

**MINUTES OF THE 306th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council: Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming, Denise Wilson, Dave Knight, Alan Mason and Stephen Smalley; also, present: PCSO Louise Johns; Clerk Janice Cumming, County Councillor Ben Shirley; Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall and 7 members of the public.

1/09/18: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/09/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Bill Wilson, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow.

3/09/18: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/09/18/1: Over-flowing litter bins in the village. Correspondence received, suggesting that extra bins should be put in hot spot areas. Cllr Cumming explained that the contractors are obliged not to let the bins get more than 75% full and should regularly check to ensure that this is the case. Regard to the Co-op bin, there are two bins direct opposite that are under utilised and the intention is to move one of those across the street adjacent to the existing bin. In the meantime, we will continue to report overflowing bins. There is a limit on the number of bins within the contract it was suggested that a review of the existing bins is carried out and if necessary reallocated to satisfy the problem. Ongoing

3/09/18/2: Litter Bin at Lots junction. Cllr Knight reported that the litter bin had been damaged by a vehicle. This had been reported to the police and Barrow Borough council. The Clerk asked Barrow Borough Council to remove the damaged bin and replace with a new bin. No response yet. Ongoing

3/09/18/3: Footpath 602059 – Low Lane to Paradise. From the floor members of the public reported works being carried out to this footpath by the owner of a property on Tippins Lane. It would seem he is making an access road to his fields via Nook Lane using heavy plant, tipping aggregate and putting in gates. The parish council will ask advice from Cumbria County Council's Countryside Access Team who manage footpaths throughout the County. Action Clerk

3/09/18/4: Lamping in the Fields behind Saves Lane. From the floor it was reported that lamping was being carried out. The community police officer was asked to follow this up by the Police and Crime Commissioner who was at the meeting. Members of the public were **urged** to report these activities to the police by dialling 101. Action PCSO Johns

3/09/18/5: Steps at Duddon Road Car Park. Cllr Ben Shirley had received a request from a resident to ask if the anti-slip surface could be replaced on these steps. The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact Barrow Borough Council as they were responsible for these steps. Action Clerk

3/09/18/6: Path on the side of the Slag bank at Teal Close. Cllr Ben Shirley had received a request to provide a safer access to this area and asked if the parish council were responsible for this area. The Chairman responded that as far as he was aware this was not a designated path and had been 'man-made'. He was unsure who this area belongs to, but it **was not** the parish council. He thought that anyone using this path did so at their own risk. Closed

4/09/18: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17 JULY 2018

At the request of Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow an amendment was made to item 5/07/18/11. The Clerk was asked to make this amendment, the minutes were then accepted, but would not be signed until the next meeting.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

5/09/18: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/09/18/1: Damage to bridge on public footpath 602061. Response from Countryside Access Officer says that a new bridge has been ordered and it will be fitted soon. Ongoing

5/09/18/2: Litter Bin at Askam Co-Op. Barrow Borough Council have agreed to exchange this smaller bin with a larger one. Ongoing

5/09/18/3: Query regarding licensing permission for 'Askambury'. This has been dealt with by Ben Shirley on behalf of Askam United. Closed

5/09/18/4: Complaints about unacceptable noise. This had been dealt with by Barrow Borough Council.

Closed

5/09/18/5: Parking at Abbey Heights/Pryors Path. Cllr Ben Shirley information regarding this matter and would forward it to the Clerk for distribution.

Action Cllr Shirley

5/09/18/6: Safety Issue for Children playing near Duddon sports club. PCSO Johns reported that she had visited the area and spoken to those concerns. The fence had been repaired and the area tidied up.

Closed

5/09/18/7: Sun Street and Hollowgate Lane. The Clerk had contacted Cumbria Highways and they had confirmed these were adopted roads and maintenance was their responsibility. It was also confirmed that this was a conservation area. Highways have repairs to the access road as part of their works programme. Small repairs to the road surface on Sun Street and Hollowgate Lane would be added to this programme. Because of the road surface the repairs to this area would be done with concrete.

Ongoing

5/09/18/8: Motorcycles parked long-term on Beach Street. PCSO Louise John had contacted the owner of the motorcycles and they had now been removed from the Highway.

Closed

5/09/18/9: Speeding Traffic near Ireleth School. Cllr Shirley reported that this was still a concern and with the help of the PCC he was looking at ways to address this issue. The lady who works on the crossing was at the meeting and told how she witnesses speeding traffic near the school and is sometimes afraid they will not be able to stop. Cllr Shirley said he would try to get a small CCTV camera for Mrs Turner to wear while working on the crossing. It was agreed with PCSO Louise Johns that the SID would be deployed in this area to check the speed of vehicles coming up Ireleth hill.

Action PCSO/Cllr Shirley

5/09/18/10: Hole in road, Sandy Lane. Cllr Ben Shirley reported that this had been fixed.

Closed

5/09/18/11: Difficulty crossing road at Kirkby Close. There had still been no response from Cumbria CC and the Clerk has asked if Cllr Shirley could address this matter with Cumbria CC.

Action Cllr Shirley

5/09/18/12: Parking at Askam Post Office. Cllr Ben Shirley had visited the area and spoken to the owner of the post office. He had also spoken to the Traffic Enforcement Officers and would continue to work with Cumbria Highways to try to find a solution.

Action Cllr Shirley

5/09/18/13: Speeding Traffic on Ireleth Road. Cllr Shirley said this was being discussed and was something he was working with the Police and Crime Commissioner to address. This issue would also be discussed at the Rural Joint Committee at the end of this month when Police Inspector Jim Bailey would be present at the meeting.

Action Cllr Shirley

5/09/18/14: Designated Street Cleaner for Askam and Ireleth. Barrow Borough Council had deployed a member of their contract staff to work in Askam and Ireleth one day per week. Already residents had reported a difference to the cleanliness of the streets.

5/09/18/15: Moor Road. Cumbria CC IRP group are still looking at options for repairs to Moor Road and working with other agencies. It is hoped the work will commence soon, but there is not a firm date. The parish council felt that this was not very satisfactory as this road had been closed for a long period of time. While other roads with storm damage had been repaired, Moor Road remains closed.

Ongoing

5/09/18/16: Saturday Assistant for Askam Library. Interviews had taken place and the position had been offered to two candidates as a job share. One to an existing member of the library staff and an outside candidate. Recruitment and training would now be carried out.

Closed

5/09/18/17: No 7 Bus Service. Cllr Shirley gave an update he was looking for volunteer drivers to drive a bus possibly two or three days per week from Kirkby Station and picking up in Askam. This would be a great service to the community and anyone who would like to volunteer would receive full training and should contact Cllr Shirley.

Action Cllr Shirley

5/09/18/16: Bollards at Steel Street Park Area. Work completed.

Closed

5/09/18/17: Flag Pole. A price of £400.00 had been received to supply and fit a flag pole. This was accepted.

Action Cllr Bill Wilson

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

5/09/18/18: Silver Sunday: Cllr Denise Wilson reported that Askam Events Committee would be organising this event and it would take place on Sunday 7 October in the Rankin Hall.

6/09/18: TO REPORT ON POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

August – Anti-social behaviour 2, again issues with motorcycles in the village, 1 report of assault, 3 reports of theft which included theft of sheep from Standish Cote, 4 reports of criminal damage which again involved damage to property at Burlington Ponds which was being followed up by the police.

8/09/18: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER MR PETER McCALL

The PCC thanked the Parish Council and the members of the public for the invitation to attend the meeting. He gave an outline of the issues and challenges facing Cumbria Police and stated that apart from the City of London square mile (which has very little housing) Cumbria is the 2nd safest county in the Country. Local concerns were discussed particularly about speeding outside schools, and potential solutions are being discussed and may be seen soon. 101 phone number has shown a marked improvement and it was suggested that complaints can be sent by email at no cost and these will receive the same priority as a phone call. His talk was very well received, and the Chairman wished him well in his endeavours.

9/09/18: TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

There were no applications.

10/09/18: PARISH PLAN UPDATE

Cllr Mike gave a report from Cllr Bill Wilson. Following analysis of the comments raised from the questionnaires, the next step was to provide feedback to the community. This would be done at an open meeting which will be held in the Community Centre, Duke Street on **Saturday 29 September** from 11am to 1pm. It is hoped that residents will come along to this event where there will a presentation of the results from the questionnaires, a further opportunity to give your view with a question and answer session.

11/09/18: DROP ZONE YOUTH GROUP IN ASKAM

Cllr Cumming reported that the Drop Zone sessions which the parish council support are going well. The young people attending Askam Youth Club have identified a project they want to develop around bullying. Some of the members of the group are transitioning into secondary and further education and have expressed concerns about feeling safe. They have come up with some ideas including a short film or play. They have been successful in securing funds from Cumbria Community Foundation. Sessions are held in the Rankin Hall from 6 – 8 pm every Tuesday. The parish council wished Drop Zone good luck with their project and thanked them for the work they do with our young people.

12/09/18: SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE 2018

The Clerk asked the parish council if they wished her to start planning for this years' service of remembrance which will be on Sunday 11 November. This year would be a special year as it was 100 years since the first world war ended. It is hoped we could make this a special year of remembrance. Rev'd Ruth Crossley had asked to be involved and would like to involve both schools and the uniform organisations in the commemoration. WI had also expressed a wish to be involved. The Clerk will ask Askam Youth Action and Drop Zone if they would like to contribute in some way. The parish council felt this was a worthwhile project.

13/09/18: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

In addition to items covered during the meeting, Cumbria County Councillor Ben Shirley mentioned he was holding a village litter pick on Sunday 16 September meet at the jubilee fountain opposite Askam Co-Op at 4pm. The Chairman thanked Cllr Shirley for his input during the meeting and for bringing the Police and Crime Commissioner to the meeting.

14/09/18: REPORT FROM CLERK (including Finances)

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

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr David Knight

Agreed

15/09/18: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

16/09/18: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Mr A Workman, Parish Lengths man Services 8 hrs work, Lots Road painting roundels on Metal posts, tidying area and painting seat, digging out choked drain near Askam station £128.00; AK Fencing supplying and fixing 3 new bollards £720.00; Cumbria County Council Saturday Library Assistant April to July 2018 £462.31; Copy Paper & Greetings Card £11.75. Cleaning Inside of Police Pod £20.00; Aqua Pro Jet Monthly Landscaping and Maintenance £570.84.

17/09/18: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Harry Barker, Chairman

Dated 11 September 2018

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