

MINUTES OF THE 244th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, Emma Twiname, Sandra Hadwick Also **present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; PC Dave Edwards, PCSO John McVea, John Johnson and Chris Greenwood, Biffa, Aimee Walsh, NWEM and 5 members of the public.

1/11/12: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Gaskell for item 5/11/12/21 and 12/11/12 .

2/11/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Knight, Denise Wilson, Harry Barker, Borough Councillor Barry Doughty, Denis Bell and Ann Thurlow.

3/11/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/11/12/1: Refuse Collection Wagons accessing John Street. Resident complained that the wagons were having a serious detrimental effect on the road. John Johnson and Chris from Biffa (Barrow Borough's contractor) were present at the meeting and listened to the residents. It was agreed that John and Chris would visit John Street the next day to discuss the problem and look at the area. Action Biffa/Barrow BC

3/11/12/2: Community Park Gates. A resident asked if the gate near the skate park could be locked instead of the gate at Beach Street. It was agreed that these gates could be locked on alternate weeks and after 3 months the situation will be reviewed. Cllr Gaskell will speak to the person who locks the gate at Beach Street. Action Cllr Gaskell

4/11/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 16 OCTOBER 2012

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

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr E Twiname

Agreed

5/11/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/11/12/1: Flooding in Sharp Street. The parish council's landscape contractor Redsyke has cut down the tree nearest to the drain which should help with leaves blocking the drain. The tree unfortunately was badly damaged and explained why the leaves had fallen off so quickly. Redsyke together with a tree surgeon has looked at all the trees in the park area. His report was discussed at the meeting and it was decided to follow his advice. A price of £480.00 (Sharp Street) and £360.00 (Steel Street) to take remove damaged trees and crown the other trees was accepted and the Clerk was asked to contact Redsyke. The Clerk will inform residents in the area before the work commences. Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Mason

Agreed

5/11/12/2: Skate Park. Barrow Borough Council have agreed to do the repairs but there may still be a need to try to get some more up to date equipment in there. Angela has offered her services to try and obtain funding. This was agreed and the Clerk will contact Angela on her return from annual leave. Action Clerk/Angela

5/11/12/3: Shrub Area, Turnstone Crescent. The parish council agreed to pay Redsyke £50.00 to tidy this area.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

5/11/12/4: Parking at Junctions. This was a continuing problem, the junction at Blea Beck and Duke Street was particularly bad, mostly people visiting the shops and take-away outlets, especially at weekends. The police have attended the area and encourage people to report any incidents by phoning **101**. The police have contacted Cumbria Highways with a suggestion of putting white lines on the road in this area to prevent parking. Action Community Police

5/11/12/5: Facebook. Cllr Gaskell reported that facebook is storming ahead and is getting some good comments and feedback and is a good way of communicating with the parish and is particularly popular with younger members. This item will now be closed unless there is anything to report in the future. Closed

5/11/12/6: Website. The Clerk reported that she is thrilled with the website and has received some very complimentary remarks regarding its' content and professional design.

Website address www.askamandirelethparishcouncil.org.uk. The parish council hope people will use the website to keep up to date with all things relating to the parish council and to communicate with the parish council. Closed

Road which was being dealt with by the police. Parking issues on Duke Street and Blea Beck as previously discussed. The Chairman thanked the police for their report and for attending the meeting.

A reminder that the next Safer, Stronger Community Meeting will take place on Monday 10 December at 6 pm in Dalton Drill Hall.

7/11/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER'S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

In Angela's absence the Clerk read out her report:

Speed cushions, Duke Street - To be looked at by County Highways – road closure will be applied for.

Excavation next to CJS car sales – Meeting with United Utilities to be arranged.

Moor Road - Work completed.

Parish Planning - I am currently working on refreshing the parish profile with County Council colleagues. No-one has responded to my email of 19th October asking for updates on the projects mentioned in the big list from the last parish plan.

Action All Parish Councillors

Youth Work – Askam and Ireleth. I have suggested calling a meeting in the New Year of all people interested in or capable of delivering youth work in Askam. I am a member of Barrow Youth Network and will be attending a meeting on Thursday pm 15 November so will raise the issue at this meeting.

Lighting Scheme at Pensioners Bungalows. Being investigated with Crime prevention and Barrow Housing Department.

Public Footpath 602054 Ireleth School to Saves Lane. Cost for dealing with the 'step part' of this path is estimated by Cumbria Rights of Way colleagues to be in the region of £35,000.00. This seems to be an enormous amount of money and not sure where the money will come from. Need to weigh up the costs against benefit. The parish council expressed shock at this figure and are not sure the amount is justifiable for a path that is rarely used.

8/11/12: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK

B20/2012/0735– 25 Avocet Crescent – removal of existing front porch and replace with new porch/hall extension incl w/c. No objections have been received and there were no objections from the parish council or any members of the public present.

B21/2012/0702 – 36 Sharp Street (rear) – change of use from open land to a fenced area and sited of a shed within (retrospective). As the land in question is the property of Barrow BC it is felt the decision should be theirs.

9/11/12: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS

Unfortunately not all parish councillors have read these documents, so they could not be formally accepted. The Clerk stressed the importance of this action and asked that parish councillors have this action completed by the next meeting.

Action All

10/11/12: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The Clerk distributed the monthly finance report for the parish councillors to read.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr E Twiname

Agreed

11/11/12: CORRESPONDENCE

11.1 Application for funding from Askam Hip Hop and Modern Dance. The parish council agreed to support this application to the sum of £250.00 because it was a youth activity which the village is sadly short of.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

11.2 Letter from Mr and Mrs Pearson re planning application B21/2012/0400 – 9 Manx View. The parish council's advice to Mr and Mrs Pearson is that they contact the Planning Officer for Barrow Borough Council who will look into this matter and contact the parish council should he feel it necessary.

12/11/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Sanctions for payment – Rural Project Officer contribution £8,000.00, Donation to Royal British Legion £50, Askam Band £50 for support at Remembrance Service, £800.00 Ryan Terpilowski, website, Askam Community Events for Xmas event £250.00, HMPrison Haverigg £394.50 for picnic bench & seat, Clerk's Salary £255.89, Poppy wreath £17, bulbs & soil for jubilee garden £20.49, extra Order of Services (Remembrance Sunday) £5, Refreshments Remembrance Sunday £20.36, Stationery £7.00. Gutters to Gardens painting of 6 benches £150.00

13/11/12: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 December 2012 in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth at 7.15 pm

Signed Dated

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