

**MINUTES OF THE 253rd MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON THURSDAY 1 AUGUST 2013 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Parish Cllr Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Alan Mason, David Knight, Harry Barker and Sandra Hadwick; Borough Councillors Denis Bell and Barry Doughty. **Also present:** one member of the public.

**1/08/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS**

NONE

**2/08/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillors George Twiname, Emma Twiname and Denise Wilson; and Janice Cumming, clerk. Cllr Mason acted as clerk for the meeting.

**There being only one item of business on the agenda, viz Community Gate, John Street.**

**3/08/13 Community Gate – John Street.**

The acting chair Liz Gaskell read a copy of a letter sent by Phil Huck, Chief Executive of Barrow Borough Councillor which was a reply to a letter sent to him by Mr Carroll. She then noted that in addition to verbal complaints made to Parish Councillors, the Council had receipt of two letters from residents of the village complaining about the early locking of the John Street gate. These letters voiced the concern of the residents that children were being endangered by the early locking of the gates as there could be potential risk of injury through attempts being made to scale the fence or scramble under the gate. Liz also read to the meeting the reply to the Parish Council from Mr Carroll in which he disputed the Council's reasons for longer opening hours during the summer.

After discussion it was resolved that we write to Mr Carroll making clear that there is no current agreement between the Council and him with regard to the locking of the gate, and stating that we are removing any presumed consent to him locking the gate. Furthermore we are requesting again that he return to the Council the lock and key. It was suggested that a copy of our letter, with background to this dispute, be sent to CALC for their advice.

**Proposed: Cllr Knight**

**Seconded: Cllr Mason**

**Agreed**

It was also resolved that failure of Mr Carroll to comply with this request by Sunday 11 August 2013 we would take appropriate measures to secure the compliance of the request for the John Street exit to be open beyond 7.0pm. To this end, after discussion, it was agreed that AK Fencing be approached as they had supplied the fencing to the field with a view to removing the gate should this prove necessary.

**Proposed: Cllr Gaskell**

**Seconded Cllr Barker**

**Agreed**

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

**4/08/13: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 17 September at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam at 7.15 pm**

Signed ..... Dated .....