

**MINUTES OF 261st MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
TUESDAY 20 MAY 2014 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Vice Chairman Cllr Bill Wilson, Cllr's Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, and Mike Cumming. Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO John McVea and 3 members of the public.

1/05/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Harry Barker stated disclosure of interest on item 7/05/14.

2/05/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr David Knight.

3/05/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/05/14/1: Mr Carl Orrell had been advised by Duddon Inshore Rescue to attend the meeting to seek approval from the parish council to have a key to the barrier on Duddon Road. Mr Orrell has been fishing in the area for many years and using Duddon Road as access. The parish council agreed Mr Orrell would be a responsible person to have a key for his personal use only. The area of beach from Duddon Road to Dunnerholme is a bye-way and not for use by vehicles. Mr Orrell agreed that he would only be accessing the area during the fishing session and only going out to his fishing line and not along the bye-way. **Closed**

3/05/14/2: Sellafeld Parking in Askam A member of the public made a complaint about the number of cars parking in Askam for up to 12 hours while the vehicle owners catch the train to go to Sellafeld. The parish council have had many complaints regarding this and had every sympathy for residents of the village who sometimes cannot access their properties because of these vehicles. This will be discussed further on the agenda.

4/05/14: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 APRIL 2014

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

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

5/05/14 PROGRESS REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

5/05/14/1: Complaints regarding Seagulls at Urofoam Factory. A meeting had been held at the Urofoam factory with the owner and staff, Representatives from English Nature, our Chairman and residents of James Street and Duddon Road. A report is awaited from English Nature on what steps Mr Stables can use to deter the birds from nesting on the factory roof. The Chairman gave a report to the meeting and said he had learned a lot of information about seagulls from this meeting and felt that any measures to deter the birds would not be a 'quick fix', but would only be achieved over a period of time.

5/05/14/2: Tipping of Rubble on the beach near Marsh Farm. More complaints have been received and the Clerk has informed Planning, but has not received a response. Barrow Planning Office are dealing with this matter and the Clerk will continue to ask for updates from them and the parish council will monitor the situation. **Ongoing**

5/05/14/3: Public Toilets, Duke Street. Cllr Bill Wilson and Mike Cumming attended a meeting at the town hall with Steve Solsby, Assistant Director, Regeneration and Built Environment. The Borough Architect had come up with a plan for the area which included demolition of the toilets. This was available for the parish councillors to view and discuss. Some comments were made on the plan which will be used to modify and update the plans which will be available for the public to view on Saturday 31 May at the Parish Plan Presentation. **Action Cllr Bill Wilson and Mike Cumming**

5/05/14/4: Memorial Garden. Redsyke has completed the paving, base for gazebo and laid the turf. Barrow BC will deliver the gazebo within the next few weeks. Askins & Little have erected the scaffolding in preparation of cleaning of the memorial. **Ongoing**

5/05/14/5: Parking in Village. Remains a problem, one of the ideas is to approach the landowner of the field next to the memorial garden with a view to providing a car park. Quote from CCC of £160,000 for this

work. This is just an idea at the moment and with Sellafield unwilling to help financial it is something that would need a lot of external funding and negotiation, but something the parish council agreed to work on. Cllr Mike Cumming and the Clerk offered to speak to the owner of the land. In the meantime it is suggested the parish council form a sub-committee to meet with Highways regarding restricted parking in the area. Cllr Mike Cumming and Sandra Hadwick volunteered for this sub-committee.

Action Cllr Mike Cumming and Sandra Hadwick, Clerk

5/05/14/6: Off-roading. Continues to be a problem on the beach and around the Lots area. Some young people riding around the streets without registration and in one case not wearing a crash helmet. If anyone witnesses illegal use of motor bikes, quads etc they are asked to report them by phoning 101.

6/0514: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO JOHN MCVEA

PCSO John McVea reported that there has been 10 reports of anti-social behaviour, 4 youth related, and 3 of illegal use of motor bikes. Criminal damage at Askam school playground, suspect was being questioned. 3 cases of theft. Neil Forbes of National Trust is preparing to speak to pupils at Dowdales regarding the problems with off-roading, joint operations have been taking place with the police and National Trust to apprehend illegal off-roaders.

The SID had been deployed on the A595 near the brickworks – 21,105 vehicles clocked, average speed 57.8 mph. The highest speed recorded was a vehicle using the road and travelling at 100 mph on several different days and times which is very worrying and extremely dangerous. This information will be given to the police team.

7/05/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B20/2014/0055 – Change of Use of land for the siting of a holiday caravan for seasonal occupation – 23 Dalton Road, Askam in Furness. No objections, but concerns about access road having issues regarding a Resident encroaching onto the road.

B28/2014/0303 - Application of approval of details reserved by Condition no 3 (highways access & traffic management) no 4 (highways construction/adoption details) no 5 (phase 2 intrusive investigations report) no 6 (remedial scheme) and no 7 (remediation validation report) of outline planning permission 2010/0458 (residential development) – Urofoam Limited, Duddon Road, Askam in Furness. No objections.

B21/2014/0290 - Erection of a rear single storey kitchen extension – 4 Hollowgate, Ireleth

6/14/2007 Erection of a single wind turbine with a maximum blade to tip height of 75m, micro siting and associated infrastructure at Bennett Bank Landfill site, Thwaite Flat (information will be available at the parish council meeting). Concerns about the effect for residents and the environmental and visual impact.

B20/2014/0329 Change of use from a shop to a residential flat – 83 Duke Street, Askam. Objections regarding parking on Duke Street.

The Clerk will inform the planning offices of the parish council's comments. **Action Clerk**

8/05/14: PARISH PLAN

Cllr Bill Wilson reported that the presentation was now complete and he asked the parish councillors if they would stay behind after the meeting for a 'run through' of the presentation. The presentation will be held on Saturday 31 May 2014 at 1030 in the Community Centre and it was hoped the community would attend.

9/05/14: LETTER OF APPLICATION FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

It was agreed to interview the candidate after the parish plan presentation on Saturday 31 May, the Clerk will inform the candidate. **Action Clerk**

10/05/14: DE-DESIGNATION OF ASKAM AND ROANHEAD AS BATHING BEACHES

Email from Defra to confirm our beaches have been de-designated as bathing beaches. The parish council had sent in objections and concerns, but with no avail, the parish council felt this was a backward step for our beaches. The parish council pledged to keep a watchful eye on our beaches and waters and report any

