

MINUTES OF THE 245th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2012 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, IRELETH

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, Emma Twiname, Sandra Hadwick, Harry Barker, Denise Wilson and David Knight. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; Rural Projects Officer Angela Knowles; PCSO Louise Perry; Borough Councillors Ann Thurlow and Denis Bell; Aimee Walsh, Reporter for Evening Mail.

1/12/12: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Gaskell item 5/12/12/17 and Cllr Knight item 8/12/12 /1. Both Councillors left the room while these items were discussed.

2/12/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Barry Doughty.

3/12/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/12/12/1: Refuse Collection. Cllr Hadwick said that she had noticed that the refuse collectors were not taking black bin bags left besides the bins. Also last week there seemed to be a lot of rubbish scattered from the bins. She had phoned Biffa and spoken to them about this. Cllr Wilson said she did not think that the refuse collectors were obliged to collect black bags and Cllr Barker said if there was any extra refuse he thought resident needed to inform Street Care on 01229 876487 or visit the website www.barrowbc.gov.uk. The Clerk will contact the Street care for further information on refuse collection procedure.

4/12/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 20 NOVEMBER

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

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

Agreed

5/12/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/12/12/1: Access to John Street by Refuse Wagons. John Johnson and Chris Greenwood visited John Street after the last meeting and spoke to residents regarding the problems accessing John Street. They have spoken to the Borough Council as Biffa are their contractor and a risk assessment will be carried out. It may be that a kerb side collection will be the recommendation. John Johnson will inform the residents of John Street once the risk assessment has been carried out. Action Biffa/Borough Council

5/12/12/2: Gates, Community Field. Cllr Gaskell has spoken to Mr and Mrs Carroll and it was agreed the parish council will review the situation in 6 months time. Review

5/12/12/3: Flooding in Village. The damaged trees have been removed and others have been crowned which hopefully will help the situation on Sharp Street. The Clerk will meet Redsyke in the New Year to look at the area. Closed

5/12/12/4: Skate Park. Angela Knowles will work with the Drop Zone in the New Year to look at obtaining some funding to upgrade the skate park. Angela will involve the young people and the parish council were impressed that they had brought this to the parish council and also have a facebook site asking for support for the park.

5/11/12/5: Shrub Area, Turnstone Crescent. This work is completed. Closed

5/11/12/6: Parking at Junctions. PCSO Perry is in contact with Gary Thomas of Cumbria County Council Highways regarding this issue and will keep the parish council updated on progress. Action Community Police

5/11/12/7: Public Toilets. Angela reported that progress is being made and the parish council will be updated when firm commitments have been received. Ongoing

5/11/12/8: Pavement, Duke Street. The parish council were disappointed that no progress has been made regarding this issue. They felt that not only is the hedge encroaching onto the pavement it is obstructing vision for traffic when exiting Steel Street. Angela will speak to the Officer who is dealing with this matter and the Clerk was asked to write to Nick Raymond. Action Clerk/Angela

5/12/12/9: Picnic Bench for Community Field. Both items will be delivered tomorrow and the Clerk will arrange for them to be fitted. **Action Clerk**

5/12/12/10: Flooding in Village. An update will be given in item 10 on this agenda.

5/12/12/11: Foreshore Access near pier. Cllr Wilson, the Clerk and Ian Standing from DIR met Andy Sims to view and discuss this area. Various options were discussed, Andy Sims thought that as this was a BOAT its' upkeep was the responsibility of Highways. The Clerk will liaise with DIR and contact Highways.

5/12/12/12: Bins on Ireleth Road. The situation is being monitored by Biffa and the Borough Council. **Closed**

5/12/12/13: Footpath, Greenscoe. Invoice has been received for the parish council's contribution towards this work. The Clerk will contact them to ask when the work will commence. **Action Clerk**

5/12/12/14: Remembrance Service. The parish council agreed that the new order of service should be adopted. The Clerk will inform Rev'd Mitchell. They thanked Cllr Mason for his efforts in helping to produce this document. **Action Clerk**

5/12/12/15: Allotments: Cllr Barker is concerned that the land being offered for allotments is not particularly suitable. He believes there is drainage and flooding issues which affect the properties nearby and he does not feel it is something he can recommend to the parish council. It was discussed in length and decided that although the parish council were grateful to the Borough Council for the offer it is not something they wish to commit to. Angela will contact the Borough Council with the parish council's response. **Action Angela**

5/12/12/16: Woodland Trust Trees. Redsyke advising that the trees need to be 'brought on' in pots before they are planted out. Some of the Councillors offered to do take this task on. The hedging shrubs can be planted out and the Clerk will speak to Redsyke and hedging will be planted on the Lots and at the football club. Cllr Gaskell asked that some trees can be supplied to the school and that will be arranged. **Action Clerk**

Pointing of Pavement at Jubilee Fountain. A grant of £200.00 has been received from the Local Committee to do this work. A quotation for £140.00 has been received from Gutters to Gardens and this was accepted. The Clerk will liaise with Gutters to Gardens and maybe use the remainder of the money to tidy up the back of the area.

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Gaskell

Agreed

Action Clerk

6/12/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Crime figures for November – 2 damage to vehicles, 5 incidents of anti-social behaviour which included facebook offences. So far in December there has been an attempted burglary and reports of someone trying doors in Duke Street late at night. There has been a spate of bicycle thefts in Lindal and Kirkby and the police will be running a series of bicycle marking sessions across the Borough. The PCSO asked people to be vigilant and keep their homes, garages and sheds locked. Any concerns should be reported to 101.

Cllr Liz Gaskell, Sandra Hadwick, George Twiname and the Clerk attended the Safer Stronger Community Meeting in the Drill Hall, Dalton.

7/12/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER' S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

Library – Angela will liaise with Tom Holliday of Cumbria Library Service and organise a meeting in January to discuss how they can make better use of our library and attract more users. Cllrs Liz Gaskell and Alan Mason volunteered to be our 'Library Champions'. The Clerk also offered her services.

Extra lighting, Pensioners Bungalows - Angela has received prices for supplying the lights but additional charges for fitting will need to be taken into consideration. This will be explored further in the New Year.

Events and Festivals – Angela reported that Cllr Doughty has obtained some funding from the Borough Council for such events. Cllr Thurlow would like to organise a walking festival of Furness which will include walks in Askam and Ireleth. She asked if the parish council would agree to help and it was agreed that some of this money could be allocated to such an event.

8/12/12: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK

8/12/12/1: B18/2012/0728 *Lots Road junction with A595 - Installation of two, three metre high arena lights for all weather turn out area (for use in the winter months to exercise the horses).*

8/12/12/2: B13/2012/0793 *31 James Street (land adjacent) – Detached bungalow forming lounge, kitchen, dining room, bathroom and bedroom with off street parking.*

The plans were distributed and both items discussed. There were no objections from the parish councillors or any members of the public present. The Clerk will inform the planning department. **Action Clerk**

9/12/12: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS

There has been difficulty locating these documents. The Clerk has now sent them by email and a hard copy has been given to the Chairman to read and these documents will now be discussed at the January meeting.

10/12/12: FLOODING IN VILLAGE

Two meetings have taken place during the month to discuss flooding in the area and have been attended by the parish council who have strongly put forward the issues in Askam and Ireleth on behalf of the whole community.

Cllr Gaskell reported on both meetings:

10/12/12/1: A meeting was held in the Temperance Hall with Borough Councillors, members of the parish council, representatives from Dale Street and Phil Huck, Executive Director, Barrow Borough Council. Cllr Gaskell reported on this meeting which was very productive and positive. Everyone had their chance to put forward their concerns regarding flooding in Dale Street and Ireleth Road. Work has commenced to make repairs to the area at Dalemout Service Station by the owner of the garage using a recommended contractor. This work will continue for some weeks and hopefully alleviate some of the problems on Ireleth Road and Dale Street.

10/12/12/2: A meeting was held at Ulverston Town Hall with our MP, representatives from United Utilities, Highways, Environment Agency and Making Space for Water Group, Borough Cllrs and members of the parish council attended. Cllr Gaskell reported on this meeting at which she had strongly put forward the issues affecting Askam and Ireleth. 18 letters were handed to Nick Raymond from the County Highways from residents of Dale Street, plus a CD showing the effects of the flooding in the area. Some useful contacts were made at this meeting and follow up meetings will be arranged to discuss specific problems with these contacts. Cllr Gaskell felt that it had been important that the parish council had been represented at both these meetings and thanked Cllr Barker and Cllr Hadwick and the Clerk for their support.

11/12/12: RECYCLE CENTRE – ASKAM RUGBY CLUB

The committee at the rugby club have decided to have the recycle bins removed from their ground because of the poor quality of bins being left by the Borough Council. Unfortunately some people are still leaving items there which are causing a nuisance and strictly speaking are now fly tipping. The club asked that the parish council help by informing the residents that no recycle facilities are available at the rugby club. Cllr Gaskell said that residents should use the fortnightly kerb side recycle collections or the recycle centre on Walney Road, Barrow. Residents can also contact the Borough Council on Street Care on 01229 876487 or visit the website www.barrowbc.gov.uk to organise larger waste collections.

12/12/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER – RENEWAL OF CONTRACT

A separate meeting to discuss this and the budget for 2013/14 will be organised early in the New Year. The Clerk will organise a time and venue. **Action Clerk/All**

12/12/13: REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Nothing to report.

12/12/14: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available. There were no questions asked.

12/12/15: CORRESPONDENCE – to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

12/12/16: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk’s salary £255.89, Hip Hop & Modern Dance £250.00, Cumbria County Council works to footpath/cycle path at Greenscoe £350.00, Askam Pensioners hire of Rankin Hall £80.00, Sandbags for DIR £98.99, Ink Cartridges £19.70, Stamps £3.00.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

12/12/17: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 January 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.

The Chairman closed the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Signed Dated

