

**MINUTES OF 266th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2014 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Bill Wilson Vice Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Cllrs' Ann Thurlow and Denis Bell, PCSO Louise Johns and 3 members of the public

**1/11/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cllr Cumming expressed an interest in item 7/11/14.

**2/11/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Parish Cllr David Knight and Borough Councillor Barry Doughty.

**3/11/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/11/14/1:** A member of the public asked for an update on the situation with Broadband for Ireleth. Cllr Cumming said he would give an update on this issue, as it was action item later in the meeting.

**3/11/14/2:** A question was raised regarding whether the parish council had commented on the planning application B20/2014/0645 – change of use of land at Greenscoe. The Clerk confirmed that the parish council had responded with comments made by members of the public at October's meeting. This application was still pending.

**3/11/14/3:** Question regarding public footpath 602054 – back of Saves Lane. This footpath has been closed for quite some time and the member of the public asked if it was to be re-opened. The Clerk advised that Cumbria County Council advised that this footpath was dangerous and needed extensive works before it could be re-opened. She advised that the parish council had been asked to contribute a large sum of money (around £9,000.00) towards its repair, the parish council had informed Cumbria County Council that they were not prepared to commit this amount of money. The Clerk suggested that the best contact would be our County Councillor Barry Doughty who seemed to be involved with the department involved within the County Council.

**3/11/14/4:** A member of the public asked the parish council to help by contacting the Borough Council regarding wheelchair access at the Pensioners Bungalows at Whinfield Place. Only one of the access points has a ramp, the others are steps which are impossible for wheelchairs. The Clerk was asked to contact the Housing Manager at Barrow Borough Council and the Borough Councillors will also bring this to their attention.

**Action Clerk**

**4/11/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 OCTOBER 2014**

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

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Agreed**

**5/11/14: PRESENTATION ON CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL BUDGET 2015/16**

Angela Knowles handed out copies of the Public Budget Consultation document to everyone present at the meeting and explained the cuts and savings the County Council are proposing to make. These involve 13 different proposals including Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Highways, **Library Services**, loss of 1,800 jobs. The parish council were asked to consider this document and comment directly to Cumbria County Council. Questions were asked both from members of the public and the parish councillors. Members of the public can collect a copy of this document from the library on Saturday 29 November and from 9am until 10.30 am there will be an Officer from Cumbria County present to answer any questions. The Chairman asked the parish councillors to take away the document and consider its content and discuss at the meeting in December and then formulate a response to Cumbria County Council.

## 6/11/14: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

**6/11/14/1: Sign for Greenscoe Quarry.** PCSO Johns had tried to make contact with Highways regarding this item, but as yet had not received a response. She will continue to try to get a response from Highways.

Action PCSO Johns

**6/11/14/2: Update on Broadband.** BT are installing a duct across the A595 at the Railway Crossing on 24<sup>th</sup> November and the hope is that it is to facilitate Fibre Optic to the Cabinet serving Ireleth however no confirmation as yet. The cabinet located on Duddon Road is also expected to be upgraded for additional subscribers same timescale.

Ongoing

**6/11/14/3: Visibility along Lots Road.** The Clerk has contacted Highways regarding the hedge being cut along the Lots Road. Highways are looking into this matter with their legal department.

Ongoing

**6/11/14/4: Cycle Path on A595.** Work has been done to cut back over-hanging branches by Highways and it is slightly better.

Closed

**6/11/14/5: Damage to Street Light Columns near Ireleth Church.** Highways state that both these columns will be replaced, no timescale given. Clerk has reported quite a few street lights which are faulty, but there seems to be a delay in repairing the street lights and she will again contact Highways. Cllr Denise Wilson asked when the restricted parking sign would be replaced near the Co-Op. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask the question.

Ongoing

**6/11/14/6: Sellafield Parking.** This still remains a problem. It was suggested that the parish council write to the Energy Coast asking for their support in funding a car park if the land on Duke Street become available. Cllr Cumming said he would write to the Energy Coast.

Action Cllr Cumming

**6/11/14/7: Rubble on Askam Beach.** The Clerk has spoken to Nicola Evans of Natural England regarding removing some of the historical rubble. Nicola was extremely supportive and a site visit will be made by the parish council to look at the area.

Action Parish Councillors

**6/11/14/8: Public Toilet Area.** Application has been made to Barrow Borough Council to get the preconditions lifted to allow progress on demolition of toilets.

Ongoing

**6/11/14/9: War Memorial and Commemorative Seats.** The seats have been fitted and look excellent in the garden, a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives. The slate chippings have replaced the grass and the trees have been pruned and the dead sycamore removed. Everyone agreed that the garden and the memorial were looking very good. If funds permit more work may be carried out next year. The Clerk was asked to thank Ray Millard for his work and getting the area ready for the Service of Remembrance.

Closed

**6/11/14/10: Removal of Bus Subsidies.** The changes to the bus service were implemented by Stagecoach on 9 November. The Clerk has spoken to Linda Wright and although there have been some complains on the whole people are just pleased there is still a bus service, even though it is greatly reduced. No one has contacted the parish council directly with any complaints or comments.

Closed

**6/11/14/11: Shop Front Scheme.** Shops in Duke Street have been included in the Borough Council's shop front scheme. If anyone would like details they can contact the Clerk.

Closed

**6/11/14/12: Promotion of Library.** Cllr Smalley suggested a Christmas Story time at the library to try and get more children and parents to use the library. Cllr Smalley will discuss this with the Library Assistant and the parish council agreed to support Cllr Smalley.

**6/11/14/13: Silver Sunday.** A suggestion that the parish council organise another event in January was discussed and approved. This will be a 'Burns Supper' on 25 January 2015. Cllr Denise Wilson and Mike Cumming will make initial enquiries as to costs and entertainment.

#### **7/11/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES**

B18/2014/0707 Construction of gravel surfaced access road to provide access to solar farm – Hawthwaite Lane.

B21/2014/0722 Proposed extension to dormer bedroom incl new window – 4 Avocet Crescent

B21/2014/0738 First Floor extension over existing garage and utility – 13 Parklands Drive

B13/2014/0745 Proposed erection of a single dwelling house – 101 – 107 Beach Street

No objections expressed or received directly to the parish council.

All planning applications can be viewed on Barrow Borough Council Planning website.

#### **8/11/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS**

Crime figures for this month 4 anti-social behaviour, 2 involving youths at the railway station, 3 criminal damage, 2 involving vehicles and 1 to a concrete drain at a building site. Tractor removed from the Lots but recovered, reported entry at the water treatment plant on Duddon Road, 1 domestic violence with an arrest. 2 arrests on drug charges, bailed and will appear in court on 22 November.

PCSO Johns obtained a quotation for a solar speed sign which the parish council may consider next year.

CCTV camera at the Co-Op, full report at next meeting.

Ongoing

#### **9/11/14: BUDGET FOR 2015/16**

The sub-committee met and a draft budget was formulated taking into consideration items from the parish plan. A copy was given to all parish councillors, it was agreed to adopt this budget.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

#### **10/11/14: PRECEPT 2015/16**

Following on from the recommendations from the Budget Review sub-committee it was agreed the precept should remain the same.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

#### **11/11/14: SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE**

Everyone agreed that despite the appalling weather the service had been a success and it was very rewarding to see so many people attending. Thanks to everyone who supported and helped on the day, Natalie Hadwick for the 'pebble poppies' and Drop Zone for helping with refreshments. Suggestions have been made that we nominate two members of the parish council to organise the lining up for the march and the laying of the poppy wreaths. Cllr Steve Smalley and Mike Cumming agreed to take on this task.

#### **12/11/14: BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN**

Following on from the consultation a response has been sent from the parish council.

#### **13/11/14: UPDATE FROM NATIONAL GRID PRESENTATION 1 NOVEMBER 2014**

Some issues arose from this presentation which could affect the village should these plans go ahead and the parish council have responded. One of the main issues could be if the new power station goes ahead then commuters could be using Askam to park while using the train to get to work. The representatives suggested the parish council should contact the British Energy Coast and ask why Askam is not included in the energy coast. Cllr Cumming said he would prepare a letter to send the Chief Executive. Action Cllr Cumming

#### **14/11/14: PROPOSAL TO CHANGE DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING**

It was agreed that the meeting will take place on Wednesday 10 December at 7.15pm in the Rankin Hall.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

#### **15/11/14: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES**

The monthly expenditure spreadsheet was made available to the parish councillors. This was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Steven Smalley

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

#### **16/11/14: CORRESPONDENCE**

16/11/14/1: Contact regarding a new vehicle entrance at 6 Saves Lane, this has been passed onto the Borough Council as the land belongs to them and it is being dealt with by their Enforcement Officer.

**16/11/14/2:** Re-use of Ireleth Churchyard. Anyone wishing to view the plans can do so by contacting Rev Mitchell or by visiting the church between 1pm and 2pm any Sunday before 10 December.

**17/11/14: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Cumbria County Council for Saturday Library Assistant £479.78, A&I community events committee for Xmas event £250.00, Refreshments for Remembrance Sunday £27.90, heathers for jubilee garden £10.00, Stationery £24.63, colour ink cartridges £28.74, £50 each to Royal British Legion and Askam Band for supporting Service of Remembrance.

**18/11/14: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 10 December 2014, Rankin Hall, Duke Street at 7.15 pm**

Signed ..... Dated .....

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