

MINUTES OF 270th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 17 MARCH 2015 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM

Present: Members of the Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson Vice Chairman, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, David Knight, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO Louise John; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, and Borough & County Councillor Barry Doughty; Keiron Christian, Rachel McKie Drop Zone and 10 members of the public

1/03/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Harry Barker disclosed an interest in item 5/03/12/2.

2/03/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

3/03/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/03/15/1: A question was asked regarding the caravan which is still parked in land near Greenscoe. Cllr Knight said he would be contacting the Enforcement Officer at Barrow Borough Council and would hopefully have an update for the next meeting. Action Cllr Knight

3/03/15/2: Concerns were raised again about parking on Duke Street. Cllr Cumming explained that the parish council are working with several agencies to look at providing a car park. This was not a quick fix or an easy task, but residents can be assured the parish council are putting the case forward to as many people as they can including Sellafield, the rail companies, Borough and County Council. A question from the floor was asked as to why Askam should provide a car park for Sellafield commuters. The parish council understand the frustration of residents, but believe that the majority of residents think a car park would be a good solution. Parking restrictions will be put into place in the near future by the County Council in the near future.

4/03/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 FEBRUARY 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

5/03/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/03/15/1: Broadband. Mr Ray Clark who has been taking up the broadband issue for the residents of Ireleth met with our MP John Woodcock who stated that he had met with BT in London and that broadband for Ireleth would be installed by the end of March. This the parish felt was an incredible turn around by BT, but a very welcome one. Cllr Cumming was in communication with Connecting Cumbria and was planning to meet with them to discuss having Ireleth added to the Phase 2 or maybe even Phase 1 of their upgrade programme. But with this news from Ray Clark this would not now be necessary. There is still an issue with Greenscoe and it is hoped our MP can help the residents of Greenscoe.

5/03/15/2: Sign for Access to Greenscoe Quarry. The proposed notice was agreed and the owner of the Quarry will liaise with the parish council to purchase the sign and have it erected. Action Cllr Cumming

5/03/15/3: Public Toilet Area. Contract has now been awarded by Barrow Borough Council for landscaping the area. Work should commence end of March. Ongoing

5/03/15/4: CCTV Camera. This has been delayed, will be installed as soon as equipment has been received by contractor. Ongoing

5/03/15/5: Closure of Lots Road. As anticipated the closure of Lots Road has caused problems in and around Duke Street. The Clerk contacted Highways on the first day of the closure after several complaints from residents. Cones were placed along Duke Street which did help the situation, but still people parked between the cones near the shops. Hopefully work to Lots Road will be completed by 10 April.

5/03/15/6: 150 Years of Askam. The Clerk has spoken to the Carnival Committee expressing an interest in participating in this year's carnival. The parish council will also work with the local history group to put

together an exhibition of 150 years of Askam. It was also mentioned that this year sees 150 years on 29 June of the consecration of St Peter's Church and 100 years of Sisterhood in Askam and Ireleth.

5/03/15/7: Parish Plan. Updates to the parish plan have been completed and copies have been printed these are available from the library or from the Clerk.

5/03/15/8: Coastal Erosion. Cllr Knight and Cllr Cumming had visited Marsh Farm and viewed the area with Mr and Mrs Johnson. Cllr Knight reported that it was a useful visit and the nature of the Johnsons' problems were there to see. However unless some heavy investment in sea defences are instigated then it is likely that more erosion will happen. The Parish council will write to United Utilities highlighting the potential problem with the sewage works. The Parish Council have also been in touch with Bootle who have experienced similar problems and are awaiting a report from WS Atkins which they will forward a copy on receipt.

5/03/15/9: Triangle of land, Ireleth Brow. Highways have agreed that the parish council can tidy this land and plant the bed, but only with Highway's recommended plants. Redsyke has a copy of the recommended plants and will look at starting the work as soon as possible.

6/03/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES

B28/2015/0116 – Erection of yard security fencing and gates plus installation of service door and laying of visitors parking hard standing at Furness Cars & Commercial, Paradise, Ireleth

B18/2015/0117 – Erection of security fence and replacement of yard gate at Unit 1 Station Yard, Askam.

B13/2015/0113 - Minor material amendment following grant of planning application

B13/2014/0745 (proposed erection of a single dwelling house) to allow a change of material to external walls from pebble dashing to red brick at land between 101 and 107 Beach Street Askam-in-Furness

B18/2015/0165 – New Stables, Tarn Flatt (field at) Marton, Ulverston.

No objections have been received by the parish council. No objections expressed by the parish council or from the floor.

7/03/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

An incident in the Spring newsletter from British Transport Police regarding a vehicle driving over the railway crossing while the red light was flashing, the driver was fined and 3 points added to his licence. No reports of anti-social behaviour, 2 burglaries from sheds and a garage, 1 at Greenscoe, 1 on Duddon Road. Criminal damage, a window was smashed during a party. Theft of rear brake lights and grill from a vehicle, a domestic incident in Steel Street. The Speed Indicator will again be deployed in the village. Cllr Cumming asked if there was any update regarding an incident in Steel Street regarding a person entering a house uninvited. PCSO Johns said enquiries had been made, no further information had been received.

8/03/15: BEACH CLEAN, SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2015

Plans going well and offers of support being received. Duddon Inshore Rescue, 16 from Probation services. Offers of help from residents, Centrica, Drop Zone. Redsyke will take down part of fence and replace same day. Contribution of £416.66 from Natural England. Cllr Bill Wilson will provide a risk assessment. HBP will provide the dumper truck and skip.

9/03/15: LETTER FROM KIRKBY IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Kirkby Ireleth to confirm that the parish council would be interested in attending any meetings to discuss concerns regarding the A595, the proposed national grid pylons and other issues which affect parishes bordering the Duddon Estuary. **Action Clerk**

10/03/15: UPDATE FROM SOUTH AND WEST CUMBRIA ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Cllr Cumming attended this summit held at Forum 28. There had been a number of presentations given regarding the new Nuclear Power station at Moorside and the impact on the West and South Cumbria area. Clear issues surround the A595 road for ALL it's length and discussions were held around general infrastructure requirements including road rail links and IT issues. No real actions from this meeting but useful to be aware of the potential impacts for Askam & Ireleth.

11/03/15: SEATS, BENCHES AND LITTER BINS

The Clerk mentioned that some of the above were looking a shabby and ask if she could look at getting these painted and repaired. It was agreed that the Clerk could go ahead with this. Action Clerk

12/03/15: UPDATE FROM DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

Attended by Cllr Mike Cumming and Sandra Hadwick who reported that the Partnership will require a new chairman in November and a number of items were discussed including the National Grid Power line routes and also a Bridge over the Duddon estuary. Neither subject could be progressed due to a lack of information from National Grid. Next meeting in June.

13/03/15: CHANGE OF DATE FOR JUNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

It was agreed that the parish council would meet on Tuesday 9 June 2015.

14/03/15: TIDYING OF ST PETER’S, IRELETH CHURCHYARD

There has been quite a lot of concerns raised in the village regarding the churchyard. On behalf of the parish council the Clerk asked Redsyke to provide a quotation for tidying the churchyard and maintaining it to a manageable level. This will not be an easy task and will take some time and funding to get the churchyard into a manageable state. On 29 June it will be 150 years since the church was consecrated and the feeling was it would be appropriate to try to tidy the churchyard for this event. These costs would be added to 2015/16 budget. The parish council agreed to this work and asked the Clerk to liaise with the parochial church council and Redsyke. Action Clerk

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

15/03/15: REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM FRIENDS OF ASKAM STATION

A presentation was given to the parish council from the Friends of Askam station regarding work they are proposing to do to the station garden. After considering the grant application it was decided to give £750.00 towards this project.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker **Seconded Cllr David Knight** **Agreed**

16/03/15: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Barry Doughty gave an update on County Council matters and issues he was dealing with on behalf of the village, which included line markings in the village to help with parking issues.

17/03/15: REPORT FROM CLERK, INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure spreadsheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley **Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson** **Agreed**

18/03/15: CORRESPONDENCE

To check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

Letter of thank you from Askam Village School regarding the grant from the parish council towards the new playground surface.

19/03/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Astra Print 5 year parish plan £276.00 plus Remembrance Service Booklets £49.00, Ireleth Temperance Hall £50.00, Rankin Hall £185.00, CALC £29.50, Toner for printer £43.25, Duddon Estuary Partnership Meeting (will be reimbursed) £20.00, parking in Barrow for election briefing and Economic Summit £9.00, Stationery incl envelopes, laminator pouches, files, copying paper £18.80, Redsyke 4th annual instalment for landscape and maintenance £1641.25.

20/03/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21 April 2015 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth

Signed Dated