

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL PLANNING MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD ON TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2012 AT 7.15 PM IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Parish Cllrs. George Twiname (Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, Emma Twiname, Alan Mason, Harry Barker and David Knight **Also present:** Rural Projects Officer, Angela Knowles; Borough Cllr Denis Bell; PCSO Louise Perry, 9 members of the public, the applicant for B20/2012/0489 and his adviser.

1/8/12: DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest were expressed.

2/8/12: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Parish Cllrs Denise Wilson, Liz Gaskell, Clerk Janice Cumming, Borough Councillors Barry Doughty and Ann Thurlow.

3/8/12: REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES – COUNCILLOR SANDRA HADWICK

B21/2012/0472 – 72 Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness – Erection of rear ground floor w.c. extension and a first floor bedroom over existing playroom.

The Parish Council have received no objections from members of the public and no comments were offered at the meeting.

B20/2012/0489 – Change of use of land to Siting of Caravans – Park Knott Smallholding, Dalton Road, Askam-in-Furness.

Cllr Hadwick introduced the item and invited residents at the meeting to comment. A transcript of a telephone call from a Greenscoe resident was also available to the meeting. It was emphasised that the Parish Council whilst a consultee for planning applications does not have any powers of veto. The additional meeting has been called to enable residents to voice their concerns or support and question the applicant and his adviser. A number of concerns were raised by residents and Parish Councillors these are summarised:

Question	Drainage – are the caravans to be situated on hard standing?
Response	The caravans will be sited on permeable aggregate/gravel type plots.
Question	Occupancy – will those occupying the caravans be permanent residents?
Response	No, planning regulations in the Borough will not permit year round occupancy The caravans are for visitors to the area. The caravans will not all be put on the site
Question	Will the trees planted be mature?
Advisor	There will be extensive planning to minimize any visual effect of the development.
Question	What is a package treatment plant?
Advisor	This is similar to a septic tank but the treated water goes direct into a watercourse
Question	This is normally a very wet area with run off down the hill; there is a concern that the development will alter adversely drainage in the area.
Question	There will be a huge increase in traffic on the already fast and busy and dangerous A595 and pedestrians will be at risk.
Advisor	It is not anticipated that there will be an increase in traffic, the access to the site is not directly on to the A595 but on to the access road to the Brickworks. There is an already well used footway on the A595.
Question	The caravans will be 8' in height and will be a visual intrusion for properties in Greenscoe. There will be more caravans than houses. The large building on site will become a club house for the caravan site.
Advisor	The Planning authority does not favour piecemeal development therefore any future proposals are most unlikely to get approved. The large building will remain for agricultural use only. There is no capacity to increase the site.

- Question The development should not be close to a railway line, nuclear flasks are going past several times a week, children from the caravan park will throw things on to the line and there will be a derailment. Children will get into the brickworks and cause damage.
- Advisor There has been no objection formally from the Brickworks to the development. There will be security fencing along the railway line boundary and a hedge. It is expected that the caravan site will attract the older age group.
- Question This is spoiling a rural area and changing the characteristics of this rural landscape.
- Advisor The site already is exceptionally well visually contained. Photographs of various view points are included in the change of use application which shows that the development will not be seen in its entirety from any angle.
- Question It was suggested that the soak away drainage proposed was insufficient for the site and that this could cause significant problems which would have to be addressed as an engineering issue in the future.
- Question This is an industrial area which will not be attractive to visitors. There are significant amounts of dust and noise created by the use of the haul road for the brick works. There is also noise from the brickworks at night. A caravan park should not be sited in an area where there is extensive industrial activity.
- Question Whilst the Brickworks have not formally commented on the application it is recognised that the development could potentially cause problems for them. A director of the Brickworks is a resident of Greenscoe and is concerned about the visual impact on that community.

Cllr George Twiname advised that residents should write individually with their objections to Barrow Borough Council. A summary of the issues raised at this meeting would be sent to Barrow Borough Council.

4/8/12: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk 'salary £255.89, CALC Cllr Training £48.00, DCP Cleansing £70.00 Duke Street Square round Jubilee Fountain, Broxap Litter Bin £406.74.

Proposed Cllr Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Barker

5/8/12: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 September 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:00 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed Date