

**MINUTES OF THE 291st MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 18 APRIL 2017 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming and Denise Wilson also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Johns, County Councillor Barry Doughty; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and 4 members of the public.

1/04/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Barker item 3/04/17/1 and 6/04/17 Greenscoe Quarry. Cllr Cumming 5/04/17/7 Drop Zone.

2/04/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Steve Smalley and David Knight

3/04/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/04/17/1: A resident asked if the 15-mph speed limit sign on the road to Greenscoe Quarry could be moved to nearer the A595, as vehicles accessing the quarry were driving very fast along this road. To move the sign would be the responsibility of Cumbria Highways, who are responsible for road signage. Cllr Barker said he would speak again to drivers using the road to access Greenscoe Quarry.

3/04/17/2: Approach to residents of Greenscoe. The parish council were informed that representatives from a business have been visiting homes to Greenscoe to discuss their plans to open a meat processing factory. The Company are looking to buy land at Greenscoe and intend to put forward their plan to Barrow Borough Council. The resident is concerned that the land they are proposing to build on is very close to his property and the land is a green field site. A discussion took place, but the Chairman said it was difficult for the parish council to comment when they had not seen the plans. It would be advisable to wait until the plans had been lodged with Barrow Borough Council and then the parish council would be consulted and have the full details.

4/04/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2017

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

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

5/04/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/04/17/1: Village Litter Pick. It was suggested that a date prior to the carnival would be acceptable. The date suggested was Saturday 20 May, meet at 10.30 am at the Jubilee Fountain Area. Cllr Wilson will discuss with Carnival Committee and the Clerk will contact Barrow Borough Council and other groups in the village to ask for volunteers.

5/04/17/2: Standing Water on Steel. The Clerk has reported this problem to Cumbria Highways, no response has been received. The Clerk will progress this item with Highways.

5/04/17/3: Flooding on BT access road and A595 at Greenhaume. Cllr Doughty escalated this to Nick Raymond of Highways. Response from Highways after a meeting with the land owner Mr Slater of High Haume farm. The issue appears to be a blocked stone culvert near the BT mast. Mr Slater has assured Highways that once he has finished lambing he will look at the issue. The situation will be monitored.

5/04/17/4: Motorised vehicles illegally using beach. This continues to be a problem, especially at the weekends. The police will be monitoring the situation with the National Trust and ask that the public report incidents to 101.

5/04/17/5: Road Lining in Askam and Ireleth. At the request of residents and road safety issues, yellow lines have been installed at Dale Street, James Street and Duddon Road. Parking restricted lines at the Community Centre have not yet been completed.

5/04/17/6: Speeding traffic on Ireleth Road. Following complaints from residents and results from the SID, Highways have been asked to install pneumatic tubes to monitor the traffic on Ireleth Road. –

5/04/17/7: Drop Zone Bid. Cllr Cumming reported that Drop Zone had been successful in their bid to the People's Lottery and had received funding of £38,100. This was a life-line to DZ and meant that they could continue with the Sphere Project working with young people in the area, including Askam and Ireleth. Cllr Cumming thanked everyone who had supported the bid from all at Drop Zone.

6/04/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR MIKE CUMMING

There had been no new planning applications lodged.

Application 6/17/9002 – Creation of 130 metre access road at Greenscoe Quarry has been granted.

7/04/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO LOUISE JOHNS

Report for March 2017 – 1 antisocial behaviour at the Lots Community Field over 3 weekends, One arrest for possession of cannabis, a bladed article and an assault which are still being investigated, One incident of fighting between a 10 and 12 year old which has been brought to community resolution.

8/04/17: REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL CO-ORDINATION GROUP MEETING

Cllr Cumming reported that ENWL had presented at the last meeting and that when queried about aspects continually deferred to National Grid. NG and ENWL have both been invited to the next meeting to avoid “buck passing”. ‘No Pylons’ group also presented showing how great a disparity there was between NG pricing of the offshore routes compared to reality which they had backed up with some strong empirical arguments.

9/04/17: REPORT FROM CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL EXECUTIVE MEETING

Cllr Cumming (as Chairman of the RJC/Barrow District Association) attended the CALC executive meeting in Penrith as an observer before his position will be ratified at the AGM in November. Various topics were discussed mostly on reform of the constitution and similar issues.

10/04/17: REPORT FROM RURAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting discussed various topics and an update was given as to the bins situation and the change to the new provider. CCTV was also discussed and some very good information was subsequently received from Barrow BC regarding the Code of conduct and signage which the PC will now implement.

11/04/17: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

County Councillor Barry Doughty reported that the work was continuing at Moor Road and unfortunately because of under-mining of the road it had been closed by Highways. The work would take some time and he was unsure when the road would be open to traffic. At the request of residents and continued updating of street lighting across the County, new street lights have been fitted on Furnace Place. The older type concrete lamps had been replaced with new lights. Barrow Highways were hoping to get a road lining machine to be used in the Barrow area which would quicken the lead time for getting road markings installed in the area. Councillor Doughty has taken on-board the problems with parking in Askam and Ireleth and the parking wardens have been contacted regarding parking on yellow lines for long periods of time in Askam and Ireleth. A monthly report on parking issues was available and Councillor would ask if the parish council could be added to distribution list.

12/04/17: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly finance and expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

12/04/17/1: Annual Accounts Return. The Clerk reported that the annual return had been completed and would be given to the internal auditor this week.

12/04/17/2: Annual Assembly. The Clerk reminded the meeting that in May it would be the Annual Assembly.

12/04/17/3: Landscape and Ground Maintenance Contract. The Clerk reported that the new contractor had commenced work for the parish council. There would be a period of settling in and the Clerk and Cllr Cumming would work with the new Contractor.

13/04/17: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

13/04/17/1: Funding for village youth groups. Thank you messages have been received from Drop Zone, Askam Brownies and Askam Youths.

14/04/17: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk's extra hours for completing audit and VAT return £136.56, 6 x A3 copies of accounts spreadsheet for audit return, Cllr Cumming mileage to attend Duddon Estuary meeting in Broughton £9.00, attend PCCG meeting in Thwaites £12.60, attend CSP meeting in Ulverston £6.75.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

15/04/17: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 May 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed by Harry Barker, Chairman

Dated 16 May 2017