

**MINUTES OF 272<sup>ND</sup> MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 19  
MAY 2015 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Cllr Bill Wilson, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, David Knight, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Johns; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and Sean Harkin and 3 members of the public

**1/05/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cllr D Knight on B21/2015/297.

**2/05/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillors Harry Barker and Denise Wilson, Borough Councillor Jill Heath and County Councillor Barry Doughty.

**3/05/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/05/15/1:** A member of the public asked if the parish council would support him in an application to build a property on his land in Duddon Road. Cllr Knight said that although the parish council could comment on planning applications, the decision on planning applications was with the Barrow Borough Council's Planning Department and the responsibility of the Planning Officers. Cllr Knight offered to be present should a Planning Officer come to the site if this was acceptable.

**4/05/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2015**

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

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr David Knight**

**Agreed**

**5/05/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/05/15/1: Caravan at Greenscoe.** The update from Barrow Borough Council is that this matter is being dealt with through their legal department, as an appeal has been lodged. **Ongoing**

**5/05/15/2: Broadband.** There have been no further updates from BT regarding the upgrade being completed by 22 May. Ray Clark has not been able to secure a meeting with the MP. Cllr Cumming explained that he could not ask Cumbria County Council to add Ireleth to the Connecting Cumbria Project, as it would seem that with intervention from the MP it had now been re-instated into the BT commercial roll-out. There was still no news on Greenscoe and Cllr Cumming would contact Cumbria County Council to see if Greenscoe could be looked at by Contacting Cumbria. **Ongoing**

**5/05/15/3: Public Toilet Area.** Barrow Borough Council's contractor had started work on the area and it was hoped that it would be completed before carnival day. The parish council's landscape contractor Redsyke was liaising with the Borough's contractor with regards to the planting. The 3 gas lamps from Askam station were now cleaned and painted ready for installation. **Ongoing**

**5/05/15/4: CCTV Camera.** New camera has been installed and is working, the images are extremely clear and it is hoped this will help with crime prevention in the area around the Co-Op and the Station. **Closed**

**5/05/15/5: 150 Years of Askam.** Preparations are well underway for the history exhibition and float for carnival day. It was agreed to purchase banners that can be used on other occasions to highlight the founding of Askam at a cost of £195.00. Also a frame for the float which could be used afterwards by organisations in the village at a cost of £380.00. It was agreed that these should be purchased with the grant from Barrow Borough Council.

**Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley**

**Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Agreed**

**5/05/15/6: Coastal Erosion.** A response has been received from United Utilities, who have offered to visit the area and discuss concerns regarding erosion to the banking near his farm. Cllr Mike Cumming also spoke to Steve Solsby, Barrow Borough who agreed to visit the area. Steve will also look at the erosion at Duddon Road Car Park, as this area is the responsibility of Barrow BC. Cllr David Knight offered to visit Mr and Mrs Johnson and explain the information from United Utilities.

**5/05/15/7: Seats, Benches and Litter Bins.** The Clerk has been in touch with Oz Clean who has agreed to take on the task of repairing and painting the seats, benches and litter bins in the village. The Clerk will liaise with Steve from Oz Clean regarding this work.

**5/05/15/8: Jubilee Fountain Plaque.** Councillor Smalley reported that the replacement plaque can be made from aluminium and be powder coated to a high standard finish. It was agreed that Cllr Smalley should go ahead with this.

#### **6/05/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES**

B21/2015/0291 - Extension to existing living room and additional bedroom and wet room including wc/wash basin at 2 Ireleth Court Road, Askam. Concerns raised.

B21/2015/0304 - One and half storey side extension including projections beyond the front and rear elevations accommodating garage, living room and ensuite to ground floor with bedroom, office and en-suite over and new external chimney at 2 Spindrift Close, Askam. Concerns raised.

B21/2015/0297 - Rear extension forming a larger kitchen and utility room at 7 Kirkby Close, Askam. No Objections.

B21/2015/0298 - The retention of an agricultural workers dwelling at Linmoor, Ireleth Brow, Ireleth. No Objections.

B21/2015/0276 - Rear ground floor kitchen/shower room extension and store at 3 Askam View, Ireleth. No Objections.

Councillor Knight gave his recommendations. The parish council viewed and discussed all the applications and the Clerk was asked to respond with the comments.

#### **7/05/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO Louise Johns**

April figures – 4 anti-social behaviour reports – 1 youth related. 2 phone/facebook incidents 1 nuisance vehicle Roanhead (Quad Bike). No drug offences. 1 Theft from Queen Victoria memorial. 1 Assault. There has been an increase in Mussel pickers' vehicles which the police are monitoring.

The Speed Indicator Device was deployed on Ireleth Road, 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May average speed of 39.6mph 6 occasions of vehicles doing 60mph various times and there were 1800 vehicle movements in this time period coming down Ireleth Road.

#### **8/05/15: BEACH CLEAN**

The next phase of the beach clean was proposed to go ahead on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July when the tides would be best for the exercise to be continued.

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley**

**Agreed**

#### **9/05/15: CODE OF CONDUCT TRAINING**

Members of the parish council were reminded that the code of conduct training would take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> June between 0930 and 1230.

#### **10/05/15: NU GENERATION MOORSIDE PROJECT**

Nu generation are holding a public consultation regarding the new facility at Moorside. Councillors were encouraged to attend and voice concerns over parking in Askam. It was also proposed that a letter is written to NuGen from the Council expressing concerns on these issues.

**Action Clerk**

#### **11/05/15: UPDATE FROM DUDDON PARISH COUNCILS' MEETING AT KIRKBY**

The meeting was called to discuss a number of issues affecting all Parish Councils around the Duddon Estuary to explore if as a group we can express our issues and be better heard. Common issues discussed was National Grid Pylon routes, Windfarms increasing size of turbines, A595 issues. Common ground achieved on first 2 issues, third issue was seen as greater than just the southern end of the A595 and needs to be addressed via CALC. Agreed worthwhile to continue the discussions.

**Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**12/05/15: REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No report.

**13/05/15: REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

The annual CALC subscription was now due at £339.00. It was agreed to renew the parish council's membership of the Cumbria Association of Local Councils. The Clerk asked that a budget adjustment of £2,500.00 for crime prevention to be made to cover the cost of the CCTV camera equipment at the Co-Op.

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**14/05/15: CORRESPONDENCE** – to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

**14/05/15/1: Presentation of Proposed Solar Farm** – Dalton Town Hall Monday 1 June 2015 at 6.30 pm at Dalton Town Hall. This proposed solar farm is on the border of our parish, but the panels it would seem are in Dalton. Cllrs Mason, Smalley and Knight will try and attend

**15/05/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Drop Zone Youth Projects funding £500.00, Zurich Insurance £1505.13, Kinder eggs for library Easter egg hunt £12.00, Laminating Pouches £4.00, Copying Paper £5.00, Toner Cartridges £162.69, 2nd class stamps £6.458, Display boards for exhibition on carnival day £44.68, Cabinet for CCTV camera £70.00, metal paint and wood stain for seats and bins £139.50, Redsyke work to Ireleth Brow £350.00.

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley**

**Agreed**

**16/05/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 9 June 2015 at 7.15 pm at the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam**

Signed Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman

Dated 9 June 2015