

MINUTES OF THE 242nd MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER AT 7.15 PM IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname, (Chairman), Alan Mason, Harry Barker, Emma Twiname, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick and David Knight. Borough Cllr Barry Doughty, Denis Bell and Ann Thurlow Also **present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Angela Knowles, Rural Projects Officer; PCSO Louise Perry, David Pickthall, NWEM and 4 members of the public.

1/9/12: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

None

2/9/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Cllr Liz Gaskell.

3/9/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions from any members of the public present.

4/9/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 17 JULY AND 7 AUGUST 2012

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

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Wilson

Agreed

5/9/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/9/12/1: Broadband Update. Mike's report was read out by the Chairman.

5/9/12/2: Parking at Junctions. This remains a problem and people are asked to report any obstructions to the police on 101. Urofoam were forced to unload a wagon on Duddon Road as they could not access the factory because of cars obstructing the entrance.

5/9/12/3: Footpath at Greenscoe. Cllr Barker had met with Cumbria Highways on 17 September. Finding the correct sign for the area was being looked at. Cllr Barker is concerned because when people are walking along this road they do not seem to realise it is a public road and access road for Greenscoe quarry and on occasions have been walking in the middle of road oblivious to oncoming traffic. Cumbria Highways are dealing with this situation.

5/9/12/4: Dog Fouling. It seems someone is allowing their dog to foul on the path near the rugby club again, also on the grass verge on the A595 before the Lots Road. PCSO Perry will monitor these areas. Again dog owners are asked to bag and bin their dog's waste or face a fine. Dog Waste bags are available from the police pod.

5/9/12/5: Land Ownership. Angela believes we now have owners of the larger pieces of land around the parish but there are still smaller areas and paths that remain a problem. It is difficult mapping these small areas and maybe would be better to ask residents of the village. The Councillors agreed and closed this item.

Closed

5/9/12/6: Jubilee Garden. Progress has been slow because of the wet summer, but weed spraying had been carried out and a new bolt put on the gate and the step fixed. The Clerk asked if she could purchase bulbs for the garden.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

5/9/12/7: Facebook. As Cllr Gaskell was not present at the meeting, facebook was not discussed.

5/9/12/8: Website. Information had been past to Ryan and he is setting up a 'dummy site' which will be worked on before the website goes live. Ryan has completed the home page which is excellent.

5/9/12/9: Access to Beach at Duddon Road. Angela gave a report on the responses she has received from the various agencies. She is still awaiting a response from Boughton Estates, when this is received she will be able to finalise this action.

5/9/12/10: Public Toilets. Angela and Cllr Doughty are still working on this. The capital for making the toilets DDR compliant could be made available. The main problem will be the annual charges, which although not as high

as original thought, they are considerable. Cllr Doughty realises the Parish Council will not be able to fund all these charges alone and is looking for partners to share the costs. **Ongoing**

5/9/12/11: Pavement, Duke Street. Cumbria County Council is carrying out a land search to ascertain who owns the pavements. The Parish Council agreed the hedge has been cut but not enough to access the pavement. Angela will pass this information to Highways.

5/9/12/12: Picnic Bench for Community Field. Monies for this have been received from Cllr Heath and a picnic bench will be purchased and perhaps a bench for Marsh Street. The Clerk will first get agreement from Marsh Street residents.

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Wilson

Agreed

5/9/12/13: Cleaning of area at Jubilee Fountain. Area has been power washed and looks better. It was agreed the paving needs pointing and the Clerk will look at this, but may leave the work until next spring.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Mason

Agreed

5/9/12/14: Parking in Turnstone Crescent. This will be monitored by Cllr Knight and report at next meeting. Cllr Barker asked what the rule is on parking caravans on the road. PCSO Perry said she did not know, but will make enquiries.

Action PCSO Perry/Cllr Knight

5/9/12/15: Flooding in Village. Flooding has again been a problem and certain areas in the village had suffered again. The problems with the water culvert near Dalemount Service Station seems to have been corrected, Angela has been having discussions with Barrow Borough Council regarding this. Highways are planning repairs and cleaning of ditches on Moor Road. Flooding down Ireleth Road and into Kirkby Close was discussed; Angela asked that Councillors could put together a list of problem areas which she will then present to Cumbria County Council.

Action All

6/9/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

A number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported during August not all youth related. Reports received of malicious phone calls and a dispute between neighbours. Reports of anti-social behaviour in the park area at Steel Street, the Parish Council will look at this area with their Ground Maintenance Contractor. There was damage to cars in both Marsh Street and Furness Place. A damaged door on Saves Lane an arrest was made and damage to a rear door in Sharp Street an arrest was made.

7/9/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER' S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

Although the Parish Planning event held on Saturday 15 September had not been as well attended as Angela would have liked, the quality of the information both from residents who attended and the agencies represented at the event had been invaluable. Representatives from Cumbria Highways, the Borough Council, Youth Services and Julia Wilson from Action for Cumbria had all found the morning useful. Information gained by the Borough Council from residents would also be used for the Barrow Borough Local Plan. Information received by Cumbria Highways could now be considered for their budget preparations for next year. Angela will now work on all the information received and this will be used for the 5 year plan and also in preparing the Parish Council 2013/14 budget. Angela and the Parish Council thanked everyone for giving up their time to attend this event.

The Parish Council's bid for 420 'free' trees from the Woodland Trust has been successful and these will be delivered to Cllr Barker's premises on 5 November for planting throughout the Parish. These will mostly be flowering hedging shrubs and of course the jubilee oak which will be planting in the jubilee garden.

The meeting of the Rural Joint Committee had taken place and attended by Cllr Hadwick on behalf of the Parish Council. Angela received priorities for the Parish Charter from the Chairman prior to the meeting.

8/9/12: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK

B28/2012/0494 – Land adjacent to 91 Duddon Road – to allow revised contamination report.
Application approved by the Planning Officer by letter.

B21/2012/0540 – Marsh Farm, Duddon Road – replace existing small pitched roof & small flat roof
No objections received or expressed by the Parish Council

B21/2012/0400 – 9 Manx View, erection of single storey side/rear extension.
Concerns expressed regarding proximity to neighbouring properties and parking issues.
Clerk will report all findings to Planning Officer at Barrow Borough Council.

9/9/12: DISPENSATIONS – S33 OF LOCALISM ACT 2011

The Chairman confirmed that all Parish Councillors had received this letter from Barrow Borough Council and agreed with the contents.

Proposed Cllr Wilson

Seconded Cllr Twiname

Agreed

10/9/12: LIBRARY SERVICE

Angela reported that she will be having a meeting with Cumbria County Council library services on Monday to discuss the drop in users of the library. The Parish Council were surprised that usage had fallen, as the library appeared busy when members visited it. Angela will also discuss the change to opening hours and the ideas put forward by the Parish Councillors to better use the library and encourage new members. The Parish Council are prepared to work with the County Council to implement changes but need the library services support to do this.

11/9/12: WORKING PARTY – HAVERIGG

Cllr Knight has approached HM Prison, Haverigg regarding working parties helping in the area. The cost is £3.00 per hour per person and could be considered for such things as beach cleaning.

12/9/12: CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL, HIGHWAYS WINTER SERVICE 2012/13

A copy of this document was made available to all Parish Councillors to take away and consider. The findings will be discussed at the next meeting.

Action All

13/9/12: UPDATE ON LIFE BELT AND ACCESS TO THE PIER

The life belt has been replaced by a member of Duddon Inshore Rescue and the Parish Council expressed their thanks to this person on behalf of our community and thought this was extremely public spirited. The pier is the property of Neil Price Construction Limited and any access or issues regarding the pier should be addressed to Mr Price.

14/9/12: FORESHORE ACCESS AT BASE OF SLAG BANK

An area on the pathway is in an extremely wet and muddy state and makes foot access difficult. The Clerk and Angela will make enquiries as to who is responsible for this area.

Action Clerk/Angela

15/9/12: BINS OBSTRUCTING PAVEMENT AT IRELETH ROAD

A complaint has been made about residents leaving their waste bins on the pavement on Ireleth Road which obstructs access for pedestrians. It is particularly dangerous because for children and parents walking to Ireleth school in the morning and at night it is dark and the bins are not easily seen. Cllr Doughty said this needed to be reported to the Borough Council. The Clerk will report this.

Action Clerk

16/9/12: OVER-GROWN TREES COVERING STREET LIGHTING

An over-grown tree on Ireleth Road is covering the street light and making the area extremely dark. The Clerk will contact Cumbria Highways regarding this.

Action Clerk

17/9/12: PAVEMENT ON IRELETH ROAD

Some properties are allowing their hedges to over-grow onto the pavement on Ireleth Road, which makes it difficult for pedestrians. The Clerk will contact Cumbria Highways.

Action Clerk

18/9/12: BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN

The Clerk gave each of the Parish Councillors a leaflet and asked that they take this away and come up with any suggestions to forward to the Borough Council.

Action All

19/9/12: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Clerk asked for permission to organise the Remembrance Sunday the same as last year with refreshments at the Rankin Hall. This was agreed by all.

Proposed Cllr Mason**Seconded Cllr Twiname****Agreed****20/9/12: BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2013/14**

It was now the time of year the Parish Council need to be thinking of next year's budget and setting the precept. The Clerk will put together a draft budget and send it to each Parish Councillors for discussing and consideration prior to our next meeting. Any ideas for future projects will be considered. **Action All**

21/9/12: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Doughty reported on issues he is working on with the Cumbria Highways which includes speeding on the A595 particularly on the Ireleth junction near to Ireleth School and road markings. Work priorities being carried out by Cumbria County Council Highways can be accessed via the County Council website. Cllr Doughty stated that there may be funds available for rural committees for festivals and PCSO Perry, who attends the Askam and Ireleth Community Carnival Committee will take this to them. Cllr Thurlow asked if maybe some of these funds could be used next year to support a walking festival.

Cllr Doughty announced changes to the Borough Councillor surgeries held in Askam and Ireleth – 8.30 until 9.00 am at the Temperance Hall and 9.05 until 9.45 am at the Community Centre on the last Saturday of each month. Residents can come along with any issues and discuss them with their Borough Councillor.

22/9/12: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCIAL UPDATE

The update financial spreadsheet was made available to all Parish Councillors. No question arose from this. The Clerk has been informed by the Financial Ombudsman that BDO LLP have been accepted as External Auditor which means the Parish Council can continue using this service to audit our accounts. The Clerk reported that the Borough Council has repaired the seats in the Cenotaph. The Borough Council has also completed the park at Saves Lane and all agreed it is extremely smart and an asset to the area. Thanks were expressed for this work by the Parish Council. Redsyke has fixed the new bin into the park area in Steel Street/Sharp Street.

23/9/12: CORRESPONDENCE – (to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection)

Letter from resident raising concerns about wind turbine application at Haverigg and Langthwaite. The Chairman read out this letter and said that any residents who objected to these applications should send their objections to Copeland Borough Council.

Email from CALC with details of Annual General Meeting on 10 November 2012 in Carlisle. Anyone wishing to attend should inform the Clerk.

Mr Lindow from Near Old Park Farm contacted the Clerk regarding the hedge being cut on the Black Dog Road. PCSO Perry said this incident has been dealt with by the police.

24/9/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk's salary £255.89, Dog waste bags £22.75, Postage stamps £5.00, Copier Paper £4.76, Print Cartridges £14.29, Refreshments Parish Plan Day £15.98, Catering for Parish Plan day £129.00.

Proposed Cllr Mason**Seconded Cllr Knight****Agreed****25/9/12: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 16 October 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth.

Signed Dated