

**MINUTES OF 274th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 21
JULY 2015 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Members of the Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, David Knight, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Johns; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow and County Councillor Barry Doughty; Mr Graham Davies, Tidal Energy Spokesperson for NWE2 and 10 members of the public.

Prior to the business of the parish council meeting Mr Graham Davies, Tidal Energy Spokesperson from NWE2. North West Energy Squared is a limited company which has been established to demonstrate the potential impact of building tidal gateways across North West estuaries and connecting them by road, Tidal gateways are built across an estuary and are used to capture the energy from the rise and fall of the tide, with certainty and at pre-determined times. There are 6 proposed tidal gateways across estuaries Solway Firth, Duddon Estuary, Morecambe Bay, Ribble Estuary, Mersey Estuary and Dee Estuary. There was a question and answer session after Graham's presentation. The Chairman thanked Graham for attending the meeting and said that everyone had found the information very informative. It was agreed that the parish council would keep in contact with NWE2.

1/07/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr David Knight 6/07/15 - B21/2015/0481 – 3 Askam View

2/07/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Borough Councillor Jill Heath.

3/07/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/07/15/1: A member of the public raised concerns again regarding speeding traffic along the A595 on Ireleth Road. He felt that the police were not taking the matter seriously and more could be done to help with this matter before a serious accident occurred. The parish council agreed to bring this to the attention of the police. Another member of the public said that there were similar problems on Headlands, especially at weekends. The police agreed to deploy the SID in this area and would report back to the parish council.

3/07/15/2: A member of the public expressed concerns regarding a development on Ireleth Court Road and the fact that the building work seemed to be encroaching into the water course at the rear of the property. They said that there had been numerous problems over the years with blocking of that culvert and water course and hoped that this work would not impede the water course. Cllr Knight agreed to look at the area and contact the relevant authority if he felt it necessary.

4/07/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 JUNE 2015

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

5/07/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/07/15/1: Caravan at Greenscoe. An appeal under section 78 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal Ref APP/W0910/W.15/3008998 –Application Ref B20/2014/0645 – Change of Use from Paddock to domestic garden and recreation area, Greenscoe has been submitted by the applicant regarding the decision made by Barrow Borough Council.

5/07/15/2: Broadband. Ray Clark gave the parish council the excellent news that BT have made a commitment to have high speed broadband for Ireleth in the last quarter of this year. The Chairman thanked Ray and the other residents who have fought for this upgrade. He said it would make a huge difference to residents and business in the area.

5/07/15/3: Public Toilet Area. Cllr Cumming said that it was disappointing to report that there had been slow progress. There is still the bus shelter to erect and the fencing and there was no date for this work to be completed. The soil would be put into the planting areas in the next week or so. Cllr Cumming will keep progress this with the contractor and the Borough Council.

5/07/15/4: Coastal Erosion. Janine Hawkins from United Utilities says she is still trying to co-ordinate a date for a site visit, but it is proving difficult with holidays and workload with a number of people. I will get back to you on this. Meanwhile, Martin Chapman the Production Manager for that area wishes to meet with Mr & Mrs Johnson for other reasons associated with our works operations and we wish to take place ahead of the site visit. The site visit is still on our Agenda. Mr and Mrs Johnson were present at the meeting and said they have been trying to get Martin Chapman to visit them for quite some time. The Clerk will contact United Utilities and give them this information. Action Clerk

5/07/15/5: Seats, Benches and Litter Bins. Steve from Oz Clean has managed to get a large percent of the bins and benches painted and it was agreed they are looking much better. Steve will also paint the inside of the gazebo in the memorial garden.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

5/07/15/6: Jubilee Fountain Plaque. Cllr Steve Smalley reported that the college are now on holiday, but he will contact them during the new term. Action Cllr Smalley

6/07/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES

B21/2015/0432 – 9 Blea Beck – Erection of rear ground floor sun room/dining room extension.

Observations made - there maybe overshadowing and loss of light to the next door property.

B21/2015/0451 – 45 The Headlands – Rear Ground Floor Orangerie extension

No comments or issues.

B21/2015/0481 – 3 Askam View – Rear ground floor kitchen/shower room extension and store - resubmission of 2015/0276 to remove existing rear yard wall.

No comments or issues.

B21/2015/0485 – 2 Spindrift Close - Single storey side extensions to north and south of the property.

Accommodation to include kitchen, garage and sanitary facilities and addition of bay window and chimney stack (resubmission of B21/2015/0304 to a revised scheme).

No comments or issues.

B21/2015/0492 – Ashdene, Ireleth Road - Rear pitch roof to replace fibre glass flat roof and two off conservation roof lights to the front elevation.

No comments or issues

B21/2015/0452 – Glenden, Ireleth Road – Rear dormer bedroom – ensuite with store including raising of existing ridge height by 800 mm. Observation there may be an over-looking and privacy issue.

Cumbria Highways – Drop Pavement Request for 7 Park Avenue.

No issues with this proposal.

The Clerk was asked to respond to the Borough Council.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

7/07/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

Anti-Social Behaviour; Askam totalled 4 incidents – 2 youth related, 2 regarding nuisance vehicles, 1

Burglary at a commercial premises, criminal damage 3, 2 at a commercial premises and a mobile phone damaged during a domestic incident. Theft of a tail gate from a vehicle. 1 domestic related assault. PCSO

Johns report that the Speed Indicator Device had been deployed at Dalton Road with a total of 27,375

vehicles being recorded during the period. There had been recordings of vehicles travelling at 60 mph along this stretch, the 85th percentile being 33.5 mph. The parish council asked if the police could deploy Officers to the area with laser guns.

8/07/15: OVERGROWN HEDGES ON PROPERTY ALONG IRELETH ROAD

Cllr Hadwick has received a number of complaints from residents regarding the over-grown hedges on Ireleth Road just past the station, which are encroaching onto the pavement. This is dangerous as people are having to walk onto the edge of the pavement and this is a very busy road. The parish council will make enquiries as to who owns these hedges and ask them to cut them back. Cllr Doughty suggested that the parish council send these complaints to Cumbria County Council Highways.

9/07/15: CLEARING OF RUBBLE FROM ASKAM BEACH

This work will continue on Saturday 25 July, meet at Duddon Road Car Park at 10 pm. Machinery will be hired this time to try and get as much of the piles of bricks taken away.

10/07/15: VISIT BY NUGEN TO ASKAM

Fergus McMorrow from Nu.Gen came to Askam and met with Cllr Cumming, Hadwick and the Clerk to see first-hand the problems we have in Askam and Ireleth with parking in the village by Sellafield commuters. The parish council are very concerned that if the new power station goes ahead at Moorside then it could mean more people using the train to commute to Moorside and thus park in Askam and Ireleth. Mr McMorrow took on-board all that was said and asked also that as many people as possible complete the consultation document and send it to Nu.Gen.

11/07/15: UPDATE ON PLANNING TRAINING HELD 29 JUNE 2015

Cllr Knight, Hadwick and Mason had attended this training at Barrow Town Hall. Cllr Knight said that it had been very informative and well worthwhile.

12/07/15: UPDATE FROM DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING AND MEETING WITH OTHER PARISHES AROUND THE DUDDON ESTUARY

Cllr Mike Cumming had attended both these meetings and reported. At the DEP National Grid presented a view of where the consultation process was and what the next stages were. NG emphasised that their role was to connect power stations and not to build bridges. At the meeting of Estuary Parishes it was reported that the Kirby Wind Farm had receive 157 objections and that none of those were in favour. The A595 campaign has stalled and the other topic for discussion was National Grid.

13/07/15: CHANGES TO NO 7 BUS SERVICE PROVISION FROM 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

An email had been received from Cumbria County Council to say that reductions by Stagecoach were to be made to this service from 7 September. This was due to the fact that Stagecoach has lost the school bus contract. It was hoped that the new operator would provide the same service, but this was unclear at the moment. The parish council had responded to the County Council to express their concerns that more vulnerable members of our community maybe not be able to access facilities that can only be provided to them in Barrow. Cllr Doughty explained that the County Council were in a difficult position as they had to make cuts due to reduction in their budget and hard decision were having to be made.

14/07/15: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCIL

A comprehensive report was given by our County Councillor regarding issues within the County Council. Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow mentioned that there would be a surgery in Askam Library from 10 – 11 am on Saturday 25 July.

15/07/15: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure was made available to all parish council members to review, discuss and accept.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

16/07/15: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

17/07/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

2 years registration for website £78.94, Stationery £9.80, signs for CCTV camera £10.96, postage £7.44, Hall Rental for Parish Council meeting and Drop Zone sessions (Rankin Hall) £245.00, Rail ticket to London £151.80 for meeting with BT and MP re broadband for Ireleth, wood stain and metal paint for benches and bins £186.74, Election Expenses Barrow BC £94.60, Fell View Joinery £360.00 Display board for carnival float, Redsyke 1st Instalment ground care and landscaping £1641.25, Oz Clean £655 for painting 17 benches and 14 litter bins and repairing where necessary.

18/07/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 September at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Dated 15 September 2015