

**MINUTES OF THE 298th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 19 DECEMBER 2017 AT THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick and Mike Cumming; also present: Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; PCSO Louise Johns and 4 members of the public.

*Prior to the beginning of the meeting Cllr Cumming advised members of the public and councillors of the fire safety procedures for the Rankin Hall issued 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017.*

**1/12/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cllr Hadwick and Cumming on Item 9/12/17.

**2/12/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillor David Knight, Steven Smalley, Alan Mason and the Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming.

**3/12/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/11/12/1: Lots Road.** Members of the public enquired about the statutory height for hedges adjacent to a Highway, as there is concern about the height of the hedges on the Lots Road, especially at the hairpin corner and leading to the railway bridge causing obstructed visibility for pedestrians and vehicles using this road. The parish council will ask Cumbria Highways for advice on this matter.

**4/12/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21 NOVEMBER 2017**

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

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**5/12/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/12/17/1: Police Pod.** The new notice board has been installed by Mr Brian Hadwick. The parish council asked Cllr Hadwick to thank Brian for fitting the notice board. The Clerk has contacted CJS Decorators to confirm the parish council's agreement to carrying out the work to the inside of the police pod.

**5/12/17/2: New Litter Bins for Ireleth Road.** These bins have been installed.

**Closed**

**5/12/17/3: Survey Safest Village Post Code in NW:** Barrow BC have agreed to allow their signs to be amended if required indicating safest village in NW. Also agreed to update web site with information and to put notice in Notice board.

**Action Clerk**

**5/12/17/4: Children's Christmas Story Time:** Reminder this will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6pm.

**Closed**

**5/12/17/5: Parish Plan:** Cllr Wilson confirmed he will lead this project to update the Parish Plan which is due in 2019. He will organise a meeting in the New Year to progress this.

**Action Cllr Bill Wilson**

**5/12/17/6: Data Protection Act:** Cllr Cumming has applied for and received confirmation that Askam and Ireleth Parish Council conforms with the Data Protection Act.

**Closed**

**5/12/17/8: 2018 Precept:** Barrow BC informed of requested Precept and have agreed and acknowledged.

**Closed**

**6/12/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR MIKE CUMMING**

**Cumbria County Council 6/7/9011** – Bennett Bank Landfill Site, Hawthwaite Lane, Thwaite Flatt  
Proposal: Section 73 application to amend conditions 1, 2 and 4 of planning permission 6/15/9005.

- Condition 1 to amend life of permission from 31 December 2017 to 31 December 2019 and allow restoration to be completed by 31 December 2021;

- Condition 2 to amend the approved restoration scheme;

- Condition 4 to amend restoration drawing 435-01-06 dated June 2015 to drawing 2166-01-01 dated November 2017. No comment or objections raised.

**Action Clerk**

Query raised regarding a development on Marsh Street. Cllr Cumming would raise this with Cllr David Knight, who reviews planning applications on behalf on the parish council.

**Action Cllr Cumming**

### **7/12/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO LOUISE JOHNS**

Crime figures for November: 1 report of Anti-social behaviour, 1 of Assault following a car accident at the Railway station and assaulting a Police Officer, 0 Burglary) Criminal Damage, 1 of Drugs and 1 of theft. The Speed Indicator Device deployed on Duke Street outside Rankin Hall showed 25 day period from 24/11/17 to 19/12/17 there were 20588 traffic movements and 85<sup>th</sup> Percentile speed was 23.5mph maximum speed recorded on 25<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm was 45mph. It was noted that this was Friday afternoon when school comes out.

### **8/12/17: UPDATE FROM RURAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING**

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Hadwick and Cumming, salient points relating to Askam were;

- i) Issue regarding over hanging hedges and fences, it was advised that councillors should approach residents in the first instance.
- ii) Land at Beach Street/ Sharp Street. Barrow Council have been in touch with residents and allotment holders about the sale of the land and to discuss proposals.
- iii) Litter and Rubbish in Back Street between Sharp Street and Steel Street to be cleaned by Borough Council's Street Care team, action will be taken if fly tipping is found to be the cause.

### **9/12/17: GRANT REQUEST FROM FRIENDS OF ASKAM STATION**

It was agreed to defer this item until the January meeting.

### **10/12/17: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

None

### **11/12/17: REPORT FROM CLERK – INCLUDING FINANCES**

An updated financial spreadsheet was made available to all Parish Councillors to inspect. This was agreed.

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Agreed**

**12/12/17: CORRESPONDENCE** to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

**12/12/17/1:** Update from our local history group. Regarding the Cumbria Local History Federation (CLHF) Annual Meeting held in the Band Hall, Askam. The front page of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition features the Askam banner and has an interesting report from the meeting, which shows Askam and Ireleth in a very good light. There is an excellent article on Peter Burt's talk about the history of Askam Ironworks. The history group thanked the Parish Council for the use of the banner.

**12/12/17/2** Email from Mrs Dorothy Gleaves to inform the parish council that Askam Methodist Church has been chosen this year for the Co-Op Community 1% fund.

**12/12/17/3** Thank you from Askam Town Silver Band for the donation towards band funds.

**12/12/17/4** Thank you from Great North Air Ambulance for donation.

### **13/12/17: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Room Rental for Rankin Hall from March 2017 to December 2017 £350.00, Aqua Pro Jet fitting litter bins in Ireleth £60.00, Notice board for police pod £198.00, Data Protection Act Payment £35.00

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

### **14/12/17: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 16 January 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth.**

Signed Harry Barker

Dated 16 January 2018