

MINUTES OF THE 250TH MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON TUESDAY 21 MAY 2013 IN THE RANKIN HALL, ASKAM

Present: Parish Cllr George Twiname (Chairman), Liz Gaskell (Vice Chairman), Sandra Hadwick, David Knight and Denise Wilson. Also present: Clerk, Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise Perry; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, Denis Bell and Borough and County Councillor Barry Doughty; 5 Members of the public.

1/05/13: DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY AND OTHER REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

Cllr Gaskell declared an interest in item 21/05/13 sanctions for payment.

2/05/13: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr Alan Mason and Cllr Gaskell gave her apologies for having to leave the meeting early.

3/05/13: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A member of the public asked if there has been any update on the caravan being parked in a field near Greenscoe. The Chairman reported that no information had been received by the parish council and this was being dealt with by Barrow Borough Council's Enforcement Officer. An enforcement notice had been issued CMP/2012/110. The Clerk will contact the Borough Council to ask if there is any update. Action Clerk

James Street residents have again raised concerns about the state of the factory building near their properties and that the seagulls have started nesting there again this year causing upset to the residents. The Chairman said he would speak to the owner of the factory who he believes is taking advice regarding the seagull problem. Action Chairman

4/05/13: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2013

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

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

5/05/13: PROGRESS REPORT FROM LAST MEETING

5/05/13/1: Letter from John Street Resident. Clerk responded to letter from John Street resident regarding the access road from the Community field. No reply has been received. Closed

5/05/13/2: Land at Common Hest. Cllr Doughty has spoken to the Borough Council about this area which belongs to the Borough Council. He has asked Streetcare to look at this and they may use the pay back people to tidy the area. The Chairman asked that consideration be given to any birds which maybe nesting at the present time. Action Borough Councillors

5/05/13/3: Public Footpath – Nook Lane. Cllr Barker has looked at this area, but as he was not present at the meeting, the item will be carried over. Action Cllr Barker

5/05/13/4: Footpath 602054 – Saves Lane to A591. This footpath has been closed by Cumbria County Council because it is deemed unsafe. The County Council are looking at funding to repair this area, because of the cost of this repair (in the region of £35K) it will not be a quick fix and sponsors will have to be found to share the cost. The Clerk contacted the residents regarding their query and gave them a contact at the County Council. Closed until further update from County Council

5/05/13/5: Drop Zone are looking to start using the rugby club after the half term, unfortunately the Youth Workers have not met the Chair of the rugby club yet due to clashing timetables, but are waiting to hear back about introducing them to him. DZ are also looking at the Prince's Countryside fund to help with staffing hours, travel, iPad and other resources.

5/05/13/6: Skate Park. Drop Zone are still looking at funding, the cost of a new concrete park is in the region of £50 - £75K, so not an easy task. Cllr Knight looked at the equipment already in the park and agreed some repairs do need to be done. An email with these recommendations has been sent to Barrow Borough Council as they own the equipment. Cllr Doughty said that Keith Johnson from Barrow BC is aware that repairs are needed and also offered

to put in some new pipes. Cllr Doughty recommended the parish council contacts Keith Johnson.

Action Clerk

5/05/13/7: Parking at Junctions. Although everyone agreed there were still problems, there had been no reports made to the police.

Ongoing

5/05/13/8: Pavement, Duke Street. A letter from Mrs Lowther of 139 Duke Street was read out by the Chairman. Mr and Mrs Lowther were present at the meeting. The Chairman explained that members of the public approached the parish council about making repairs to the pavement on Duke Street. Mr and Mrs Lowther believe that this part of the pavement belongs to their property and not to the County Council. There are other issues regarding the Lowther's land which borders land owned by the parish council. The Chairman and the Clerk will visit Mr and Mrs Lowther to discuss all these matters at a mutually convenient date.

Action Chairman/Clerk

5/05/13/9: BOAT 602031 – Foreshore access to pier. No further update has been received from Highways. The Clerk will continue to liaise with Martyn Taylor.

Ongoing

5/05/13/10: Footpath, Greenscoe. No further update from Mark Hankin which is disappointing as he promised to meet the Clerk on site over a month ago.

Ongoing

5/05/13/11: Parish Council Logo on Entrance Signs to village. Again the Clerk has not been able to get a response from Mark Hankin at Cumbria Highways.

Ongoing

5/05/13/12: Dog Fouling. Again no improvement, some dog owners are still not picking up after their dogs which is very disappointing as well as anti-social. The Clerk purchased dog waste bags which are in the police pod and free to residents.

5/05/13/13: Flooding in Village. The Clerk received an email from Highways to say that the CCTV survey was complete but as yet no actual video/report has been received. Once the information is received a meeting will be held to discuss options that may present themselves. The Clerk will communicate this message to Mr and Mrs Tyson, Dale Street.

Ongoing

5/05/13/14: Letters from Askam School. Cllr Gaskell is dealing with this item and said it can now be closed.

Closed

5/05/13/15: Land at rear of Dalton Road. Cllr Knight and Cllr Gaskell visited the resident of 27 Dalton Road to give her the results from the land registry report. They also gave this information to the residents who contacted the parish council in the first instance. This situation will be monitored.

Ongoing

5/05/13/16: Landscaping at Sharp Street: This work has been completed by Redsyke and the area looks much better and the residents are pleased with it.

Closed

5/05/13/17: Shop Front Scheme. The parish council did not understand why Askam and Ireleth had not been included in this scheme as we are part of the Borough. They asked the Clerk to write to Ann Taylforth for an explanation.

Action Clerk

5/05/13/18: Library. The Clerk informed Cumbria County Council Library services that the parish council are willing to fund a Saturday morning opening on a trial basis for our library. A meeting will be held sometime in June to discuss this and other items regarding our library.

6/05/13: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

CRIME STATS for APRIL - 4 criminal damage – 1 drug related crime, 1 theft and 12 reports of anti-social behaviour, 4 of which were youth related - the anti-social behaviour is random and not clustered in one particular area. The Chairman was disappointed that one of issues of damage was to the picnic bench in the community field, which was purchased by our County Councillor at the request of people in the village.

7/05/13: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SANDRA HADWICK

B20/2013/0332 – 89 Duke Street - Change of use to convert ground floor shop into a self-contained flat including projecting an existing rear two storey extension over existing garage to form a further bedroom and bathroom

facilities for first floor maisonette accommodation. *Concerns expressed regarding parking in Duke Street and rubbish left in the back street from building work.*

B13/2013/0321 – Ireleth Road Garage - Conversion of roof space to a 2 bedroom, self-contained flat/apartment.

B21/2013/0300 – Marsh Farm - Replace small pitch roof, corrugated roof and small flat roof on the side extension with a larger apex roof.

B21/2013/0156 – Thwaite House, Hawthwaite Lane - Erection of a rear first floor extension to enlarge two existing bedrooms and provide a bathroom.

There were no other objections expressed by the parish council or members of the public present.

8/05/13: UPDATE ON PARISH PLAN

Cllr Gaskell reported that she was working with Cllr Mason and Cllr Knight and the project was going very well. She asked that all councillors get their comments from the old plan to her by 2 June. **Action Cllr Gaskell**

9/05/13: GATE AT COMMUNITY FIELD

Cllr Knight has been approached by residents asking if the gate nearest to John Street can be left opened later in the evenings, especially in the light nights. Most evenings the gate is shut by 7 pm which seems too early and 9.30 pm would be more acceptable. The parish council agreed with this proposal and if the resident who locks the gate cannot change the times, then the gate should be left unlocked. The Chairman offered to speak to the resident.

Action Chairman

10/05/13: DEALING WITH PRESS AND MEDIA

After an incident with Radio Cumbria, Cllr Gaskell asked that the parish council adopt a policy on dealing with the press and media. The Chairman said that in the past any statements to the press and media were dealt with by the Clerk. The Clerk will look at this and write a policy which if agreed will be added to the Parish Council's Standing Orders.

Action Clerk

11/05/13: PARKING ON STEEL STREET/SHARP STREET PARK TARMAC AREA

Both Cllr Knight and Wilson thought this would be a good idea as parking in both these areas was a problem. They suggested that they what the residents felt about this suggestion and that reported back to the parish council. This was agreed.

Action Cllr Wilson and Knight

12/05/13: ST PETER'S CHURCH, IRELETH

Cllr Gaskell asked if the parish council would consider a donation to the church for much needed repairs in response to Rev'd Mitchell's presentation to the parish council at the last meeting. Although weekly attendance was fairly low, the church was used regularly for christenings, weddings and funerals and Cllr Gaskell said she felt to lose our parish church would be very sad for this community. The parish council agreed to donate £1,000 to St Peter's Church for repairs. The Clerk was asked to arrange this for the next meeting.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Emma Twiname

Agreed

13/05/13: VENUE OF MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Cllr Wilson asked if the venue for the meetings could be examined with regards to attendance and ease of access. The parish council asked if Cllr Wilson could liaise with the Clerk on this matter and update the parish councillors.

Action Cllr Wilson/Clerk

14/05/13: CIVIC SUNDAY

Cllr Gaskell has been approached by Alan Jones regarding holding a Civic Sunday in the village. Cllr Gaskell has also spoken to Rev'd Mitchell and she stated that the schools, cubs, scouts and brownies would attend. She was informed by Alan Jones that there is an agreement that the chains of office which are now with Dalton Town Council can be used at this type of service for Askam and Ireleth. The Chairman and some of the parish council were not sure this was something our parish council should participate in. Cllr Gaskell will send out a document she has produced regarding this and asked that all the parish councillors to read it prior to a decision being made at the next meeting.

Action All

15/05/13: FACEBOOK

Cllr Gaskell said that facebook the parish council facebook page is working well with 215 'friends' for the page. The site is not only promoting the parish council, but WI, church events, community events and the history group.

16/05/13: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Doughty gave the update and mentioned that as well as our Borough Councillor he is our elected representative for the County Council. The Chairman congratulated Cllr Doughty on his success and hoped he will continue to support Askam and Ireleth in both his roles. Cllr Doughty said that the Borough Councillor surgery will now be held on the last Saturday of each month in Askam Library, Lord Street from 9.00 to 10.30 am.

Cllr Doughty explained that Cumbria Highways are going through some major changes and have had their budget cut this year. Cllr Doughty will continue to press Highways to look at the speed limit on the A595 through Askam and Ireleth. He is also liaise with Northern Rail regarding opening the toilets on the station for public use.

17/05/13: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly spreadsheet of expenditure was given to each parish councillor to view.

17/05/13/1: The Clerk asked permission to contact Ryan to get some items updated on our website.

17/05/13/2: The Clerk asked permission to purchase some bedding plants for the jubilee garden.

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

17/05/13/3: The Clerk reported that the new street lights on Caspian Road and Steel Street have been connected.

18/05/13: PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

The Clerk has received two quotations and suggests the parish council take the one from Zurich on a 3 year option which is cheaper than A.on. This was agreed and the Clerk will inform Zurich of the decision.

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

19/05/13: RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION TO CUMBRIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

A renewal notice has been received for the yearly subscription to CALC. The cost this year is £322.00. The Clerk asked if the parish council wished to renew this subscription, it was unanimously agreed that the membership should be renewed. The Clerk will inform CALC.

Action Clerk

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr George Twiname

Agreed

20/05/13: CORRESPONDENCE *to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.*

21/05/13: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Gutters to Gardens £185.00 for repair to Duddon Road steps, Clerk's salary plus new employer pension scheme payment required by law £345.00, Clerk's expenses incl dog waste bags £14.85, Copier paper £4.70, parking for meeting at Barrow town hall £1.30, new accounts book £20.57, Fell view Joiners £72.00 marine plywood backing board for notice board at Dr Jain's surgery.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

22/05/13: TIME, DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 June 2013 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth

Signed **Date**