshore Rescue regarding the poor signage near the Rescue Centre.

11/10/16: REPORT FROM CLERK (including Finances)

The monthly expenditure and budget sheet was made available to all Councillors. This was reviewed and accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

The Clerk reported that a cheque had been received from Askam Indoor Bowling Club.

12/10/16: CORRESPONDENCE – *to check the appendix of items; all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.*

16/09/16/1: Letter from Askam Village School regarding funding. The Parish Council instructed the Clerk to contact the school for more details and asked if someone from the school could attend the next meeting of the parish council. PCSO Louise Johns said she would mention this at the next meeting of the school governors.

Action Clerk/PCSO Johns

17/09/16: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Askam and Ireleth Community Events £250.00 for Christmas light switch on event, 10 x 2nd Class stamps £6.60, Envelopes and laminating pouches £5.21, Cllr Cumming's mileage for meeting of Duddon Estuary Partnership meeting in Millom £14.40 and 2 x Parish Council Co-ordination group at Thwaites £22.40, Red Syke Annual Maintenance Charge 2nd instalment £1808.75, Strim Ireleth Churchyard £260.00, Erect fence at football field £150.00, Remove wind damaged tree, Lots Road £120.00.

18/10/16: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 November 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed by Councillor Mike Cumming

Dated 15 November 2016