

**MINUTES OF THE 309th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2018 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council: Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllrs David Knight, Mike Cumming, Stephen Smalley, Alan Mason, Sandra Hadwick and Denise Wilson; also, present: PCSO Louise Johns, County Councillor Ben Shirley; Clerk Janice Cumming; there were no members of the public.

**1/12/18: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** None

**2/12/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillor Bill Wilson, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow.

**3/12/18: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/12/18/1: Road markings at Askam Railway Station.** It was a concern that the road markings are faded and need refreshing. The parish council will contact Cumbria CC Highways and County Councillor Ben Shirley will also raise this to Highways. Action Clerk/Cllr Shirley

**4/12/18: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20 NOVEMBER 2018**

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

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr David Knight**

**Agreed**

**5/12/18: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/12/18/1 Parking in Askam and Ireleth.** County Councillor Ben Shirley said that since the last meeting he had been contacted by residents of Greenhaume regarding concerns about double yellow lines being put on the access road. Councillor Shirley would be holding a meeting in early January to discuss the matter with residents of Greenhaume.

**5/12/18/2: Flooding Issues on Moor Road affecting Saves Lane.** Flooding issues on Moor Road and Ireleth Brow. The parish lengths man Archie Workman has worked on both these areas and has cleared drains and cut back verges and diverted water running off the field into the beck at Ireleth Brow. Highways have also been in both areas with their mechanical road cleaning, clearing away leaves and mulch.

**5/12/18/3: Footpath 602061 – Saves Lane.** Cumbria County Council's Countryside Access Officer reported that 5 bridges would be replaced between Marsh Grange and Saves Lane. Replacement of one bridge has been completed. The other bridges are being store locally and will be replaced as soon as weather permits.

Ongoing

**5/12/18/5: Sun Street and Hollowgate Road.** Work at the junction is partial complete, the road markings need to be replaced. Clerk has emailed Cumbria Highways with the parish council's comments regarding the poor patching on Sun Street and the fact that Utility Companies are **not** enforced to repair the road like for like, which is disappointing as this is a conservation area. The Clerk has asked if Cllr Ben Shirley to bring this issue to the attention Cumbria CC and ascertain if they are responsible for checking the work done by utility companies on the highway or adopted roads. The parish council asked if this shoddy workmanship would have been allowed if Sun Street was within the National Park.

**5/12/18/6: Moor Road.** Cllr Ben Shirley reported that he had received a response from David Laing the Infrastructure Recovery Programme Manager regarding Moor Road. GI (boreholes- 2 of) were carried out on Tuesday 11 December. They are hoping to get final design by very early Jan 2019, IRP will then assess if we can award AEY's stage 2 construction based on cost/procurement legislation. Would like to think we will be on site carrying out the works prior to April 2019.

**6/12/18: TO REPORT ON POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE JOHNS**

Crime Figures for November 2018 – Antisocial behaviour 2, assault 3, criminal damage 4.

**7/12/18: TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES**

BSS/2018/0823 – A screening opinion for an extension of life of Far Old Park Windfarm. Parish Council not officially consulted on this, but comment sent by parish council to say there are still complaints about noise from this windfarm. Although the parish council have not been consulted on this it was felt they should point out that residents were still having problems with noise from this windfarm. The Clerk was asked to respond. Action Clerk

### **8/12/18: CHILDREN'S STORY TIME, ASKAM LIBRARY**

Cllr Stephen Smalley reported everything was in place for the children's story time which will be held at 6pm in the library on Sunday 23 December.

Action Cllr Smalley

### **9/12/18: PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

Cllr Bill Wilson had sent in the following report. A draft Parish Plan stakeholder presentation has been produced, which incorporates comments raised on the returned questionnaires against the relevant sub categories i.e. traffic calming, speeding, recycling etc.

Once this presentation has been updated and accepted by the Parish Council, dates can be considered for presenting the feedback to an agreed stakeholder community sometime in the New Year. Following that presentation and agreement on what can realistically be achieved in the Parish Plan timescales, the new Action Plan element can be produce in conjunction with the revised Parish Plan.

Action Cllr Bill Wilson

### **10/12/18: REPORT FROM SPEED WATCH TRAINING**

Cllr Stephen Smalley had attended the speed watching training given by PCSO John McVea in Dalton. Cllr Smalley said that he felt this should be something the parish council should support, and he was willing to take on the task of getting volunteers together to operate the speed gun for use within the village. Councillor Shirley offered his support.

Action Cllr Smalley

### **11/12/18: PLANNING TRAINING**

Cllr Mike Cumming and the Clerk had attended a training session at Barrow Town Hall regarding the relatively new planning hub system now being used by Barrow Borough Council. It had been most useful and gave a good insight into what is on the website. Both agreed there was some very useful information and felt the hub was user friendly.

### **12/12/18: REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Shirley reported that the trial service for the X7 bus was going well and was being well supported by residents. It was hoped that volunteers would come forward to help set up a committee to support the service and prepare for a way forward to keep the service running. It was felt that it maybe advantageous to join forces with other community bus services in the area. Cllr Shirley asked that if any members of the community could like to come forward and join this committee, he would very much like to hear from them.

### **13/12/18: REPORT FROM CLERK (including Finances)**

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

**Proposed Cllr Harry Barker**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**13/12/18/1:** The budget for 2019/2020 was agreed and the precept set at £24,000, the same as last year. The Clerk would inform Barrow Borough Council.

Action Clerk

**14/12/18: CORRESPONDENCE** to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

**14/12/18/1: Notification from Northern Rail** – Changes to Sunday Train Times – buses will replace all trains between Whitehaven and Millom from Sunday 6 January to Sunday 10 February 2019.

**14/12/18/2:** Letter of thanks from Harry Martin, Chairman of Askam Village Hall Charity regarding funding for their project from the parish council.

### **15/12/18: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Aqua Pro Jet Monthly landscape and maintenance £570.84, Askam Pensioners room hire for parish council and Drop Zone Youth Projects April to December 2018 £340.00, Replacement microwave for police pod £35.00, Snow shovel handles for Duddon Inshore Rescue £44.06, Dog Waste bags £14.85, 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps £6.96, Refreshments for PC meeting £9.52, Cllr M Cumming mileage to attend PCCG meeting at Grizebeck £6.75, Archie Workman, Parish lengths man as per worksheet £94.14.

**Proposed Cllr Alan Mason**

**Seconded Cllr David Knight**

**Agreed**

### **16/12/18: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 15 January 2019 at 7.15pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam.**