

**MINUTES OF 251ST MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY
18 JUNE 2013 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, Emma Twiname and Alan Mason. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Perry; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, Denis Bell and 3 Members of the public.

1/06/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Gaskell declared an interest in item 7/06/13 Planning and Cllr G Twiname item 5/06/13/19.

2/06/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr David Knight, Denise Wilson and Harry Barker.

3/06/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from the public as their issue would be covered in agenda items.

4/06/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 21 MAY 2013

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

Proposed Cllr Liz Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

5/06/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/06/13/1: Land at Common. This is being dealt with by our Borough Councillors and the parish council will continue to monitor the situation with the Borough Councillors. Closed

5/06/13/2: Footpath at Nook Lane. Cllr Barker has spoken to Lyndon Sherwood who has offered to look at this area if we can show him the problem. The Clerk will contact the member of the public who brought this to our attention. Action Clerk

5/06/13/3: Drop Zone – Working with Young People. Meetings have been held with Askam Rugby Club as a prospective safe place for the young people to meet and work on projects with the Drop Zone Youth Workers. Unfortunately the rugby club cannot accommodate them on Tuesday evenings. The parish council will work with Drop Zone to try to secure a place for them to meet and continue this work. Action All

5/06/13/4: Skate Park. Barrow Borough Council are making repairs to the equipment, but have no funds for new equipment. The parish council are looking at alternatives with both Barrow Borough Council and Drop Zone. Unfortunately a whole new park may not be a feasible option, but new equipment and upgrades maybe a more realistic goal in the short term. Ongoing

5/06/13/7: Parking at Junctions. The police have had no reports from members of the public regarding this issue the item will be closed. Closed

5/06/13/8: Pavement, Duke Street. The Chairman reported on his meeting with Mr and Mrs Lowther and this was discussed. Actions from this meeting will be followed up. Action Clerk

5/06/13/9: BOAT 602031 – Foreshore access to pier. Being dealt with by Cumbria Highways. Closed

5/06/13/10: Footpath, Greenscoe. Being dealt with by Cumbria Highways. Closed

5/05/13/11: Parish Council Logo on Entrance Signs to village. Being dealt with by Cumbria Highways. Closed

5/06/13/12: Dog Fouling. There has been little or no improvement, but no further complaints. Closed

5/06/13/14: Land at rear of Dalton Road. The residents of Dalton Road have taken legal advice and gave details to the parish council. The Chairman advised them to contact Barrow Borough Council and Councillor Gaskell said she

would discuss this issue at the Rural Joint Committee with members of the Borough and County Council. Cllr Hadwick will consult some of the old maps of the area as it is believed that at one time these were 'name roads'.

Action Cllr Hadwick and Gaskell

5/06/13/15: Shop Front Scheme. Cllr Gaskell read out a letter from Barrow Borough Council stating that Askam and Ireleth had been precluded from the scheme when it was instigated in 2009. The scheme is now closed and Cllr Gaskell felt it was regrettable that our elected Borough Councillors at that time had not made sure Askam and Ireleth had been included in the scheme. She hoped if a similar scheme was available in future our village would be included or perhaps one that is a village based project would be available to us. Cllr Gaskell will take this up with Barrow Borough Council at the Rural Joint Committee.

Closed

5/06/13/16: Resident Parking, Tarmac Area, Steel Street/Sharp Street Park. Due to work commitments Cllr Knight and Wilson have been unable to progress this item and will try to report back at the next meeting.

Action Cllr Wilson and Knight

5/06/13/17: Locking of Community Field Gate nearest to John Street. The Chairman has spoken to the resident who locks this gate and asked to lock it a little later during the summer months. The resident flatly refused to do this and would not compromise in any way. The parish council will seek guidance on this matter as they feel one person cannot dictate to the reasonable request from the parish council on behalf of residents and the community.

Action Parish Council

5/06/13/18: Caravan in field at Greenscoe. This is being dealt with by Barrow Borough Council.

Closed

5/06/13/19: Seagull problem at Urofoam factory. It is believed that a report from Natural England advises the owner of the factory to 'paint the eggs'. This is a mammoth task as these birds nest on the roof which is difficult to access. It is too late for this year as the birds have already laid their eggs.

Closed

6/06/13: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

CRIME STATS for May – 9 reports of anti-social behaviour, only 2 youth related, 2 reports of criminal damage, no reports of burglary, no thefts or drug related crime. The police visited St Peter's school, Ireleth regarding an issue with the timings of the lights at the crossing. This is being investigated by Cumbria Highways, Traffic Control.

7/06/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B18/2013/0379 – installation of 2 wind turbines (14.97 m to hub 5.6 dia blades) at Holmes Green Farm, Broughton Road, Dalton in Furness.

B18/2013/0401 – installation of 1 wind turbine (14.97 m to hub 5.6 dia blades) at High Haume Farm, Broughton Road, Ireleth.

B18/2013/0400 – installation of 1 wind turbine (14.97 m to hub 5.6 dia blades) at Park Farm, Askam in Furness.

B18/2013/0399 – installation of 1 wind turbine (14.917 m to hub 5.6 m dia blades) at Marsh Farm, Askam

The parish council expressed their concerns regarding the number of applications and in some cases the proximity to residential and business properties. They felt they could not support these applications and asked the Clerk to send these comments to Barrow BC and ask them to take these concerns into consideration as well as the new government guidelines. Also these developments were purely commercial and of no benefit to the local community and do not seem to meet the government's current energy goals.

Action Clerk

8/06/13: UPDATE FROM CHAIRMAN'S FORUM – CLLR GEORGE TWINAME

The Chairman attended the forum organised by CALC and said he had learned a lot of useful information and said that he would be instigated some of the changes into the way our meetings are run in the future, he outlined some of these changes to the parish councillors, including:

Items for the agenda must be given to the Clerk 3 working days before each meeting, which includes items from members of the public.

When an agenda item is closed it cannot be re-visited for 6 months.

The voting system will be used more often for items at our meetings and items will not be carried over until a following meeting. Once a vote is taken that is the end of the debate.

The Chairman felt that our meetings, with these changes and others, would be much sharper and ensure that the parish council complies with the code of conduct.

Action Chairman

9/06/13: WISH LIST

Cllr Twiname said he thought it would be a good idea to have a wish list for the parish council. These would be items residents and parish councillors felt would be good for the village. These items could also be incorporated into the parish/community plan. He asked everyone to think of any items for the 'wish list' and bring them to the next meeting.

Action All

10/06/13: FLOOD RISK IRELETH ROAD/DALE STREET

The residents of Dale Street have contacted the parish council regarding promises made by both Cumbria Highways and the Environment Agency to carry out works to the surface drains on Ireleth Road and works to Blea Beck. So far there has been not much progress. The residents asked if the parish council could contact both these agencies on their behalf to support their request. The parish council agreed to do this and would also ask our Borough and County Councillors for their support in this matter.

Action Clerk

11/06/13: GRASSED AREA ON SAVES LANE

Cllr Mason reported that since the request had been made the area has been cut by the Borough Council and it will be maintained by them in the future. The Borough Council said it had been an over-sight on their part. Closed

12/06/13: PARISH PLAN

Cllr Gaskell and Cllr Mason have been working on the plan and are pleased with the progress. Cllr Mason handed out a revised copy they have been working on. Cllr Gaskell said she felt the plan would be ready to present to the parish council by September. The parish council thanked them for their work on the plan. Ongoing

13/06/13: UPDATE ON MEETING WITH CUMBRIA COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICES

Cllr Gaskell reported that the meeting with Cumbria County Council Library Services had been very positive. Library Services appreciated the support they are receiving from the parish council and said it showed the commitment they have to keep a library service for Askam and Ireleth. In future it is hoped to have special events in the library and once staff have been recruited the library will be opening on a Saturday morning, funded by the parish council. New signage will be installed very soon.

Ongoing

14/06/13: PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE OF ROTATION OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

A proposal to alter the rotation of parish council meetings was discussed. It was agreed unanimously to have one meeting at the Temperance Hall, followed by 2 at the Rankin Hall. The Clerk will inform all parties concerned.

Action Clerk

15/06/13: CIVIC SUNDAY

Cllr Gaskell prior to the meeting issued a report regarding the parish council holding an annual Civic Sunday with the support of Alan Jones, who was present at the meeting. Cllr Gaskell said the idea of having a Civic Sunday would be to celebrate and confirm the status of the parish council in a church service. It would also be an opportunity to outreach into the village by involving both schools and the uniformed organisation. A vote was taken – 2 members for and 3 against – the motion was therefore not carried.

Closed

16/06/13: DEALING WITH PRESS AND MEDIA

After taking advice from CALC a standing order for dealing with press and media has been written for the parish council. A copy was given to everyone and after reading the standing order was accepted unanimously.

Proposed Cllr E Twiname

Seconded Cllr S Hadwick

Agreed

16/06/14: WAR MEMORIAL, DUKE STREET

As it was the centenary of the beginning of WW1 next year a proposal had been made to mark this occasion by having the war memorial professionally cleaned. The parish councillors thought this would be a good idea and asked the Clerk to contact Barrow Borough Council.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr G Twiname

Seconded Cllr A Mason

Agreed

17/06/13: BROADBAND CHAMPION

Our Broadband Champion has received an invitation to attend a meeting on Friday 21 June at Rheged. He would attend on behalf of Askam and Ireleth and Dalton if it was acceptable to the parish council. A vote was taken and it was unanimously agreed.

Proposed Cllr S Hadwick **Seconded Cllr L Gaskell** **Agreed**

18/06/13: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

There was no update.

19/06/13: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly balance sheet was distributed and examined by the parish councillors. There were no questions. The Clerk reported that the annual accounts have been sent to BDO. The Clerk asked if the parish council would agree to her attending a finance seminar organised by CALC on 24 June in Grange. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr G Twiname **Seconded Cllr A Mason** **Agreed**

20/06/13: CORRESPONDENCE *to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.*

21/06/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

St Peter' Church £1,000 for repairs, Clerk's salary £345.00, Clerk's expenses 4 printer cartridges £53.80, photocopies £6.00, Annual Insurance Zurich £1455.94, Additional items to last year's insurance – picnic bench and extra seat Aon £6.58.

Proposed Cllr S Hadwick **Seconded Cllr A Mason** **Agreed**

22/06/13: TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 July 2013 at 7.15 pm at the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam in Furness

Signed Date