

**MINUTES OF THE 290th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Sandra Hadwick, Steven Smalley, Mike Cumming and Alan Mason also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Johns, County Councillor Barry Doughty and 5 members of the public.

**1/03/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

12/03/17 Cllr Steven Smalley donation to Scouts and Cllr Mike Cumming donation to Drop Zone.

**2/03/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Denise Wilson, David Knight and Bill Wilson, Borough Cllr Ann Thurlow.

**3/03/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/03/17/1: Village Litter Pick.** A member of the public asked if the parish council would consider organising a village litter pick. They felt it would be something to get the community involved in. Just before the carnival would be a good idea. They mentioned Ireleth Road, Duddon Road and Duke Street being particularly bad areas for litter, there are probably others. The parish council agreed this would be a good idea and would liaise with other groups to try and organise a day for this. Action Cllr Hadwick and Clerk

**3/03/17/2: Standing water on Steel Street.** Contact from a resident of Steel Street regarding flooding to an area of Steel Street from houses 11 to 17. It is believed that it is caused by patching to the road, which has caused interruption of the natural run of the rainwater to the kerbside drains. The Clerk was asked to report this to Cumbria Highways. Action Clerk

**3/03/17/3: Barrow BC New Recycling Service.** A question was raised from the floor regarding the new system by Barrow Borough Council for collection of garden waste, whereas the service was being removed by the Borough Council but offered indirectly via a private gardeners club being set up by the new waste management company. The question is this a virtual increase by the Borough Council over the 2% Government limit. The Parish Council has no information or jurisdiction in this and the questioner was referred to the Borough Council.

**4/03/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21 FEBRUARY 2017**

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

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming                      Seconded Cllr Harry Barker                      Agreed**

**5/03/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/03/17/1: Heavy Vehicles using Nook Lane.** A member of Cumbria County Council's footpath team had visited the area and spoken to owners of land in the area. Closed

**5/03/17/2: Flooding at BT Access Road and A595 at Greenhaume.** This had been investigated by Cumbria County Council Highway and their feeling was it could be a broken land drain in the field next to the access road. They would be contacting the owner of the field. Action CCC Highways

**5/03/17/3: Painting of Police Pod.** A quotation of £60 to complete this work had been obtained by Cllr Denise Wilson. The parish council would purchase the paint. It was agreed that this work should be carried out. Action Clerk/Cllr Wilson

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick                      Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley                      Agreed**

**5/03/17/4: Vehicles illegally using Askam Beach and Roanhead.** This is being monitored by the police and the National Trust. It was reported that motor bikes are accessing the private land at the rear of Marsh Street and the pathway to Duddon Road car park and the beach at Dunnerholme. All these activities are illegal and the police ask that they are reported when witnessed by phoning 101. There are ongoing investigations by the police regarding illegal use of a vehicle on the beach last week.

**5/03/17/5: CCTV camera upgrade.** Cllr Cumming reported that the work will begin week commencing 3 April 2017. Ongoing

**5/03/17/6: Parking on Double Yellow Lines in Village.** Cllr Doughty reported that he had contacted the parking attendees and they have been asked to visit the village on a regular basis. He said he would be receiving a report on when they attended and he would pass this on to the Clerk.

**5/03/17/7: Clean and Re-point area at Jubilee Fountain and Memorial Garden.** A quotation for both these areas received from Aqua Jet for £800.00. This was agreed.

**Proposed Cllr Alan Mason**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**5/03/17/8: Road Lining in Askam and Ireleth.** Email from Victoria Upton of Cumbria Highways to say that the work should be completed by end of March 2017.

#### **6/03/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT**

B20/2017/0075 – St Anthony’s Church, Crossley Street, Askam – Change of use from a nursery to a residential dwelling including side extension to create extended bedroom.

B18/2017/0143 – Linmoor, Ireleth Brow, Ireleth - Application for removal of condition 2 of planning permission 1991/0893 (occupancy limitation on approved agricultural workers dwelling) (accompanying unilateral obligation seeks to impose occupancy limitation on adjacent dwelling).

There were no comments or objections to either of these applications. The Clerk was asked to respond.

Action Clerk

#### **7/03/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE JOHNS**

Report for February 2017 – 2 antisocial behaviour – party on Beach Street, neighbour dispute on Furnace Place. No other crimes reported.

The Speed Indicator had been deployed on Dalton Road from 4 March until 20 March. Number of vehicles recorded (one way) 55,000 in that period. The 85% percentile was 37.2 mph, on 16 March at 9.10 am a vehicle was recorded travelling at 80 mph in this 30 mph speed area. A discussion took place and PCSO Johns said she had reported these figures and action would be taken by the police for speed monitoring in the area. Cllr Cumming asked if a more detailed report could be given from the SID database. PCSO Johns said she would look into this. The parish council expressed concerns about the number of speed of vehicles travelling this road and Ireleth Road. It was hoped that with this evidence some action would be taken by Cumbria Police and Cumbria Highways.

#### **8/03/17: TRAFFIC ON IRELETH ROAD**

From the last meeting and the data from the Speed Indicator, the Clerk and Cllr Doughty had contacted Cumbria Highways. Victoria Upton from Highways had agreed to install some pneumatic tubes to determine speeds to allow consideration/discussion of future requirements. The Community Police recommendations for where these tubes should be placed was agreed by the parish council. The Clerk was asked to respond to Victoria Upton. Action Clerk

#### **9/03/17: UPDATE FROM DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

Cllrs Cumming and Hadwick attended the last meeting and reported that the partnership was really poorly attended and supported and that perhaps the value of such a group is diminishing. Cllr Cumming stated that they would attend the next meeting in June and if the situation was not different then we should consider withdrawing from this forum.

#### **10/03/17: ANNUAL LANDSCAPE AND GROUND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

Three contractors were asked to tender documents and all 3 responded and visited the village for a briefing. The parish council reviewed and discussed the quotations and a recommendation was made and accepted. It was decided that the successful bidder be advised and that thank you letters be sent to the unsuccessful companies. It was decided that the contract be let initially for 12 months with a review after 6 months.

