

**MINUTES OF 280TH MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 19 APRIL IN
THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM IN FURNESS**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman; Cllr Alan Mason, David Knight, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; County Councillor Barry Doughty; Graham Pitts, Power without Pylons and 3 members of the public.

1/04/16: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Harry Barker declared an interest in item 3/04/16/1.

2/04/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Bill Wilson, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and PCSO Louise Johns.

3/04/16: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/04/16/1: A member of the public asked about the work being carried out at Greenscoe Quarry. This was to be discussed under planning as an application had been received from Cumbria County Council. The application was discussed and the work to be carried out explained. This information is available on the County and Borough Council websites (B28/2016/9004).

4/04/16: PRESENTATION BY GRAHAM PITTS, POWER WITHOUT PYLONS

Graham Pitts gave an overview of the current campaign to have an alternative scheme to large pylons proposed for around the Duddon Estuary proposed by National Grid for the North West Connection.

5/04/16: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2016

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

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

6/04/16: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

6/04/16/1: Near Misses for Horse Riders on Lots Road: Cllr Knight reported that there had been another incident on Saturday. He was still looking into cost of signs and posts for this area. He asked that drivers be considerate of horse riders on the Lots Road. *Action Cllr Knight*

6/04/16/2: Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations: The Clerk and Cllr Hadwick would decorate the gazebo and jubilee fountain area. The young people from the Youths and the Brownies and Rainbows had made decorations and cards which would be used to decorate the area. A photograph would be taken with the children on Thursday 21 April at 6.30 pm if anyone would like to come along. *Action Closed*

6/04/16/3: Public Toilet Area: Safety fencing is down and new bins are in place. Problems with children climbing on the walls and damaging the flower beds and wall. It was stressed that although young people are very welcome to use the area it is not a children's play area and a sign will be erected to say no ball games etc. A price of £452.20 had been obtained for 3 new self-watering barrier baskets. A vote was taken and it was agreed to purchase these for the area. *Action Clerk*

6/04/16/4: Common Hest: It has been confirmed by Barrow BC that work by payback has been completed at Common Hest. The parish council were pleased with the work and asked the Clerk to thank all concerned. Cllr Wilson said it was gratifying that the area around the park had been cleared and made the area more visible. The litter bin had been moved closer to the railings. *Closed*

6/04/16/5: Parking in the village: Following on from the meeting with Victoria Upton of Cumbria Highway, a new bus stop clearway had been made on New Road. The clerk has responded to Highways on behalf of the Parish Council indicating that yellow hatching at the junction of Duddon Road and Duke Street was preferred. Parking/Waiting restrictions outside the Community Centre; keep clear signs on Alexander Place and the Memorial Garden entrance ongoing. Cllr Cumming reported on communications with Cllr Pidduck leader of Barrow BC and representative on the LEP regarding possible funding for a car park.

7/04/16: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

New Applications

B21/2016/0202 - 1 Sun Street, Ireleth – Proposed Outbuilding and Garden Shed. The parish council commented on the fact that the development seemed to be attached to the neighbouring property, but felt that this something the Planning Department would look into. A comment was made regarding the size and construction of the building as a garden shed. The Clerk was asked to send the comments to the Planning Department.

6/16/9004 (Cumbria County Council) – Greenscoe Quarry, Askam – Regularise the extent of the existing construction waste recycling operations and provide landscaped screening bund. Any questions had been answered. No comments.

Housing Development on Duke Street no further feedback from Enforcement officer. The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria Highways regarding the poor state of the pavement. *Action Cllr Knight*

8/04/16; REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE

The Chairman presented the report sent in by PCSO Johns for March; there had been 2 x ASB's (parking issues and noise complaint) Burglaries 0. Criminal Damage 3 (window damaged at Greenside House, vehicle scratched on Dalton Road and 2 bike tyres slashed also on Dalton Road. Drug offences 0. Theft 2 (Fuel card taken from vehicle at Furness Cars & Commercial and used to obtain fuel fraudulently and a mobile phone taken from a residential house where the offender had legitimate access) Violence 1(Domestic assault).

9/04/16: ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Cllr Cumming explained that the Financial Regulations had minor updates to Model Financial Regulations 1.6, 6.4 and 11.0 and proposed that these be accepted and adopted by the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming **Seconded Cllr David Knight** **Agreed**

10/04/16: ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Annual Governance Statement was read, there were no queries and were agreed by the parish council.

Proposed Cllr David Knight **Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson** **Agreed**

11/04/16: ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The annual accounts were reviewed and there being no issue were accepted. The Proposal was that the Chairman sign the annual accounts after which they will be internally audited before following the process to get them externally audited and approved.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley **Seconded Cllr Alan Mason** **Agreed**

12/04/16: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Doughty explained that CCC were looking for a Governor for Askam Village School it was agreed that the PC would circulate the requirement and see what responses there were. He also asked if the PC would be interested in meeting some senior officers from CCC regarding aspects of Area planning in particular Health and Home Care. The PC accepted this offer and Cllr Doughty will arrange in the next few months. *Action Cllr Doughty*

13/04/16: CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Annual subscription for CALC was due and after a short discussion it was agreed that it should be renewed as it is of great benefit to the Parish Council.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley **Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson** **Agreed**

14/04/16: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly finance spreadsheet was made available to all members. They were agreed and accepted.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker **Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick** **Agreed**

The Clerk asked if the June meeting could be changed from 21 June to 14 June. This was agreed.

15/04/16: CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence received was made available for all the parish councils to view.

15/04/01: Thank you letter received from Askam United was read out and in answer to their proposal to put an advertising board up regarding PC's support it was suggested that they saved the cost and just make an intimation in their programme. The club have agreed to a proposal to widen the footpath at the corner of Marsh Street by taking a corner of the pitch. Further review required.

15/04/02: Thank you notes received from Drop Zone, Askam Youth Action, Brownies and Scouts for donations.

15/04/03: Invitation for Chairman to attend Barrow Civic Sunday on 9 June 2016 request declined as Chairman not available.

Action Clerk

13/04/16: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk's/RFO extra hours for completing VAT return and End of Year accounts £136.56, Broxap new litter bins and fixing kits £751.02, 4 toner cartridges for Samsung Printer £225.82, Union Jack Bunting for Queen's 90th birthday £23.82.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick **Seconded Cllr David Knight** **Agreed**

14/04/16: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves lane, Ireleth.