

**MINUTES OF THE 247th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2013 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, IRELETH**

Present: Parish Cllr Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, Emma Twiname, Harry Barker, Denise Wilson and David Knight. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; Rural Projects Officer Angela Knowles; PCSO Louise Perry; Borough Councillors Ann Thurlow and Barry Doughty and 7 members of the public

1/02/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Gaskell item 17/02/13 and Cllr Knight item 8/02/13.

2/02/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Hadwick and the Chairman Twiname. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman Cllr Liz Gaskell chaired the meeting.

3/02/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/02/13/1: Refuse and Recycling Collection, John Street. Residents of John Street have received letters from Barrow Borough Council, Streetcare Officer stating that as from 4 March collections will only be made from designated points which are shown on a map. The parish council reminded residents that they had attended the parish council meeting on 20 November 2012 to complain about the refuse wagons accessing John Street and damaging their road. From this complaint Biffa (the Borough Council's contractor) representatives visited the area and met with residents and reported back to the Borough Council regarding the resident's complaints. From this the parish council presumes this decision has been made by the Borough Council. If the residents are not in agreement with this then they should contact the Streetcare Officer who sent this letter. Some residents said they were physically unable to take and collect their bins from this central point. The Vice Chairman said that residents who are disabled or elderly can be added to the Assisted Waste Collection List and they should phone: **01229 876487** and request to be added to this list. Residents felt aggrieved with this situation, especially when they had to contend with the bad state of the road. A question was asked as to why they pay their council tax at all. The Vice Chairman explained briefly how the council was allocated to Cumbria County Council, Barrow Borough Council, Police, and Fire Brigade. The payment of council tax was for far more than emptying bins. A debate took place on the state of John Street and the fact that it is un-adopted the Vice Chairman gave an explanation of what Cumbria County Council constitutes as an un-adopted road. The residents were reminded that they could contact the County Council or their County Councillor Jill Heath to make a complaint regarding the road in John Street.

3/02/13/2: Community Field Gate onto Rugby Club Lane. It was agreed that if the residents on John Street felt this gate being unlocked was a problem they could lock this gate and it would be reviewed over the next few months. Complaints regarding anti-social behaviour in the Community field should be reported to the Community Police by calling 101 when the problem is actually happening.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Knight

Agreed

4/02/13: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD 15 JANUARY 2013

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

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

5/02/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/02/12/1: Refuse Collection. Although it was not policy for black bins to be collected as a 'norm', Biffa have removed the black bin bags left on Sharp Street. Closed

5/02/13/2: Access to John Street by Refuse Wagons. As previously discussed in minute 3/02/13/1.

5/02/13/3: Skate Park. Angela is waiting for an update from Drop Zone regarding their discussions with the 'Askam needs a new skate park' group. It is all dependant on what extent improvements are needed. A new skate park can cost in the region of £75,000 upwards as these are usually made from concrete which is more durable, requires less maintenance and is quieter, but is very expensive. There may be grants available but this all takes time, Angela will keep the parish council informed.

5/02/13/4: Parking at Junctions. Although members of the public present all agreed this is a major problem in the village there has been no reports made to the police. The Vice Chairman said that people must make these reports or

the police will not know there is a problem. Cllr Doughty said that Highways are aware of the problems in Askam and he will speak to them at their next meeting.

5/02/13/5: Public Toilets. The Vice Chairman has concerns that they will fall into disrepair. Cllr Doughty said this is something which has not been discussed with Barrow Borough Council and he does not know what the policy will be on maintaining these toilets now the Borough have closed them. He realises the building is still used as a bus shelter. It will be something which will need monitoring, should the building need repairs in the future.

Closed

5/02/13/6: Pavement, Duke Street. Clerk is liaising with Cumbria Highways – no update at the moment.

Action Clerk

5/02/13/7: Picnic Bench for Community Field. Picnic bench fitted, seat will be fitted in the near future.

Closed

5/02/13/8: Foreshore Access near pier. Clerk met with Martyn Taylor of Cumbria Highways regarding this BOAT 602031. He will be contacting all the agencies involved with this area to see if there will be any restrictions placed on what work can be carry out by Cumbria Highways.

Ongoing

5/02/13/9: Bins on Ireleth Road. Cllr Gaskell has spoken to resident who have agreed to put their bins close to the boundary hedge.

Closed

5/02/13/10: Footpath, Greenscoe. The sign posts have been installed and the associated plates are due to be put up this weekend, line works should begin this week. Equipment will be installed at the site to record traffic flows and speeds in order to investigate whether a change in the speed limit on this section would be appropriate.

5/02/13/11: Woodland Trust Trees. Some of the free trees have been planted in the Jubilee garden, Cllr Gaskell has some for St Peter's school and others will be 'brought on' by members of the parish council for planting in a year's time.

5/02/13/12: Jubilee Garden. The garden is looking much tidier and is a work in progress with some new shrubs on order, purchased with the funding from Cllr Jill Heath.

5/02/13/13: Queen's Garden Party. Unfortunately our Chairman was not chosen to attend this event. The Parish of Bewcastle was successful.

6/02/13: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Crime figures for January - 8 reports of anti-social behaviour including vehicle noise, motorbikes on the beach. Two people were arrested on drug related offences. Drop in sessions are planned at Dalton Drill hall and any residents from Askam and Ireleth are welcome to attend. The police pod is open in the Community field and residents should check notice boards in the village for opening times. A reminder that the non emergency number is 101 and for emergencies 999.

7/02/13: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER'S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

Lighting at Pensioner's Bungalows - Angela and Cllr Hadwick visited the pensioner's bungalows on Whinfield Place to ask if they would like dusk to dawn lighting placing on each bungalow. The pensioners seemed content with the lighting they have, but did mention that a light to the back of the bungalows had not been working for some time. Angela has contacted Barrow Borough Council who assured her that this will be repaired as soon as possible.

Friends of Askam Station – Angela attended the meeting on 6 February and reported that the 'friends' are producing a plan for the coming year to enhance and maintain the garden area on Millom side of the station. Angela is in contact with the Rail Liaison Officer and will report back to him.

Askam Racing Pigeon Club – Angela has been approached by the club to help with an application to the Lottery for funding for equipment to help the club. This would involve the purchase of an electronic scanning and clocking system, which costs around £4,200.00 and a store for their pigeon baskets. Angela said she gained a lot of information from Jeff and Richard regarding the club and the history which goes back many years. The parish council agreed that this was something they would like Angela to work on.

Parish Plan – Angela has received no comments from any parish councillors regarding the parish plan she handed out at the last meeting. Angela will be handing over the parish plan to Julia of ACT who will carry on this work with the parish councillors.

8/02/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR DAVE KNIGHT

Planning Applications

B18/2013/0015 – Oban, Ireleth Road - Formation of vehicular access onto Ireleth Road and closure of existing access onto Saves Lane.

There were no objections to this and the parish council felt it was an issue which could only be dealt with by Barrow Borough Council and Cumbria County Council Highways.

B13/2013/0051 – 54 (land adjacent to), Duddon Road, Askam – Erection of 3 bedroom house with off street parking. The parish council have concerns regarding access to this development, especially the off street parking which would be via the back street off James Street of the private road of Orchard House, which are both unmade, un-adopted roads.

B13/2013/0044 – 87 Duke Street, Askam – Conversion of shop into ground floor flat.

The parish council have concerns regarding parking on Duke Street, which is a major problem and there is no scope for off street parking.

B20/2012/0489 (APP/W0910/A/13/2190335/NWF Appeal) – Park Knott Smallholding – Change of use of land siting of caravan.

JP/6/13/9002/JDH-S – Bennett Bank Landfill Site, Hawthwaite Lane – Installation of 3 replacement leachate tanks and associated infrastructure.

There were no objections to this application.

Planning Consents

6/12/9015 - Notice of Planning Consent – Furness Brick & Tile – High Greenscoe Quarry.

B18/2012/0728 – Installation of arena lights for turn out area – Lots Road junction with A595.

B13/2012/0793 – Detached bungalow – land adjacent to 31 James Street.

9/02/13: UPDATE ON MEETING WITH CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL, LIBRARY SERVICES

Cllr Gaskell reported that it had been a positive meeting and both the County Council, Library Services and the Parish Council are keen to work together to promote and market the library and keep it as an asset for our parish. Possible events and changing of opening times were discussed as well as new signage. It is hoped that people will volunteer to help while our librarian conducts events. A flyer will be produced by Library Services and delivered to homes to ask what would be needed to get residents to use the library more. Angela reported that she will liaise with Library Services on the content of the flyer, as well as times of library usage and report back to the parish council.

10/02/13: REPLACEMENT OF LITTER BINS

The parish council have been working with Gutters to Gardens to repair and paint both seats and litter bins belonging to the parish council. Two of the bins are past repair – 1 on Duddon Road and 1 on Beach Street. Cllr Doughty said that Dalton Town Council have replaced some of their bins by ‘piggy backing’ onto a Barrow BC order and saving them some money. The Clerk will speak to Barrow Borough Council and if there is saving she will place an order with the Borough Council.

Action Clerk

11/02/13: REPLACEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL LOGO ON SIGN AT DALTON ROAD

The parish council logo on the sign entering Askam on Dalton Road as faded with time and it was asked if it could be replaced. This sign was part of the original gateway project; Angela will ask CCC Highways Department if this can be done.

Action Angela

12/02/13: DOG FOULING IN VILLAGE

Comments have been received on facebook and from residents regarding the amount of dog fouling in the whole of the parish. Cllr Barker asked the PCSO if this was not considered anti-social behaviour, as it seemed anti-social to the parish councillors. The PCSO said that it was a problem being faced throughout the Borough and the community police and Street Care team will be carrying out random ‘walk-about’ and on the spot fines could be issued to offenders. The parish council provide free dog waste bags, but bags full of dog waste are being thrown into hedges, streams (Blea Beck) and left on the road side. There are 11 litter bins around the village which the parish council feel is more than enough; people just need to use them to dispose of their dog waste bags. The parish council ask that these dog owners consider others and pick up and dispose their dog waste properly.

13/02/13: FLOODING IN VILLAGE

Cllr Gaskell reported that work has been carried out to Ireleth Mini mart and the road at Abbey Heights, which seemed to have helped the situation. A report from Barrow Borough Council regarding this work was given to all parish councillors confirming there is still work to be completed in the area. There has been further flooding at Dale Street and Cumbria Highways responded rapidly to a request from Cllr Barry Doughty and immediately cleared the surface drains along Ireleth Road. Highways will be organising CCTV to look at the drains near CJS cars in the near future and work may have to be carried out to them. Cllr Doughty will be monitoring the issues with Cumbria Highways, as well as Doug Coyle the flood enforcement officer.

14/02/13: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Doughty re-iterated the work which is being done throughout the Borough with regards to flooding and that they are working closely with all agencies. **Cllr Doughty reminded the parish council that the Borough Councillors hold monthly surgeries in Askam and Ireleth – on the last Saturday morning of each month 8.30 – 9.00 in the Temperance Hall, Ireleth and 9.05 – 9.50 in the Community Centre in Duke Street. Members of the public can come along and chat about any problems or concerns they have, or just meet their Borough Councillors.**

15/02/13: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING FINANCES)

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

The Clerk reported that £2,000.000 has been received from Barrow BC for festivals and community events. This money is to be used only for such events and will need to be accounted for by the parish council. An application form would be made available to any groups who may wish to apply for such a grant and it would be considered by the parish council. This was a 'one-off' amount and once it was spent there would be no more monies available. Suggestions would be welcomed from groups or from parish councillors.

Letter sent to Barrow BC setting the parish council pre-cept of £27,000.00 which is the same as last year – no increase.

16/02/13: CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk mentioned that Chris Bagshaw from CALC would be leaving in the next few weeks to take up the position of Clerk to Workington Town Council. Chris has been a source of much helpful information and support while working form CALC and the parish council wished him well.

17/02/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk's salary £255.89, Stationery £9.30, Dog waste bags £7.90, Copying £2.20, Temperance Hall £58.00, Gutters to Gardens tidying jubilee fountain area £70.00, painting seats and bin at DIR £75.00.

18/02/13: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19 March 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam in Furness. Members of the public most welcome.

Signed Date