

MINUTES OF THE TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIRST MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2012 AT 7.15 PM IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH

Present: Parish Cllrs. Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Harry Barker, Sandra Hadwick, Emma Twiname and Denise Wilson **Also present:** Clerk, Janice Cumming; Rural Projects Officer, Angela Knowles; Borough Cllrs Ann Thurlow and Barry Doughty; PCSO Louise Perry, 3 members of the public. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman Cllr Liz Gaskell chaired the meeting.

1/3/12: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Gaskell expressed an interest in item 12/3/12 and 16/3/12/1. Councillor Gaskell would leave the room while these items are discussed.

2/3/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Cllr George Twiname, Chairman and Borough Cllr Denis Bell.

3/3/12: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were some Street Lights on working in Duke Street. The Clerk had reported these, as well as others on 1 March 2012. The Clerk will contact Cumbria County Council to progress this matter.

The hedge on Dalton Road (railway side) is encroaching onto the A595 and vehicles have to pull into the road to avoid damaging their vehicles. The Parish Council will make enquires as to whose responsibility it is to maintain this hedge.

Action Cllr Hadwick

There was a complaint regarding building material being left outside the back of a house on Duddon Road. PCSO Perry will look into this as it could cause a problem if emergency services need to access this area.

Action PCSO Perry

4/3/12: MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 21 FEBRUARY 2012

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

Proposed Cllr Emma Twiname

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

5/3/12: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/3/12.1: Dog Fouling. The lane between the bowling green and the rugby club has been cleared and cleaned by the Parish Council's contractor Redsyke and it looks much better. The area will be kept clean and later it will be sprayed for weeds, the Borough Council has been asked to provide a litter bin and they are looking into this. PCSO Perry has requested more dog waste bags for the Police pod and the Clerk will organise this.

Action Clerk

5/3/12.2: Sign on Ireleth Road. Cllr Gaskell's husband Jeff has been working on the sign in his own time and at no cost to the Parish Council and it is looking much better.

Closed

5/3/12.3: Extra Notice Boards. Notice board for Dr Jain's has now arrived and the Clerk will arrange for it to be fitted. The quality of the notice board was not as good as advertised and work has been carried out to make it fit for purpose. The Clerk will not use this company again.

Action Clerk

5/3/12.4: Parking on Ireleth Brow. The police are monitoring this situation; there have been no further complaints.

Closed

5/3/12.5: Hedge on Lots Road. Cllr Gaskell is pleased to report that Mr Ray Steele has cut the hedge and it is a real improvement and visibility is much better. The Clerk was asked to write and thank Mr Steele for his co-operation.

Action Clerk

5/3/12/6: Street Light – Marsh Street. The Clerk has photographs of the area and will pass them on to Angela and Cllr Wilson then a justification for extra street lighting will be put together.

Action Angela/Cllr Wilson

5/3/12/7: Agreement between Parish Council and Responders. Agreement has been written Cllr Emma Twiname has some amendments which she will give to the Clerk and this document will then be signed.

Action Cllr E Twiname/Clerk

5/3/12/8: Overgrown hedges on properties. Cllr Hadwick asked if a 'blanket' letter could be written to owners of properties with hedges or bushes which are blocking footpaths and pavements. Cllr Hadwick will be the point of contact for this action and will liaise with the Clerk.

Action Clerk/Cllr Hadwick

5/3/12/9: Litter and Unsightly Areas. The Clerk met with Barry Brookes of Streetcare and Paul Birkby, Supervisor for Community Pay back. Barry has produced a schedule for Street cleaning in Askam and Ireleth and this will begin within the next couple of weeks. Community Pay back will also come to the village to help with litter picking and cleaning. The Clerk has given both teams a list of areas which are most affected by litter. Thanks were expressed to Borough Councillor Doughty for his help in this matter. **Action Clerk**

5/3/12/10: Unmanaged and Unused Land. Cllr Hadwick has produced a map of areas which concern the Parish Council and Angela will contact the relevant department in the Town Hall to try and ascertain who owns these pieces of land. **Action Angela Knowles**

5/3/12/11: Quarry sign at Greenscoe. Cllr Barker, the owner of the quarry requested that the Parish Council speak to Cumbria Highways regarding the whole situation in regard to this road. Cllr Barker is concerned that the public footpath is accessed from this road and people using the footpath are not made aware that vehicles use this road. It should be made clear that this is an access road both to Greenscoe houses and the quarry. He thought maybe there should be a speed limit on this road as well as sign posts. This will be put to Highways prior to them attending our next meeting. PCSO Perry will seek some guidance on this.

Action Clerk/Highways/PCSO Perry

6/3/12: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Reported theft of a large metal water container from the allotments on the Lots. Gates had now been fitted at the allotments and these will be locked in the evenings. Two incidents of ‘ringing the changes’ reported by shopkeepers in Duke Street. This crime was explained in detail to the Parish Council and shopkeepers have been warned of this. There were two incidents of thefts from vehicles over night.

Cllr Doughty has expressed concerns about speeding vehicles along the Kirkby – Ireleth Road and he will continue pushing for this area to be investigated.

7/3/12: UPDATE FROM RURAL PROJECTS OFFICER – ANGELA KNOWLES

Angela has had heavy duties in Dalton during the last few weeks, but will hopefully be back to normal duties very soon.

Askam Station. Angela was very encouraged with the support shown at the open day held on 25 February. Following on from this open day a meeting will be held on Wednesday 4 April at 6.30 in the Rankin Hall to continue discussions and ideas on the future of the station building. Anyone interested is welcome to come along. Angela thanked the Clerk and Cllr Hadwick for their support at the open day. It is hoped to set up a ‘Friends of Askam Station’ group.

Rural Joint Committee Meeting. Angela explained that this is a quarterly meeting held to discuss ongoing projects and is attended by representatives from the Borough Council, County Council as well as Town and Parish Councils. The last meeting was well attended and Angela reported on the matters arising from this meeting.

Woodland Trust. Angela now had the details from the Woodland Trust and it was agreed to request the pack of 420 trees for the Parish which will be distributed to all areas

Angela has ideas for funding for Headlands park area and she will mention those when the agenda item arises.

8/3/12: REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES – COUNCILLOR SANDRA HADWICK

No new planning applications this month. Cllr Hadwick gave an update of other planning applications.

B21/2012/0003 – Park Lodge Hawthwaite Lane – Approved

B21/2012/0040 – September House, Greenhaume - Approved

B13/2012/0005 – Askam Hotel, Victoria Street – Approved

B212011/0730 – 11 Spindrift Close - Approved

B18/2012/0091 – Lots Road Junction – Pending

B13/2011/0715 – 6 dwelling houses, Land at Lord Street, replacement application – Pending

B06/2011/0662 – 5 wind turbines, Harlock Hill - Pending

Cllr Hadwick mentioned that the work had been complete to the signal box at Askam railway station. Everyone agreed it is very sympathetic and pleasing extension and asked the Clerk to write to Network Rail congratulating them on the work and for investing in the village.

Action Clerk

9/3/12: HEADLANDS PLAY AREA

Cllr Gaskell reported that a meeting had taken place with Bill Brown from the Parks Department and it had been agreed that the Borough Council will fund the making of borders and laying turf. The Parish Council were asked to look at the hedge and with the agreement of the Parish Council, Redsyke will be asked to quote for this work. Cllr Gaskell has produced a sketch of the area with some suggestions for planting and this was handed around. The work could commence in April and it was suggested that we use this as an opportunity to commemorate Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee and call the area the Diamond Jubilee Community Garden. Angela Knowles will look for funding for this work. Cllr Wilson suggested we make the area disabled access.

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

Cllr Wilson asked that the playground signs from the Headlands area be re-sited, possibly at the park on Saves Lane and the Lots Park. This will be discussed with Bill Brown on his return from annual leave.

Action Clerk/Bill Brown

10/3/12: WEBSITE

The Clerk has looked at other website providers and feels Red Abbey are the best options. She feels their pricing is competitive and the service they are offering is professional and comprehensive. Cllr Barker asked for a justification of why the Parish Council needed a website and thought everyone should re-think this action and discuss at a later meeting. The face book page will also be discussed at the next meeting.

Action All

11/3/12: DUMPING OF FARM WASTE DUDDON ROAD

An amount of farm waste has been dumped on the beach at Duddon Road. The Environment Agency has been informed and is dealing with this matter and will update the Parish Council when information is available.

12/3/12: EXTRA LANDSCAPING

A quotation has been received from Redsyke (Parish Council landscape contractor) to cut back weeds and brambles from New Road and tidy the area around the Community field. Also planting of dogwood at Stafford Street area, where the original plants have died. Costs as follows: Clearing New Road and removing trees at Community Centre - £220.00 + £100 per year to maintain these areas; £200.00 for 200 dogwood plants (planted) for Stafford Street area.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Wilson

Agreed

13/3/12: BROADBAND

A copy of the report from Mike Cumming updating the Parish Council on this situation was read out by the Vice Chairman.

14/3/12: HER MAJESTY QUEEN 'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Clerk has received the 'big lunch' pack which are available to all groups via the website. As previously stated to mark the occasion the Parish Council will work on the park at Headlands to make into a garden area for the whole community and this work will commence in the Diamond Jubilee year.

It had been suggested that we renovate the fountain on Duke Street, which commemorates Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. A quotation has been received from Gutters to Gardens at a cost of £95.00 for labour; materials will be extra, but at cost price. This was accepted and work will go ahead.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

15/3/12: REPORT FROM CLERK (INCLUDING FINANCES)

The financial report for the month was made available to all Parish Councillors.

15/3/12/1: Information received from BDO regarding annual accounts. The Clerk asked that the Parish Council agree for her to approach Roger Brailsford to act as our Internal Auditor again this year. The Clerk also said she may need extra hours to complete the accounts.

Proposed Cllr Gaskell

Seconded Cllr Barker

Agreed

15/3/12/2: The Clerk would like to start to archive some of the files and asked the Parish Council sanction this, which may mean purchasing some storage containers.

Proposed Cllr Barker

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

16/3/12: CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondences are available to view at the meeting:

16/3/12/1: Letter from Askam Brownies requesting a donation for their 'pack holiday' to the Lake District in June. It was agreed to send £100.00 towards this.

Proposed Cllr Wilson

Seconded Cllr Twiname

Agreed

16/3/12/2: Letter of thanks from NW Air Ambulance for donation of £100.00.

17/3/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk 'salary £255.89, postage £4.32, printing paper £2.38, photocopying £4.00, Notice board £114.00.

Proposed Cllr Wilson

Seconded Cllr Hadwick

Agreed

18/3/12 REPORT FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLOR BARRY DOUGHTY

Cllr Doughty gave an update on the meeting he had attended at the Duddon Estuary Partnership, Sellafield and the Drop Zone.

19/3/12: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 17 April 2012 in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.

The Vice Chairman reminded everyone that representatives from Cumbria County Council Highway's Department will be present at this meeting and any questions for them should be sent to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

Cllr Gaskell thanked everyone for attending tonight and closed the meeting.

Signed Date