

**MINUTES OF 259th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2014 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM IN FURNESS**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson. Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Barry Doughty and Denis Bell; PCSO Louise Perry and 12 members of the public.

**1/03/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Harry Barker item 3/03/14/2.

**2/03/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr David Knight, Bill Wilson; Borough Cllr Ann Thurlow.

**3/03/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/03/14/1:** Katie Montcrief asked if as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award she could work around the village cleaning litter and dog waste. The Chairman said that this was an admirable way for Katie to work within the community and said the parish council would be pleased to support her effort and play a part in her gaining her Duke of Edinburgh award.

**3/03/14/2:** A delegation from James Street, Duddon Road and other locations handed in a letter regarding the serious problem have experience over the last few years with seagulls, in particularly the birds nesting on the Urofoam factory. The residents have researched this problem in great depth and there is very strong feelings regarding this issue. The parish council understood their concerns and had the greatest sympathy with them, as did the Borough Councillors present. This is a major problem throughout the Borough and there has even been 'seagull summits' held by our MP John Woodcock. There seems to be no easy solution as there laws protecting certain species of seagull. The Chairman offered to speak to the owner of the Urofoam factory, although he did express an interest in this item, he felt he was the best person to take up this issue with Mike Stables. He will report back to the residents.

**Action Cllr Barker**

**3/03/14/3:** The parish council have been asked to ascertain who owns the garage at the back of Askam Co-Op which is in a very poor state since the storms and full of rubbish. The Clerk will contact the Co-Op.

**Action Clerk**

**3/03/14/4:** The parish council were asked what was happening on the beach near Marsh Farm with large amounts of soil being tipped. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries with Barrow Borough Council and Natural England.

**Action Clerk**

**4/03/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 FEBRUARY 2014**

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

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson**

**Agreed**

**5/03/14 PROGRESS REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**5/03/14/1: Fencing at Memorial.** The old fence has been removed and AK Fencing commence fitting the new fence w/c 24 March 2014. Quotation from Redsyke for ground works for gazebo and paving in memorial garden. Phase 1 area for gazebo £2,700.00. Phase 2 paving to seating area and small wall £1,650.00. The Clerk was asked to instruct Redsyke.

**Action Clerk**

**Proposed Cllr Harry Barker**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**5/03/14/2: Toilets and Bus Shelter, Duke Street.** Meeting planned with Steve Solsby of Barrow Borough Council in April to discuss this matter.

**Action Cllr Alan Mason & Bill Wilson**

**5/03/14/3: Parking in the Village.** A petition from residents of Park Avenue was handed in to the parish council explaining the problems they have with visibility when vehicles are parked so close to the junction. This is mostly during the day with Sellafeld commuters. The parish council, community police, Cumbria County Council Traffic Management and our County Councillor are meeting with a representative from Sellafeld on Wednesday 19 March to discuss the problem with parking in Askam by Sellafeld commuters.

**5/03/14/4: Land Registry (27 Dalton Road).** The application has been withdrawn. The parish council were asked to write to the resident and ask them to remove the obstacles from this land which are restricting access and parking. The parish council and the residents present offered to help with removing these obstacles. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident. **Action Clerk**

**5/03/14/5: Saturday Morning Library Opening.** Cllr Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick and the Clerk met with the new Assistant and Library Services. First Saturday morning opening will be on 5th April at 1000 am. There will be a small celebration to mark the opening with a story time for the children, read by Councillor Barry Doughty, a book mark competition and refreshment will be served. The Clerk asked if the parish councillors would try to attend, especially the Chairman or Vice Chairman to mark the occasion. This was an important occasion for the library and a new venture for the parish council.

**6/03/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY**

PCSO Louise Perry reported that there has been 7 reports of anti-social behaviour, 4 youth related. Two reports of theft, 1 from a property in Saves Lane where tools were stolen and 1 in Steel Street where a house was entered and money stolen. British Transport Police have reported incidents of motorists disobeying the signals at the railway crossing in Askam. These motorists have been issued fines and points on their licence.

**7/03/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK**

New Application B28/2014/0168 –Application for approval of details reserved by Condition No. 3 (external materials/colours), Condition No. 6 ( buffer to Blea Beck), Condition No. 7 ( landscaping including fencing) and Condition No. 9 (foul and surface drainage) of planning permission B20/2012/0489 (change of use to holiday caravan site) at Park Knott Smallholding Dalton Road Askam-in-Furness.

The parish council asked the Clerk to contact Planning regarding their concerns regarding the system being used for the foul water and the fact that it is being drained into Blea Beck. There have been problems over many years with flooding and blockage of Blea Beck as it travels through private land and the land owners do not maintain the beck. This in turn as caused problems with flooding on Dalton Road. **Action Clerk**

Application Number. B20/2013/0705 - Change of use of allotment to allow the siting of two residential caravans (twin axel) and a 1 storage caravan (retrospective application) at John Street (adjacent to 52) Askam-in-Furness. This application has been granted with conditions. The parish council are concerned that none of the considerations expressed by them or the resident were deemed admissible by Barrow Borough Council. The parish council are very disappointed that the Borough Council Planning Department did not return the calls from our Chairman regarding this application or discuss the matter with us before making the decision. The whole issue of consulting the parish council on planning issues by the Borough Council was questioned and the Clerk was asked to seek advice from CALC on this matter. **Action Clerk**

**8/03/14: PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Alan Mason handed out a copy of the final draft of the parish plan, which everyone agreed was a very informative and useful document. A meeting will be held when Cllr Bill Wilson returns from holiday to finalise the plan and distribute to key partners. **Action Clerk**

**9/03/14: VACANCY FOR TWO PARISH COUNCILLORS**

The vacancies are advertised on the notice board and website. One application received, interview of this candidate will take place at 6pm in the Police Pod on Thursday 13 March 2014.

**10/03/14: BATHING WATER DE-DESIGNATION OF ASKAM AND ROANHEAD**

This application has now been submitted to Defra by Barrow Borough Council. The parish council asked the Clerk to send the parish council's concern regarding the de-designation of these bathing waters. Cllr Hadwick reported that at the Duddon Estuary Partnership meeting there were concerns about water testing by the Borough Council in regards to the mussel beds. Cllr Denise Wilson asked for the email address as she will be responding on behalf of Duddon Inshore Rescue.

**Proposed Cllr Harry Barker**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**11/03/14: UPDATE FROM DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

Cllr Sandra Hadwick attended the meeting in Dalton on behalf of the parish council and updating the parish council on issues discussed at the meeting. Cllr Hadwick believes this is a worthwhile meeting for the parish council to attend.

**12/03/14: UPDATE OF BEACH CLEAN**

Cllr Denise Wilson reported that this event was extremely well supported by the local community, schools, cubs, scouts, Drop Zone and community pay back. Everyone did a fantastic job and managed to fill a huge skip of rubbish. It was hoped to organise another beach clean, perhaps in June after the next high tides. This joint effort between Duddon Inshore Rescue and the parish council had been a success and it was hoped they could work together in the future. A huge thank you was given to all those who had given up their time to make this event such a success.

**13/03/14: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

Cllr Barry Doughty gave a full report on Borough and County Council matters and updated the parish council on issues relating to youth work, highways and flooding.

**14/03/14: REPORT FROM CLERK (including Finances)**

The monthly spreadsheet of expenditure was made available to all parish councillors. This was agreed as a true record.

**Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

The Clerk reported that the end of year accounts will be 31 March 2014 and asked that the parish council agreed to accept Roger Brailsford as the Internal Auditor.

**Proposed Cllr Harry Barker**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**15/03/14: CORRESPONDENCE**

**15/03/14/1: Speed Indicator Device.** It was asked that the parish council supply areas where they would like the SID sited. The Clerk was given a list of areas which she will send to the police and the Clerk at Dalton.

**15/03/14/2: Request regarding Askam & Ireleth Facebook Information Page.** A request has been received to use this page for advertising parish council meetings. Although the parish council cannot prevent anyone displaying details of parish council meetings, the parish council felt that advertising on notice boards, the parish council website and the evening mail was sufficient at the present time.

**15/03/14/3: Meeting at Barrow Police Station.** The parish council have been invited to attend a meeting with other groups to discuss off-roading in the Borough. A representative will attend and report back at the next parish council meeting.

**16/03/14: SANCTION FOR PAYMENT**

Drop zone for equipment £200.00, Amberol Planters £993.24, Rankin Hall Rental for Drop Zone January to March £240.00. Clerk's salary £345.30, Items for beach clean incl gloves, litter pickers, garden waste bags, refreshments £153.29, Monthly phone charge £20.00, Postage Stamps £10.00, dog waste bags £17.76, £40.00 rental for Temperance Hall for parish council meetings.

**17/03/14: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 15 April 2014 at 7.15pm at the Temperance Hall, Ireleth**

**Signed .....** **Dated .....**