

**MINUTES OF 257th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2014 AT THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

**Present:** Parish Cllr George Twiname, Chairman, Harry Barker, Vice Chairman, Sandra Hadwick, Alan Mason, Bill Wilson, Denise Wilson. Also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow Barry Doughty (County Councillor); PCSO Louise Perry and 3 members of the public.

**1/01/14: DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

None

**2/01/14: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Parish Councillor David Knight, Emma Twiname. Borough Councillor Denis Bell. The Chairman wished Cllr Denis Bell a speedy recovery and sent best wishes from the parish council.

**3/01/14: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/01/14/1: Enquiry from Mr M O'Connor.** Mr O'Connor has contacted the Chairman regarding land he owns on Stafford Street. Mr O'Connor believes that since the landscaping work was carried out near New Road it has caused his land to flood. The parish council will write to advise Mr O'Connor that this work was carried out by Cumbria County Council and he should contact them.

**4/01/14: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2013**

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

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson**

**Agreed**

**5/01/14: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING**

**5/01/14/1: War Memorial.** The Clerk has asked two companies to quote for cleaning and repairing the memorial. She has also applied for a grant from War Memorials in Trust. Action Clerk

**5/01/14/2: Footpath 602054 – Saves Lane.** The Clerk has contacted Cumbria County Council to advise that the parish council have not agreed to fund the project to repair this footpath. Closed

**5/01/14/3: Vehicles accessing Duke Street from Sandy Lane and Motor cycles using Sandy Lane to access Marsh Lane.** This is now in the hands of Cumbria County Council, Traffic Management who have looked at both areas and come up with a plan which will now go into their next Variation traffic regulation Order for consideration. Closed until further information received. Closed

**5/01/14/4: Unmanaged Land in Askam belonging to Barrow Borough Council.** The Borough Council have been approached regarding this issue. Closed

**5/01/14/5: Triangle of Land at Ireleth Brow.** Parish Council will work on this area with Cumbria County Council and community police. Ongoing

**5/01/14/6: Wall at Jubilee Garden.** Making enquiries with Barrow BC. Ongoing

**5/01/14/7: Pavement at Beach Street/Headlands.** Cumbria Highways traffic management are looking at schemes for this area and will advise the parish council. Closed until further information received. Closed

**5/01/14/8: Upgrade of Lots Road.** The Clerk met with Keiron Tetchner, Cumbria Highways. In the present financial climate it is unlikely that a full upgrade of this road will be likely in the near future. Highways will work with land owners to ensure they keep their hedges cut. The parish council will work with Highways on looking at other areas along the road which could be improved. Closed until further information received. Closed

**5/01/14/9: Fencing at Memorial Garden.** No progress until Mr Cross returns from holiday on 28 January 2014.

**5/01/14/10: Cumbria County Council's proposals to cease subsidies for bus services.** The Clerk has written to Keith Little, Cabinet Member, Cumbria County Council outlining the parish council's concerns regarding losing services to our rural community. County Councillor Barry Doughty has also voiced our concerns. **Closed**

**5/01/14/11: Vacancy for Library Assistant.** An offer has been made to a local person. The parish council agree this was good news and hope the Saturday morning openings will allow people to use the facilities in our library more easily. Closed until further updates received from Library Services **Closed**

**5/01/14/12: Speeding Measures.** Councillor Doughty reported that the equipment was on order and would be in use as soon as it arrived. An invoice will be sent from Dalton Town Council to the parish council. **Closed**

**20mph Repeater Signs for Village.** Each parish councillor was asked to send details of 'hot spot' areas in the village and the Clerk will forward them to Cumbria County Council Traffic Management. **All**

**5/01/14/13: Planters and Containers for Village.** The Clerk together with Redsyke will meet with a representative from Amberol to discuss planters for the village. **Clerk**

**5/01/14/14: Toilets and Bus Shelter.** Councillor Barry Doughty has spoken to Barrow Borough Council regarding keeping the toilets on Duke Street as a bus shelter only as discussed at the last meeting. Councillor Doughty reported that this was not an option as there would still be council tax to pay on the building. The Borough Council will demolish this building, but have promised to landscape the area. The parish council ask that they are part of the consultation with the landscaping as they had some ideas they would like to put forward. Both the Clerk and Councillor Doughty would speak to the Borough Council. **Action Cllr Doughty/Clerk**

**5/01/14/15: Budget and Precept.** Letter sent to Barrow BC setting our precept at £27,000.00, no increase.

#### **6/01/14: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY**

2 anti-social behaviour reports, off-roading incidents 1 in rugby club area, the bike was seized, the person in question has written a letter of apology. 1 incident of off-roading on beach reported by National Trust. 1 theft of copper and lead. The speed monitor has been in use on Ireleth Road for a period of one week – 17,000 cars were recorded using this road. Average speed 32.7 mph in a 30 mph zone.

A member of the public reported a motorcycle which travels at very high speeds along Dalton Road, PCSO Perry asked if they could get the registration number of this vehicle and report to the police.

Councillor Harry Barker asked how long Duke Street would be closed due to the damage to the house. The closure was instigated on advice from Highways. Highways will look into this with an Engineer as soon as possible and see if the scaffolding can be reduced and the road opened if only one way.

#### **7/01/14: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK**

BSS/2014/0035 Town & Country Planning under regulation 5 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 – Screening Option for a proposed ground mounted Solar Farm – Land North of Roanhead Far, Hawthwaite Lane, Barrow in Furness – in the parish of Askam and Ireleth. The parish council will respond with their concerns regarding using the Lots Road for access to the site.

**Proposed Cllr George Twiname**

**Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson**

**Agreed**

#### **8/01/14: PARISH PLAN**

Cllr Alan Mason handed further updates and reminded the parish councillors that Julia Wilson will be coming to help with this next phase. Julia will be at the Rankin Hall on Wednesday 29 January at 7.30 pm.

#### **9/01/14: BATHING WATER DE DESIGNATION PROPOSALS FOR ASKAM AND ROANHEAD**

The Clerk reported that she had spoken to the Environment Agency. Although our water quality is classed as poor this cannot be a reason to de designate our sea as bathing water, this must be based on safety and usage. In 2015 the legislation on bathing water quality changes. If de designation goes ahead then testing of the sea water will stop, but the Environment Agency will continue testing water courses and the water treatment plant before it enters the sea. The concern was that our 5 year Community parish plan is promoting Askam and Roanhead as tourist areas. The Clerk was asked to write to Barrow Borough Council and highlight this and other concerns.

**Action Clerk**

**Proposed Cllr George Twiname**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**10/01/14: DOG FOULING IN ASKAM AND IRELETH**

The parish council have received over 55 complaints about dog fouling around the parish and a members of the public present at the meeting voiced their concerns. The parish council agree it is a problem, not only anti-social, a risk to health, especially for children, but an offence which carries a fine. The parish council ask that the community help in educating dog owners, and if they know of persistent offenders to report them to the police or Street Care Officers at Barrow Borough Council (01229 876487). The parish council have made contact with Barrow Borough Council Street Care, who can issue fines to offenders. Notices and forms are available from the Borough Website or from the Clerk or Community Police Officer. A member of the public asked if a litter bin could be moved from Duke Street to an area on Duddon Road and maybe near the Jubilee Garden. The Clerk will investigate.

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson**

**Action Clerk  
Agreed**

**11/01/14: PARKING IN VILLAGE**

A large number of complaints have been received regarding parking in our village, particularly in and around Duke Street with Sellafield employees parking in our village all day before boarding the train at Askam. Recommendations from PCSO Perry have been considered and these were passed on to Barry Doughty, County Councillor to be considered by Cumbria County Council Highways.

**12/01/14: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF DALTON FIRE STATION**

Councillor Doughty gave an update on the proposal from Cumbria Fire Station to Cumbria County Council on how the service can make savings. One of these proposals is to close Dalton Fire Station and re-distribute services to Ulverston. Members of the public, local councils and businesses have been given the opportunity to respond to these proposals.

**13/01/14: APPLICATION FROM LAND REGISTRY**

After contact from concerned residents of Dalton Road the parish council have responded to an application for a notice to an adjoining owner of an application for registration of a person in adverse possession. The parish council are concerned if this application is granted it will restrict access to the rear of Dalton Road and off road parking for residents. A letter of objection has been sent to Land Registry.

**14/01/14: FACEBOOK**

The parish council facebook page was discussed and whether since the resignation of Councillor Gaskell the parish council should continue with the page. A vote was taken and with 5 votes to 1 it was decided to close the facebook page as the majority of the parish council did not feel it was a correct media for our parish council and residents should use the parish council website. [www.askamandirelethparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.askamandirelethparishcouncil.org.uk)

**15/01/14: REPORT FROM CLERK (including finances)**

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was accepted.

**Proposed Cllr George Twiname**

**Seconded Cllr Harry Barker**

**Agreed**

**16/01/14: CORRESPONDENCE (to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting)**

**16/01/14/1: Invitation to Love Barrow Awards** – to be attended by 2 parish councillors.

**17/01/14: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Redsyke £1911.25 (which includes 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment annual maintenance £1441.25, work at jubilee garden £225.00, work at jubilee fountain £200.00, moving playground signs £45.00), Clerk's salary £345.30, postage stamps £5.00, photocopying £6.20, monthly phone charge £20.00, stationery envelopes and paper £7.49.

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**19/12/13: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 18 February 2014 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam**