

**MINUTES OF THE 297th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2017 AT THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Denise Wilson, Alan Mason and Mike Cumming; also present: County Councillor Ben Shirley, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow; PCSO Louise Johns; Clerk Janice Cumming and 3 members of the public.

1/11/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/11/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor David Knight and Steven Smalley.

3/11/17: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/11/17/1: Annual Landscaping Contract. A member of the public queried the annual maintenance and landscape duties and charges for the parish council. This was explained to the member of the public. The parish council said they were very pleased with the work being carried out by the contractor in his first year. The parish council have received some nice comments regarding his work around the village. It was also explained that the parish council are NOT responsible for all the landscaping and maintenance in Askam and Ireleth. Some of the work is the responsibility of Barrow Borough Council and Cumbria Highways.

4/11/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17 OCTOBER 2017

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

5/11/17: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/11/17/1: Painting of Police Pod. Work has been completed to the outside of the Police Pod in Sandy Lane and everyone agreed it looked much better. CJS Decorators quote for work to the inside of the Pod, materials £155.00, labour £360.00. The PCSO has requested a replacement external notice board, cost no more than £200.00. It was agreed that these two items should be accepted. The Clerk was asked to confirm the work with CJS Decorators and order a notice board.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Agreed

5/11/17/2: Road Closure and Work on Moor Road. The road is still closed and there were no further updates available from Cumbria Highways. Closed until any update available.

5/11/17/3: New Litter Bins for Ireleth Road. The litter bins have been delivered and will be fitted as soon as possible by our Landscape Contractor. Action Clerk

5/11/17/4: Service of Remembrance. Everyone agreed that the Service of Remembrance had been extremely well attended by the Community. The Chairman thanks everyone for attending and he thanked the Clerk, Councillor Hadwick for the refreshments and Councillor Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley for their role in the organising the event. Closed

5/11/17/5: Askam and Ireleth Safest Post Code in the North West. The Clerk is waiting for a response from Highways as to where the sign could be displayed. Action Clerk

5/11/17/6: Children's Christmas Story Time. Library has been booked. Cllr Steven Smalley will be organising this event which will take place in Askam library on Friday 22 December at 6pm.

Action Cllr Smalley

5/11/17/7: Parish Plan. Cllr Bill Wilson offered to Manage the update of the parish plan. All parish councillors are asked to assist Cllr Wilson with this project.

Action Cllr Bill Wilson

6/11/17: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR MIKE CUMMING

BPAC/2017/0704– Park Farm Park, Dalton in Furness. Prior Approval of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings to dwelling houses (use of class C3) and for associated operational development – for conversion of agricultural buildings into two dwellings. No objections or Comments.

B21/2017/0651– 14 Lord Street, Askam. Erection of two storey side extension. No objections or Comments.

B18/2017/0628 – RECONSULTATION Partylite, Park Road, Barrow. Proposal: Construction of temporary Operations and Maintenance Heliport Facility, on land off Sandscale Park. Proposals include the construction of a helipad, a flight operation building (incorporating an office and crew facilities), refuelling facilities, car park, diesel generator and associated infrastructure. Comments from National Trust were read to the parish council and the parish council agreed there were some concerns about noise levels, particularly for the residents at Lowsy Point.

The Clerk was asked to respond to Planning with these responses.

Action Clerk

7/11/17: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PSCO LOUISE JOHNS

Crime figures for October: 5 reports of Anti-social behaviour, motor cycles speeding around the village, knock and run on a home in Stafford Street, Stones being thrown at the Caravans in John Street, 2 females arguing outside the Co-Op on Duke Street. Attempted break-in at the Scout Container and a break in and theft at Urofoam.

Concerns were raised regarding traffic speeding in Askam village. The PCSO asked to remind drivers that in the village and streets of Askam it is a 20mph Zone. Particular concern was raised with regards to vehicles speeding near the Rankin Hall, Duke Street. The Speed Indicator Device will be deployed in this area. The parish council ask that residents watch their speed in all areas of Askam and Ireleth for their own and other people's safety.

Action PCSO Johns

8/11/17: PROPOSED BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2018/19

The parish council agreed to the proposed budget. The precept would be set at £24,000 which would mean a possibly reduction of 11.5%.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson

Action Clerk

Agreed

9/11/17: UPDATE FROM EXTERNAL MEETINGS

9/11/17/1: Duddon Estuary Partnership Meeting. Cllr Mike Cumming attended the meeting on behalf of the parish council, where a new Chairman and Vice Chairman were elected. Cllr Cumming said he felt it was in the interest of the parish council to continue to attend these meetings.

9/11/17/2: PCCG. Cllr. Cumming attended the meeting and advised that there was a feasibility study about to be carried out on behalf of the Friends of the Lake District with a view to including the Duddon Estuary into the National Parks boundary.

9/11/17/3: CALC. Cllr Cumming advised that as a result of the RJC a Barrow District Association had been formed and had been accepted into CALC (Cumbria Association of Local Councils). As a result of this the Chairman of the Barrow District Association, Cllr Cumming was accepted onto the Executive.

9/11/17/4: United Utilities - Shape the future plans for water and wastewater services in Cumbria. An update from this meeting held in Kendal was given by Cllr Barker. United Utilities gave an over view of future services for Cumbria, including the necessity to increase water charges, help for customers in need, working in partnership with customers and local councils to improve the environment, services and the needs of communities.

10/11/17: DATA PROTECTION ACT

Cllr Mike Cumming read out a statement from the National Association of Local Councils explaining that the parish council needs to be registered as holding Data as it is a legal requirement. The cost is £36.00 per annum.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

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

Barrow Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow reported on issues she had been dealing with from residents in Askam and Ireleth. An issues with Drop Pavements in the village has been passed to County Councillor Ben Shirley. An issues with over-hanging hedges at Manx Close has been dealt with.

County Councillor Ben Shirley said he had now accepted a position as Governor at Askam School. He has been working on issues from his report he issued at the last meeting. He asked if Cllr Mike Cumming would like to join the working group with regards to parking issues in the village from Sellafield commuters, as Cllr Cumming has been working on this issue on behalf of the parish council. Cllr Cumming agreed. Cllr Shirley asked if he could have access to CCTV footage from the parish council camera at the Co-Op which may highlight the parking problem in the area. Cllr Cumming asked Cllr Shirley to contact him regarding a suitable time to look at the footage. The Chairman thanked both Councillors for their reports.

12/11/17: REPORT FROM CLERK – INCLUDING FINANCES

An updated financial spreadsheet was made available to all Parish Councillors to inspect. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

13/11/17: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

13/11/17/1: Cllr Mike Cumming read out a report on the work of Friends of Askam Station explaining that permissions had been given to form a garden area and that it would include a pathway, seated area and interpretation boards about the history of Askam and its' station.

14/11/17: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Colin Roberts landscapes for work at memorial garden £400.00, Tythe Barn Nurseries winter planting in village £486.00, CJS Decorators painting of police pod (external) £600.00, Broxap 2 new litter bins for Ireleth £567.48, Refreshments for Service of Remembrance £28.78, Stationery £12.50, Great North Air Ambulance £125.00, NW Air Ambulance £125.00, Mileage Duddon Estuary Partnership meeting, Broughton £9.90, PCCG meeting Thwaites £13.50, CALC AGM in Carlisle £43.20, Askam Band for support at Service of Remembrance £50.00, Royal British Legion for support at Service of Remembrance £50.00, Aqua Pro Jet maintenance charge , tending rose garden and jubilee fountain area, clearing leaves from pavement at Sharp Street and clearing gutter on New Road £590.00

15/11/17: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 19 December 2017 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Harry Barker

Dated 19 December 2017