

**MINUTES OF THE 248th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 19 MARCH 2013 IN THE RANKIN HALL, ASKAM**

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, Emma Twiname, Harry Barker, Sandra Hadwick and David Knight. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; Rural Projects Officer Angela Knowles; PCSO Louise Perry and Helen Fortey; Borough Councillor Denis Bell and 1 member of the public

1/03/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

None

2/03/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Denise Wilson and Borough Councillor Barry Doughty

3/03/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A question was asked about the works which have been carried out at Greenscoe and if this was the finished product. They feel that much of the work has been carried out at the quarry end of the road and not at the approach from the A595 which is just as dangerous. There were still issues with HG vehicles speeding along this road to the quarry. The Clerk will contact Nick Saunders who has been heading this work.

Action Clerk

Concern was expressed regarding a caravan that is parked in a field off the A595 opposite Askam Brickworks. A question was asked as to the legality of leaving a caravan on what is believed to be agricultural land. None of the parish councillors knew the answer to this question but the Clerk would ask Barrow Borough Council for their advice on this matter.

Action Clerk

4/03/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 19 FEBRUARY 2013

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

Proposed Cllr Knight

Seconded Cllr Mason

Agreed

5/03/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/03/13/1: Change in Refuse Collection Service at John Street. These changes have now been implemented by Barrow Borough Council. There have been comments received by the parish council regarding this.

Closed

5/03/13/2: Locking of Community Field Gate. Although the parish council gave permission for a resident of John Street to lock the gate near the rugby club this had not been done.

Review

5/03/13/3: Skate Park. Angela has not received any update from the Drop Zone's youth worker but if contacted Angela feels the Drop Zone will happily come to one of the parish council's meeting. The Clerk offered to contact the Drop Zone. Angela explained that she was offered £500.00 from e.on towards lighting for the Pensioners bungalows. As this is not now required e.on are willing to give this to another cause and perhaps the parish council could liaise with the Drop Zone regarding this and use for youth projects in the village. The parish council agreed.

5/03/13/4: Parking at Junctions. No incidents have been reported to the police over the last month. .

5/03/13/5: Pavement, Duke Street. The Clerk is meeting with Cumbria Highways on Thursday 21 March and will report back to the parish council at the next meeting.

Action Clerk

5/03/13/6: BOAT 602031 – Foreshore access to pier. Martyn Taylor of Cumbria Highways is dealing with this and will report back when he has some information.

Ongoing

5/03/13/7: Footpath, Greenscoe. No contact from Nick Saunders of Cumbria Highways. Not sure if this work is completed. Resident of Greenscoe asked why the majority of work has been carried out at the quarry end of the road when there are problems with speeding traffic at the A595 access to Greenscoe. Also pedestrians and cyclist using the footpath at the Greenscoe end of this road. Cllr Barker said he thought this had what had been agreed but would look into it. The Clerk would provide him with the documentation and try to contact Nick Saunders again.

Action Cllr Barker

5/03/13/8: Woodland Trust Trees. Cllr Gaskell has taken some of the free trees to Ireleth School. The jubilee oak is still to be planted, the Clerk will speak to Redsyke.

Action Clerk

5/03/13/9: Jubilee Garden. Mike Miller has offered some shrubs from his garden to the parish council for planting in the village. Redsyke would be willing to uplift and plant these in either the jubilee garden or other areas in the village for a cost of £120.00. The parish council agreed to this.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Mason

Agreed

5/03/13/10: Library. The parish council's sub-committee met last Wednesday to discuss the proposals sent by email from Angela Knowles regarding the library. One of the main issues is the proposed changes to library opening times to ensure that the opening times make the library accessible to all. The proposal is that the library will open until 6 pm on a Monday evening and open for 3 hours on a Saturday morning. As Cumbria County Council library services will not fund any more opening hours for the library, the parish council may be asked to fund any extra hours, this would be for a trial period of 12 months and then re-assessed. The Clerk will put together a business case and present to all parish councillors which will then be discussed at the next meeting. **Ongoing**

5/03/13/11: Litter Bins. The Clerk has ordered 3 litters through Barrow Borough Council's supplier which are less expensive than the ones we have ordered in the past. The Company waived the delivery charge because we ordered with the Borough Council. Once they are received the Clerk will arrange for them to be fitted. **Action Clerk**

5/03/13/12: Parish Logo on Road Sign at Dalton Road. Angela has spoken to Mark Hankin and suggested that the parish council contact him for an update. **Action Clerk**

5/03/13/13: Dog Fouling. PCSO Perry reported that she, other Officers and Barrow Borough Council's Streetcare team have been carrying out 'walkabouts' throughout the Borough to try to apprehend people who allow their dogs to foul and do not pick up and dispose this waste properly. She is waiting for an update from Alan Barker, Streetcare Manager. Borough Councillor Denis Bell said that dog fouling had been discussed at length at the Borough Council meeting he had attended today. All the parish councillors hoped that it would be a priority and that more would be done to catch and fine offenders. Dog fouling is something that is very high on people's list of priorities for making Askam and Ireth a better place to live and something that needs addressing. The parish council provide dog waste bags and there are litter bins around the village that people can use to dispose their dog waste. The Chairman said this was a subject which has been discussed at nearly every parish council meeting and instead of getting better it seemed to be worse. There are some very bad areas which concerned and disgusted most people in the village. He could not understand why dog owners would allow their dogs to foul round the village, but would not like it if someone else's dog did it on their door step. All the parish councillors agreed this was not only anti-social behaviour but a dangerous health hazard, especially for children and ask that dog owners consider this when they make the decision not to bag and bin their dog waste.

5/03/13/14: Flooding in Village. Cllr Gaskell reported that there has again been problems on Ireth Road causing flooding into Dale Street. This is being addressed by Barrow Borough Council and the property owner. Cumbria Highways have said they will look at the surface drains near CJS cars and the parish council are waiting for an update from them on this matter. Borough Councillor Barry Doughty attended a meeting at Barrow Town Hall regarding flooding throughout the Borough and has sent the parish council some contact numbers for the Environment Agency.

6/03/13: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

In February there were 9 reports of anti-social behaviour which included youth's playing football on the road and an incident at Askam Rugby Club. A drug related issue at house party in the village – 2 arrests for possession of a control substance. No reports of theft or burglary. The PCSO reminded people to make any reports by phoning 101 and that the open times for the police pod in the Community field were posted around the village.

7/03/13: RURAL PROJECT OFFICER' S UPDATE – ANGELA KNOWLES

Parish Plan – Angela will be handing over the parish plan to Julia Wilson of ACT. Julia will contact the parish council in the near future. Cllr Gaskell asked if all the paperwork associated with the parish plan could be handed to the Clerk. Angela will arrange for this to be done. Angela said that as part of the parish plan any plans by the various sports clubs in the area for upgrades or works which may involve applying for funding should be part of the parish plan. This is something the parish council have not been made aware of and felt it was extremely important to contact the sports clubs to make them aware of this. Angela agreed to contact the sports clubs and report back to the parish council. Angela said it was important that the parish plan was completed and a copy given to Barrow Borough Council who could incorporate it into the Borough plan. The parish council should liaise with Tiffany and Helen from the Borough Council, Angela will provide their contact details.

Pensioners Bungalows – A thank you card has been received from a resident saying how grateful she was that after Cllr Hadwick and Angela's visit the bungalows their outside street light had been repaired. This light has not been working since June 2012. It seemed from the visit that the pensioners were quite happy with the arrangement for lighting in the area of the bungalows. It was agreed that the money donated from e.on should now go towards youth facilities in the village, perhaps the skate park. Angela will agree this with e.on.

Askam Racing Pigeon Club – Angela is working with the club to complete the forms for funding from the lottery and it is hoped they are successful. Angela will continue working with the club.

Angela will be meeting with various people to handover documentation of projects she has worked on during her time as Rural Project Officer.

8/03/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

There were no new applications to discuss

Planning Decisions

B18/2012/0818 Hardstanding for crane and access track, Askam Road adjacent to telecoms towers – Approved with conditions.

B18/2013/0015 Formation of vehicle access onto Ireleth Road A595, Oban, Ireleth Road – Approved with conditions.

JP/6/13/9002/JDH-S Installation of 3 replacement leachate tanks, Bennett Bank Landfill site – Approved.

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

B13/2013/0051 Erection of 3 bedroom house, land adjacent to 54 Duddon Road – Refused.

All planning applications can be reviewed on Barrow Borough Council's Planning Website www.barrowbc.gov.uk any comments can be sent via email to consultplanning@barrowbc.gov.uk

9/03/13: LETTERS TO THE PARISH COUNCIL FROM PUPILS AT ASKAM SCHOOL

Cllr Gaskell has been given letters from year 5 children at Askam School detailing what they would like in the village. Cllr Gaskell gave a list of the points the children made and opened a file with all the letters. The parish council were very impressed and asked that they could all look at these letters. Cllr Gaskell agreed to act as liaise with the school and felt it was very important the parish council interact with the school children. The parish council agreed and said it is very important to have the views of the children in our village and felt this was a good opportunity to do this. Cllr Gaskell said she will contact St Peter's School in Ireleth to see if they would like to participate.

Action Cllr Gaskell

10/03/13: RECYCLE AND HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTIONS

Cllr Hadwick reported that black bin blacks are being left by bins, but are not being collected by Biffa. Contact has been made with the Borough Council, who are responsible for household waste and recycle collections and they informed the parish council that their contractor Biffa are not obliged to collect black bin bags. All waste must be put into the wheelie bins and recycle bins and bags provided by the Borough Council. If any residents have queries regarding household waste and recycle collections they can contact the Borough Council Street Care team on 876317 or email customerservices@barrowbc.gov.uk

Closed

11/03/13: VISIT TO ASKAM BY REBECCA EASTMAN

Rebecca Eastman is currently undertaking a PhD in Geography at Plymouth University and has asked for residents to assist her in her research project on the themes of landscape, community in a rural place. People have already come forward offering their help and Cllr Emma Twiname has offered to act as a contact for Rebecca when she visits the village in early April.

Action Cllr E Twiname

12/03/13: PROPOSED AGENDA FOR NEXT RURAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING 20 MARCH 2013

Cllr Gaskell and Cllr Hadwick will be attending this meeting. They have a number of items for the agenda including flooding in village, land grabbing, allotments, unmade roads and public toilets. If anyone has any other items they can contact either Cllr Gaskell or Cllr Hadwick before tomorrow's meeting. A report on this meeting will be given at the next parish council meeting.

Action Cllr Hadwick & Gaskell

13/03/13: LAND AT THE REAR OF DALTON ROAD

The parish council have been contacted by a resident of Dalton Road regarding a possible plan to fence off part of the rear access to Dalton Road. Cllr Knight visited the resident and looked at the area and felt that if this area is fenced off there will be no access to the rear of these properties. This could prove problematic for emergency services if they needed to access this area, the environment agency or the Borough Council wishing to work on the beck which runs along the rear of these properties. Also access to the field behind Dalton Road which is privately owned. Cllr Knight and Cllr Gaskell have agreed to visit the resident concerned to discuss this matter.

Action Cllr Knight & Gaskell

14/03/13: LANDSCAPING AND TIDYING OF AREA ON SHARP STREET

Cllr Hadwick has been contacted by residents on Sharp Street who would like to tidy up an area near their homes which is very over-grown with brambles and is full of litter. They asked if the parish council would be willing to help them do this. Once the area is cleared then they will look after it and plant shrubs and bulbs. The parish council agreed to ask their landscape contractor Redsyke to look at this area and report back to the parish council. The Clerk will liaise with Redsyke.

Action Clerk

15/03/13: CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING

An invitation from Barrow Borough Council to attend Code of Conduct Training at the Town Hall on Wednesday 15 May has been received. Unfortunately parish councillors who have not already attended are unable to attend because of work commitments. The Clerk will send apologies.

Action Clerk

16/03/13: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Barry Doughty has sent an email regarding a meeting which was held with the Environment Agency at Barrow Town Hall. This email provided some useful contacts for the Environment Agency.

17/03/13: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

A copy of the monthly expenditure spreadsheet was given to each of the parish councillors. The Clerk reported that this is the final spreadsheet of the year, as our end of year is 31st March. The parish councillors were pleased that there were no overspends on the budget. The Clerk will now be working on the end of year accounts for the internal and external auditors and the VAT return. Roger Brailsford has kindly agreed to act as internal auditor again this year. The Clerk has prepared an updated Risk Assessment and asked that this is accepted by the parish council.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

18/03/13: CORRESPONDENCE *(to check the appendix of items which will be available at the meeting for inspection)*

18/03/13/1: Report from Mike Cumming, Broadband Champion, on checking on the BT roll out plans it looks like the upgrade to high speed broadband has slipped again to June 2013.

18/03/13/2: Invitation from Askam Hip Hop Dance Group for parish councillors to attend their show in May.

19/03/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk's salary £255.89, 2 printer cartridges £32.26, 2nd class postage stamps £10.00, Redsyke Landscaping and Ground Maintenance £1370.25.

Proposed Cllr Mason

Seconded Cllr Knight

Agreed

20/03/13: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 April 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth. Members of the public are most welcome.

Before the Chairman closed the meeting said he would like to acknowledge that this would be the last meeting Angela Knowles would be attending as Rural Project Officer to Askam and Ireleth Parish Council. The Chairman thanked Angela for all her help, support and sterling work over the last 4 years.