

**MINUTES OF 279th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 19 JANUARY
2016 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM IN FURNESS**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman; Alan Mason, David Knight, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; PSCO Louise Johns and 4 members of the public.

1/01/16: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None.

2/01/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Harry Barker and Mike Cumming; County Councillor Barry Doughty.

3/01/16: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Any questions were part of this agenda.

4/01/16: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2016

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

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

5/01/16: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/01/16/1: Street Lighting, Furnace Place. The Clerk had been asked by Highways to liaise with residents regarding the positioning of proposal for 2 new street lights. Once the plan had been received the Clerk would contact residents.

Action Clerk

5/01/16/2: Public Toilet Area: Cllr Mike Cumming has a meeting with Gadsden's the Borough Council's representative, on this project, on Thursday 21 January to discuss a way forward. The Bus Shelter should be on site w/c 14 February 2016. Councillor Barry Doughty had contributed through Cumbria County Council Local Fund towards the new Bus Shelter and thanks were expressed to Councillor Doughty.

Ongoing

5/01/16/3: Plaque for Jubilee Fountain. Cllr David Knight reported that he had been unable to find a local company to manufacture a replacement plaque. A foundry in the Midlands had been found and agreed to make the plaque. Cost of making a cast from scratch was £800, but thanks to Dalton Town Council who kindly loaned their plaque to send to the foundry means the parish council only need to pay for the plaque itself, which will be approximately £150.00. The parish council through Councillor Ann Thurlow thanked Dalton Town Council. It is hoped once the plaque is returned and fitted it will not be vandalised again as this is a part of our village history.

Action Cllr Knight

5/01/16/4: Coastal Erosion at Duddon Road Picnic Area. Cllr Mike Cumming is trying to organise a meeting with Steve Solsby of Barrow Borough Council to discuss this matter.

Action Cllr Cumming

5/01/16/5: Hedge on Lots Road. No response from Highways.

Action Clerk

5/01/16//7: Repairs to Jubilee Garden wall. Work completed.

Closed

5/01/16/8: Rose Garden at Memorial Garden: Roses have been planted.

Closed

5/01/16/9: Common Hest: This item is being dealt with by Barrow Borough Council.

Closed

5/01/16/10: Overhanging Vegetation A595: This work has been completed by Highways.

Closed

5/01/16/11: Speed Humps Duke Street: Highways have looked at the speed hump near 'Polly's Plaice' and agree the middle section is moving. A programme of works will be put in place to repair this, but it will mean a road closure for 2 days.

Ongoing

5/01/16/12: CCTV at the Co-Op: The CCTV camera is working fine. Some adjustments need to be made to pan a wider area. A date is to be arrange to work on the camera with Trelore Alarms and the Co-Op. The area of the jubilee fountain is being monitored.

Ongoing

6/01/16: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

PCSO reported that there had been 2 incidents of anti-social behaviour, youth related, also incidents of illegal motorbikes on the beach at Roanhead. The police have contacted these offenders. The Speed Indicator Device had been deployed on Ireleth Road from 21/11 to 10/12, 60,000 vehicles were monitored using the road over this period. On 27 November a vehicle was monitored driving at 65 mph! Speed cameras have been deployed on the A595 near Askam brickworks. The police would continue to monitor areas of concern within the parish.

7/01/16: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

New Applications

B18/2015/0720 Improvements to existing visitor car park and related facilities. Includes the refurbishment of the existing car park drainage and surfacing with increased number of car parking spaces from approx. 25-30 unmarked bays to 41 marked bays (including 2 new blue badge and 2 mini bus spaces). Improved decked footpath access. Location Sandscale Haws Nature Reserve, Park Road, Barrow in Furness.

The National Trust had given a presentation to the parish council last year on this project and there were no objections expressed or received.

B21/2016/0014 Erection of a rear ground floor family room with sub-basement under and balcony and replacement of garage in a larger form at Oakburne, 225 Ireleth Road, Ireleth.

No objections expressed or received.

8/01/16: SELLAFIELD COMMUTERS PARKING IN ASKAM AND IRELETH

Again a member of the public raised this problem. This time Sellafield commuters were parking outside his property and blocking his drive, which has a drop-kerb. There was also a report of a vehicle parking directly on the bus stop on New Road. PCSO Johns would report this to the police team. Many people in the village are becoming more and more frustrated with Askam and Ireleth being used as a free car park for Sellafield commuters, who are either using the train or leaving their vehicles all day as they access car share. Suggestions have been made of Askam and Ireleth becoming a restricted parking area from 6 am until 6 pm with a 2 hour waiting (with the blue Cumbria County Council badge scheme, as in the Lake District) unless you are a resident. The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria County Council to have an expert on parking problems come and discuss this problem with the parish council and members of the public.

Action Clerk

9/01/16: UPDATE FROM MEETING WITH CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL HIGHWAYS

Cllr Cumming and the Clerk met with Victoria Upton, Traffic Management Officer for Cumbria County Council to discuss concerns and issues around the Lots, Greenscoe and the Brickworks junctions on the A595. Victoria took on-board all the issues raised by members of the public from items raised at the parish council meetings. Victoria will discuss these issues and concerns with colleagues and report back to the parish council. The JRC and reported back on the meeting. Barrow BC Chief executive has written to the owner of the land behind the Rankin Hall and asked for it to be cleaned up.

Ongoing

10/01/16: UPDATE FROM CHRISTMAS STORY TIME IN THE LIBRARY

Cllr Steve Smalley reported that the event had been a huge success with 18 children and their parents attending the story time. The guest storytellers did a fantastic job and one of the children finished off the evening with a story 'Santa comes to Askam and Ireleth'. Cllr Smalley hoped this would become an annual event, as well as being enjoyable it helped to promote our library. The parish council thanked Cllr Smalley for all his hard work in organising this event.

11/01/16: QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Cllr Bill Wilson asked if the parish council would consider ideas for celebrating our Queen's 90th birthday. He mentioned a plan to have a country wide tidy up of our cities, towns and villages and wondered if this was something the parish council could be involved in. Cllr Bill Wilson and Cllr Denise Wilson would look further into this item.

Action Cllr Bill Wilson and Denise Wilson

12/01/16: DIFFICULT VISIBILITY AT THE JUNCTION OF DALE STREET AND IRELETH ROAD

Correspondence received regarding this item. Victoria Upton, Traffic Management Officer viewed this area while she was in the village and agreed that visibility was hampered by vehicles parking too close to the junction. Victoria would come up with some suggestions as to how this could be dealt with. In the meantime it was asked that residents parking in the area be aware of this problem.

Ongoing

13/01/16: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR

Cllr Ann Thurlow reported from the Borough Council meeting she had recently attended. The Chairman thanked Cllr Thurlow.

14/01/16: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly finance spreadsheet was made available to all members.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

15/01/16: CORRESPONDENCE

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

16/01/16: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Mr Steve Smalley £25.16 Christmas Story Time refreshments, Redsyke Ground Care re-building jubilee garden wall £1695.00, 3rd Instalment of Annual Maintenance £1641.25, Removing old shrubs, preparing ground, supplying peat and turf and planting new rose garden in the memorial garden £700.00.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

17/01/16: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 February 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth.

Signed: Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman

Dated: 19 January 2016