

**MINUTES OF 271st MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON 21
APRIL 2015 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Members of the Parish Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Alan Mason, Denise Wilson, Sandra Hadwick, David Knight, Mike Cumming and Steven Smalley also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; PCSO John McVea; Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, Borough & County Councillor Barry Doughty; 2 members of the public

1/04/15: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Mike Cumming 14/04/15/1 – Drop Zone. Cllr Barker 5/4/15/3 – Sign at Greenscoe.

2/04/15: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman

3/04/15: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/04/15/1: An email has been received regarding the amount of caravans which have appeared on land in the village, particular concern was expressed about the amount on land adjacent to the Lots Road. It is believed that some of these caravans are being lived in on either a full or part time basis. Cllr David Knight said he would look into this matter. Action Cllr Knight

3/04/15/2: Request from a member of the public that the litter bin which has been removed from the lay-by on the A595 near Ireleth School be replaced. The parish were not aware that the bin had been removed and will contact Barrow Borough Council. Action Clerk

3/04/15/3: A request from the Bowling Club that the skate ramp, which has been moved by vandals be put back into its original position. The Clerk will contact Barrow Borough Council. Action Clerk

4/04/15: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2015

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

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson Agreed

5/04/15: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/04/15/1: Caravan at Greenscoe. Cllr Knight has spoken to the Enforcement Officer at Barrow Borough Council, An appeal has been lodged by the owner of the land and the outcome from this is awaited. Cllr Knight will keep in contact with the Enforcement Officer. Action Cllr Knight

5/04/15/2: Broadband. Despite information from the MP that Ireleth would be connected by end of March nothing has happened. Since the Broadband seems to be back on the Commercial roll-out programme then nothing can be done via Connecting Cumbria initiative. The chairman said he had been advised that the 22nd May might be a significant date for connection of Broadband. Ongoing

5/04/15/3: Sign for Access to Greenscoe Quarry. Signs have been fitted. Closed

5/04/15/4: Public Toilet Area. Worked commenced end of March. Contractor now waiting for National Grid to visit site as there is a gas main in the area. Once he has permission from National Grid he will continue with the work to the area. Ongoing

5/04/15/5: CCTV Camera. New camera was installed, but problems were detected. The camera has been returned to the manufacturer and will be fitted as soon as repairs have been made. Ongoing

5/04/15/6: Closure of Lots Road. Road now fully open.

5/04/15/7: 150 Years of Askam. The Clerk asked if the parish council would agree to purchase some extra display boards at a cost of £30.00.

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson Seconded Cllr Harry Barker Agreed

A frame for the float is also required and the Clerk was asked to source this. Help will be needed to repair the float and the exhibition and it was hoped that all Parish Councillors would make themselves available for this task. Cllr Barry Doughty offered financial support towards this project.

5/04/15/8: Coastal Erosion. A letter has been sent to United Utilities advising them of the potential issues to their waste water facility. Ongoing

5/04/15/9: Triangle of land, Ireleth Brow. Redsyke has planted shrubs and will put in summer bedding plants. Closed

5/04/15/10: Meeting with Kirkby Ireleth Parish. A letter has been sent to Kirkby Ireleth Parish Council regarding a joint meeting to discuss issues which effect parishes around the Duddon Estuary. A date has not yet been fixed. The Clerk will notify members when a response has been received. Action Clerk

5/04/15/11: Seats, Benches and Litter Bins. The Clerk is still try to find someone to paint and repair these items around the village. Action Clerk

5/04/15/12: Tidying St Peter's Churchyard. The Clerk has spoken to Barrow Borough Council and it is their intention to grass-strim the whole churchyard should they be given permission to re-use part of the churchyard. On their advice it was decided to wait to see if the parish council feel they want to extra work to the churchyard once Barrow BC have carried out this work. It is hoped that the work will be done this summer. This item will be closed until after the work has been completed. Closed

6/04/15: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES

New planning application

B13/2015/0164 – Erection of 2 pairs of semi-detached dwellings at the site of demolished Furness Tavern. No objections. Clerk to respond.

Approved with conditions

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

B13/2015/0113 – Land between 101 and 107 Beach Street non-material amendment

7/04/15: REPORT FROM COMMUNITY POLICE - PCSO JOHN MCVEA

March figures – 5 anti-social behaviour reports – 2 youth related. 3 phone/facebook incidents. Criminal damage to Askam Bowling Club and further damage reported on 14 April. Theft of a child's bike and 2 assaults – 1 domestic and 1 an affray in a public place. The Speed Indicator Device was deployed on Ireleth Road, a malfunction had occurred and the SID has been removed for repair.

The parish council were deeply saddened by the damage to the Bowling Club, which a great asset to the village and well is cared for by the club. It is hoped that that the culprits are apprehended and that the whole village supports the bowling club in trying to prevent such action by what seems to be our young people. Speeding traffic on Ireleth Road is a grave concern and the parish council would like the police to do all they can to help with this problem. PCSO McVea said he has now received training in using the new police laser gun and it was hoped to deploy this in trouble spot areas, such as Ireleth Road.

8/04/15: BEACH CLEAN

The first phase of the beach clean took place on Saturday 28 March and even though it was not a very nice day it was very well attended. The parish council would like to thank all those who helped with this 'back breaking' task. Approximately 15 tons of rubble was removed. There is still a lot more rubble to collect and a date later in the year will be arranged to continue the job.

9/04/15: REVIEW AND ACCEPT PARISH COUNCIL FIANCIAL REGULATIONS

Each member of the parish council have reviewed the current financial regulations and these were agreed.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Secoded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

10/04/15: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

A copy of the Governance Statement was given to each parish councillor to read. Each point was agreed and accepted. The Chairman and Clerk then signed the approval.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Secoded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

11/04/15: REVIEW, ACCEPT AND APPROVE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15

The accounts have been returned from our Internal Auditor and he has accepted them as a true record. The parish council were asked to review and accept the accounts. These were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman and Responsible Finance Officer.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

12/04/15: REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Councillor Doughty gave a report of actions being carried out by the County Council which included work to the drains on Moor Row. Also restricted parking measures within Askam which he has asked Highways to look at should be completed within the next few months.

13/04/15: REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The annual expenditure sheet was made available for all parish councillors to view. This was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

13/04/15/1: Cllr Alan Mason had reported to the Clerk that the plaque from the Jubilee fountain was missing. The Clerk had found part of the plaque broken and thrown behind the wall. Cllr Steve Smalley offered to look at finding someone to make a new plaque for the fountain. The Chairman thanked Cllr Smalley.

Action Cllr Smalley

14/04/15: CORRESPONDENCE – to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

14/04/15/1: Monthly Report from Drop Zone. A comprehensive report from Drop Zone was received and it seems that the project in Askam and Ireleth is going well and has a growing number of young people getting involved in activities. The sessions have been cut from 3 hours to 2 hours each week because of funding. It was agreed that the parish council would fund this lost hour until September at a cost of £500. The Clerk would inform Drop Zone of this decision. Drop Zone are holding an open day on Wednesday 8 July between 2.30pm and 4.30pm at their headquarters in Cornwallis Street, Barrow, and the parish council are invited to this event.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

15/04/15: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Clerk's overtime for completing accounts & VAT return £136.56, Roger Brailsford internal auditor £50.00, Friends of Askam Station work to station garden £750.00 (last year's expenditure), Cumbria County Council salary for Saturday librarian £280.60, rigger gloves £46.95 and buckets £60.00 for Beach Clean, postage stamps £7.44, Signs for Greenscoe and Quarry £36.00, Toner for printer £43.25.

Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson

Seconded Cllr Steve Smalley

Agreed

16/04/15: DATE, PLACE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

Tuesday 19 May 2015 at 7.15 pm at the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Dated