

**MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FORTH MEETING & ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF  
ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2012 AT 7.15 PM AT THE  
RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Parish Cllrs. George Twiname, (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, Emma Twiname, Denise Wilson and David Knight. **Also present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Borough Cllrs Barry Doughty and Denis Bell; Sgt John McIntosh, PCSO Louise Perry; Mike Cumming, Broadband Champion and 3 members of the public.

**1/6/12: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Twiname disclosed an interest in item 8/6/12 and Cllr Gaskell in item 18/6/12.

**2/6/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Harry Barker sent his apologies.

**3/6/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/6/12/1:** Mr Birkett said that the County Council has cut the grass verges on the A595 and has made a very good job of this, especially at Greenscoe where visibility at the junction is much better. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write and thank Cumbria County Council. Action Clerk

**3/6/12/2:** Cllr Hadwick asked why the Borough Council only cut certain parts of the grassed area at Beach Street. There seems to be an issue with grass cutting in the village and this needs clarifying with the Borough Council. The question will be asked of the Rural Joint Committee. Action Angela

**4/6/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 15 MAY 2012**

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

**Proposed Cllr Gaskell**

**Seconded Cllr Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**5/6/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING5**

**5/6/12/1: Wind turbines, Langthwaite.** There had been a report in the local paper saying that the Parish Councils involved in the consultation process had put in objections. Closed

**5/6/12/2: Broadband Update.**

Mike Cumming reported on the 2 initiatives, one funded by the Government with Cumbria County Council and one commercially by BT. The BT initiative covers Dalton which will be upgraded to Super High Speed Broadband in September what is not clear is whether Askam & Ireleth is included with Dalton and at this time Askam & Ireleth is not covered by the County Council initiative. Mike is in contact with Cumbria County Council and they are aware of the situation, but he is having difficulty in getting answers from BT, but will continue to push for answers. Askam & Ireleth is in the bottom 10 postcodes in the country for poor Broadband coverage. Ongoing

**5/6/12/3: Parking at Junctions.** PCSO Perry said there has been one complaint regarding parking at the Beach Street junction and this is being monitored by the police. All the Councillors agreed that parking at the Co-Op is particularly bad with motorists parking over Lord Street junction. The police will look at this area. Any other instances should be reported by phoning 101. Action PCSO Perry

**5/6/12/4: Footpath, Greenscoe.** A meeting will take place on Monday 25 June at Greenscoe with Cllr Baker, Angela Knowles and Gary Thomas. Details of this meeting will be reported at the meeting in July. Action Angela

**5/6/12/5: Accident Ireleth Road.** It is agreed this is a sharp bend and needs to be approached at a sensible speed. But it is not felt that crash barriers are the answer. It is believed that part of the reason for this accident was a spill of liquid on the surface of the road which caused the vehicle to skid. Closed

**5/6/12/6: Street Lighting.** An email received from Street Lighting Manager giving details of street lights reported which have been repaired was read out. There are still others which need repairing and these will be done in due course. Action Clerk

**5/6/12/7: Dog Fouling.** Reports that certain areas are still a problem. These are being monitored by the Parish Council, Police and Borough Council. Fines will be issued to offenders.

Ongoing

**5/6/12/8: Extra Notice Board.** All notice boards now fitted and in use.

Closed

**5/6/12/9: Street Lighting, Marsh Street.** Angela has arranged for the relevant departments to visit this area on 25 June and will report back at next meeting.

Action Angela

**5/6/12/10: Litter and Street Cleaning.** The Big Clean took place this morning and Cllrs Hadwick and Wilson reported on this. All who attended thought it a huge success and very worthwhile, everyone worked extremely hard and cleaned many areas of the village, including some pretty bad areas. The Parish Council thanked all those concerned for their efforts in trying to make our village environment better. The Borough Council and Biffa are also working hard in the village and this was very much appreciated by everyone.

**5/6/12/11: Land Ownership:** Angela and the Clerk will apply for details from the land registry.

Action Angela/Clerk

**5/6/12/12: Jubilee Park:** Work is continuing on the park, but it has been slow because of the weather. The turf is looking good and Redsyke will provide a quotation for the path. Top soil will be delivered in the next few weeks. We have been given a small boat which has been painted and will eventually be filled with plants and placed in the garden. Cllr Gaskell said that she felt the sloping step could be dangerous and this needs to be assessed by the Parish Council and may have to be altered.

Action Cllr Gaskell/Clerk

**5/6/12/13: Brambles behind Jubilee Fountain.** Area has been tidied and weed sprayed. Cllr Gaskell asked if the area could be cleaned. The Clerk will obtain a quotation for this.

Action Clerk

**5/6/12/14: Facebook.** Cllr Gaskell reported that facebook is working well; it now has 104 'friends'. There is quite a lot of interaction and Cllr Gaskell is monitoring the site.

**5/6/12/15: Website.** Clerk has purchased a domain and will now ask Ryan to work on the website with ideas from all Parish Councillors being taken into account.

Action Clerk

**5/6/12/16: Access to Beach at Duddon Road for Duddon Inshore Rescue.** Angela is in communication with all the agencies concerned and is just waiting for a response from Boughton Estates which she hopes to have soon.

Action Angela

**5/6/12/17: Tender for Work.** Work has commenced on repairing and re-painting the seats and litter bins belonging to the Parish Council.

Ongoing

**5/6/12/18: Training for Parish Councillors.** Cllrs Sandra Hadwick and David Knight will attend a new Councillors training course at Newby Bridge on 27 June.

Closed

### **6/6/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – SGT JOHN MCINTOSH**

There has been 1 reported crime of theft from a motor vehicle. Sgt McIntosh asked people to make sure their vehicles are secured at all times. 2 reports of anti-social behaviour at Askam Railway Station, this area will be closely monitored by the police.

### **7/6/12: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER' S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES**

Angela is working on several projects for the Parish Council, including the library, parish plan, public conveniences, street lighting and landownership. The meeting held on 14 June to discuss progress with our parish plan had gone very well. Angela handed out an action plan from this meeting for the Parish Councillors to look at before the next parish planning meeting and a community event is planned for September. Angela is also looking at the new Code of Conduct for standards which will replace the one used at the moment by the Parish Council. This Code of Conduct will be issued by the Borough Council in the near future. The Rural Joint Committee meeting will be held on 27 June and Angela asked if there are any issues the Parish Council would like on the agenda.

**8/6/12: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR HADWICK**

*B07/2012/0302 – Approval of reserved matters for housing development at Urofoam, Duddon Road*

*B13/2012/0303 – Approval of reserved matters for housing development at Urofoam, Duddon Road*

The plans were viewed and there were some questions asked of this revised application. The Parish Council will make further enquiries before responding to this application.

*B18/2012/0351 – Provision of outdoor sheltered teaching area, St Peters School, Ireleth*

There were no objections either from members of the public or the Parish Councillors

*B21/2012/0298 – First floor extension to side to provide bedroom – 10 Manx View, Askam*

The plans were viewed and issues were raised. Cllr Hadwick will look at these and Cllr Knight offered his assistance.

**Proposed Cllr Gaskell**

**Seconded Cllr Wilson**

**Action Cllr Hadwick**

**9/6/12: GRASS CUTTING AT DUDDON ROAD CAR PARK**

Cllr Gaskell stated that this area is looking very unkempt as the grass has not been cut to an acceptable standard.

Cllr Doughty will speak to Barrow Borough Council regarding this area.

**Action Cllr Doughty**

**10/6/12: PUBLIC TOILETS, DUKE STREET**

Cllr Hadwick expressed concerns that now the public toilets are closed they will not be maintained by the Borough Council and they will fall into disrepair. Cllr Hadwick reported that the 'Big Clean' had cleaned behind the toilets and made a vast difference.

**11/6/12: PLAY AREA AT SAVES LANE**

Concerns have been expressed regarding the poor state of this area. The Borough Council have been contacted and plans are in place to improve this area in the near future.

**12/6/12: PAVEMENT, DUKE STREET, OPPOSITE FURNESS TAVERN**

A member of the public expressed concerns regarding this area and the Parish Council agreed it is dangerous as people have to walk on the road because the pavement is not accessible. The Clerk will seek advice on the possibility of re-instating this pavement.

**Proposed Cllr Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Gaskell**

**Action Clerk**

**13/6/12: PICNIC BENCH FOR COMMUNITY FIELD**

Cllr Gaskell has been approached regarding providing a picnic bench in the community field. County Councillor Jill Heath has offered to purchase this for the community. It was agreed that a picnic bench could be installed in an appropriate area which will not encroach on any householders and Angela will contact Cllr Heath.

**Proposed Cllr Gaskell**

**Seconded Cllr Twiname**

**Action Angela**

**14/5/12: PARK AREA STEEL/SHARP STREET**

Complaints have been received that the bins in the park are being tampered with and litter is being thrown over the area from the litter bins. It was agreed to purchase a lockable bin for the area. The police will make regular visits to the area. Residents are asked to report any anti-social behaviour to the Community police.

**Proposed Cllr Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Wilson**

**Action Clerk**

**15/6/12: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Doughty reported that the Borough Councillors are working on many issues which cause concern to residents as well as the Parish Council. Cllr Doughty said how much he had enjoyed the carnival despite the terrible weather. He had been very impressed with the wonderful atmosphere and how even though the weather was so bad people came out into the streets to support the event. He said the organisers are to be congratulated on working so hard in making this event possible. Cllr Doughty had attended a meeting of the Credit Union which has recently opened new premises at 1-3 The Mall in Barrow. A credit union is a community saving and lending co-operation and is run by local people for local people. The Credit union has already attracted over 300 savers and can also offer lower interest rates on loans. Details can be obtained from their offices, although outreach centres maybe available soon in Askam and Ireleth.

**16/6/12: CLERK'S REPORT**

The monthly finance spreadsheet was made available and reported that the precept has been received. The Clerk proposed that a six monthly review of expenditure should be carried out in September. The Clerk reported that the annual insurance has been renewed and documentation received.

**Proposed Cllr Gaskell**

**Seconded Cllr Twiname**

**Action Clerk**

**17/6/12: CORRESPONDENCE** - *to check the appendix of items all of which are available at the meeting.*

Letter from Rebecca Eastman regarding her university research project. It was agreed to support this project and Cllr Emma Twiname agreed to be the point of contact for Ms Eastman.

**18/6/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Clerks Salary £255.89, Notice Board £291.60, Printer Cartridges £19.92, Hire of Duddon Road Church x 2 £8.00, wood stain for fence at Jubilee garden £5.00, donation to Askam mini rugby £250.00, Gutters to Gardens £142.00 for fixing 2 notice boards, painting 2 seats and 1 bin.

**19/6/12: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 17 July 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....