

**MINUTES OF THE 289th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllr David Knight, Mike Cumming, Denise Wilson, Alan Mason also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO John McVea and 5 members of the public.

1/02/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Harry Barker and Cllr David Knight item 6/02/17: Greenscoe Quarry Application.
Cllr Mike Cumming item 10/02/17: Drop Zone Request.

2/02/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Steven Smalley and Sandra Hadwick; County Cllr Barry Doughty and Borough Cllr Ann Thurlow and PCSO Louise Johns.

3/02/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/02/17/1: A resident expressed concerns regarding traffic on Ireleth Road, especially near her home near the Railway Inn. Cars are coming down Ireleth Road and not giving way or slowing down where cars are parked on this stretch of road. It is also very difficult for pedestrians to cross the road in this area. The parish council agreed Ireleth Road is a problem as more and more vehicles are using this road. The Speed Indicator Device has been deployed on Ireleth Road and an update of the results would be given in the Police Report. It was felt it was an issue that should be put to Cumbria Highways and ask for their help and advice with this matter. The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria Highways. It was asked if the police could help by deploying speed detection in this area.

Action Clerk

3/02/17/2: Vehicles using Nook Lane: A resident expressed concerns regarding heavy plant using Nook Lane and Saves Lane to access a property on Tippins Lane. Nook Lane is a designated public footpath and the plant was causing damage to this footpath. This has been reported to our County Councillor Barry Doughty who is working with Cumbria County Council Footpaths on a review of footpaths in the parish. Councillor Doughty would be visiting the area.

Action Cllr Doughty

4/02/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 JANUARY 2017

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

5/02/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/02/17/1: A595 at Greenscoe. The Clerk had contacted Cumbria Highways regarding the filter lane to Greenscoe. The response from Highways states: When we renewed the white lining on the A595 last summer, the hatched area at Greenscoe was put back the same as it was previously. Although when I looked on the way home last night the filter lane going to Greenscoe is now shorter than the one into the brick works, but both still more than adequate for the volume of traffic that they take. We also added the addition of a solid white line to discourage overtaking in the hatched area. There is not much more we can do along this stretch to discourage overtaking. When traffic is travelling south on the A595, Greenscoe is the first overtaking opportunity for roughly 5 miles, so naturally people get impatient when stuck behind slow moving wagons, buses and cars. If people are contravening the solid white line, this is a Police business to enforce this matter, as Cumbria Highways do not have this power.

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5/02/17/2: Flooding from the BT Service Access Road at Greenhaume. The Clerk has reported this to Cumbria Highways. No response received.

Ongoing

5/02/17/3: Police Pod: Cllr Denise Wilson would obtain a quotation for painting the exterior of the police pod.

Action Cllr Denise Wilson

5/02/17/4: Motorised Vehicles on Askam and Roanhead Beach. Letter sent to Superintendent Rob O'Connor and the police have responded to say they will be monitoring the area. Contact has been made with

the Ranger at Roanhead and patrols will be carried out. The area along the grassed area from the pier to Black's pond is SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and should not be used by any type of motorised vehicle. The only vehicles using the beach should be along the tide line and these vehicles MUST BE taxed, insured with current MOT. Any deviation from this route is illegal. The police ask residents to help them by report any illegal use of the beach by phoning 101 when they see this activity. One 4x4 owner illegally using the beach has been contacted by the police. Ongoing

5/02/17/5: Parking on Double Yellow Lines in Village. Cumbria County Council Parking Officers will be visiting the village to monitor this situation. Action Cllr Barry Doughty

5/02/17/6: Annual Landscape and Ground Maintenance Contract. Three Companies have expressed an interest in the contract and when all the quotations have been received a decision will be made by the parish council. Action Clerk

5/02/17/7: Update on CCTV. A quotation for upgrading and installing an extra camera was approved by the parish council at a cost of £1750.00 plus VAT. Cllr Mike Cumming will contact Swan Alarms and set a date to do this work. Action Cllr M Cumming

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

6/02/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

B28/2017/0048 – Application for works to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order 1995 no 3 to fell Copper Beach numbered T2 on plan – Bankfield, Tippins Lane, Ireleth, Askam in Furness. No comments were expressed by the parish council or from the floor.

6/17/9002 – Consultation on a Waste County Matter Application for Planning Permission at Greenscoe Quarry, Askam in Furness. Proposal: Creation of a 130 metre length of access road. No comments from the parish council or from the floor.

Withdrawal of Application B18/2016/0821 – Dalton Road, Askam in Furness.

B18/2017/0082 – Siting of replacement timber clad, one bedroom chalet with car port, composting W.C., stone track and car parking – Dalton Road, Askam in Furness. The applicant was present at the meeting. The parish council viewed a new set of drawings of the proposed chalet which shows that internally the configuration was the same, but the rooms are described differently. There were no comments regarding the chalet, but reservations were expressed regarding vehicle access to & from the site onto the A595. Visibility from the site is restricted and the parish council felt this could cause a hazardous situation. There has been accidents in this area in the past. The Clerk was asked to respond. Action Clerk

7/02/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO JOHN MCVEA

Report for January 2017 – 3 antisocial behaviour – motorcycles on beach, vehicles driving fast on Duddon Road and Duke Street late at night, nuisance behaviour of children in Sharp Street banging on windows. No burglary, 1 criminal damage to a vehicle on Sharp Street, no drugs, no thefts, no violence.

PCSO McVea reported that Speed Indicator Device had been deployed on Ireleth Road to monitor vehicles coming down the hill from the direction of Kirkby for the **period 3/2 to 19/2**. In this period **42,181 vehicles** were recorded, the 85th percentile showed vehicles travelling at 33.1 mph. **On 6 February at 12.20 pm a vehicle was recorded travelling at 85 mph**. This information would be given to Cumbria Highways to see if any recommendations could be made on how to slow down traffic on Ireleth Road.

8/02/17: UPDATE ON PARISH COUNCIL'S CO-ORDINATION MEETING

Cllr Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley had attended the meeting at Thwaites to discuss National Grid's plans for pylons around the Duddon Estuary. OfGem has looked at the application from National Grid and believe that the costs of the tunnel has not been fully analysed and that the costs for the offshore routes have not been properly estimated and tended to be high. OfGem are looking for responses to their review closing date 24th February 2016. NG have stated it is still their intention to submit the application to the Government (PINS) by 24th April 2017 which seems optimistic currently. Kirkby PC intend to picket the NG AGM in Birmingham end

of July. ENWL presented their plans to the group but are totally dependent on the NWCC Project. They agreed to bring answers to the next meeting regarding specific questions raised.

9/02/17: BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL – CHANGES TO RECYCLING CENTRES ACROSS THE BOROUGH

Barrow Borough will be re-negotiating the waste disposal contract this year. As part of this they will be removing, recycle centres from supermarkets. Barrow Borough Council enquired if the area on Steel/Sharp Street Park could be used as a recycle centre. The parish council agreed that would not support this request as it would be unfair to the residents in this area. The Clerk was asked to respond to the Borough Council.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

10/02/17: DROP ZONE REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ASKAM AND IRELETH

A letter has been received from Drop Zone regarding an opportunity for 8 young people from Askam and Ireleth who attend the Drop Zone meetings each Tuesday to take part in a Tall Ships expedition around the Highlands of Scotland on 3 – 7 July this year. The parish council felt this would be a life changing experience for any young person to take part in such an event. Cllr David Knight suggested we allocate what is left in this year's grant S137 grant money to this project (£930.47) and that the young people raise the outstanding amount themselves. It was suggested that the young people could get involved with community events, one suggestion was to help the carnival committee with this year's carnival. The parish council are willing to help and support the young people with any fundraising activities. PCSO John McVea suggested contacting the Police & Crime Commissioner's fund and agreed to send details to the Clerk. He also suggested contacting the Billincoat Charity through Dalton Town Council.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

11/02/17: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

No update.

12/02/17: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly finance and expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

13/02/17: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

14/02/17: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

None

15/02/17: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 March 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth Proposed

Signed by Dated