

**MINUTES OF THE 300th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming, Denise Wilson and Steven Smalley; also, present: PCSO Louise Johns, Clerk Janice Cumming and 2 members of the public.

1/02/18: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Denise Wilson item 3/02/18/1, Cllr Steve Smalley item 6/02/18 Pryors Walk application.

2/02/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor David Knight, Alan Mason and Bill Wilson, County Councillor Ben Shirley, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow.

3/02/18: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/02/18/1: Safety Sign for Beach Access Areas. A representative from Duddon Inshore Rescue brought along ideas for a new safety signs in line with other signs in the area. These new signs would give more up to date information regarding safety and contacts for beach users. It was asked if the parish council would help with funding for these signs and contacting the correct authorities about positioning these signs. The parish council asked that Duddon Inshore get costs for these signs and then come back to the parish council.

Action DIR

4/02/18: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20 JANUARY 2018

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

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

5/02/18: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/02/18/1: Solar Signs on Ireleth Road. This item had been forwarded to our County Councillor Ben Shirley who was asked to discuss with Cumbria County Council Highways.

5/02/18/2: Lots Road. Cllr Mike Cumming has been in contact with Keiron Tetchner of Cumbria Highways. Keiron's response is that there is no upper height set for hedges. However, there are exceptions, on new developments for example, there will be restrictions placed on the height of fences, walls, vegetation that are in visibility splays at junctions to maintain uninterrupted views. If the parish council feel there is a safety issue Keiron will ask someone from the traffic team to look at the Lots Road. Cllr Cumming has asked Keiron to do this.

Action Cllr Cumming

5/02/18/3: Moor Road. Moor Road is still closed to traffic. Update from Highways is that the road will remain closed until funding can be found to repair the road.

5/02/18/4: Update on Station Project. Mike Cumming thanked the parish council for their support in funding this project. Mike had now received funding from the Heritage Lottery, Northern Rail, Cumbria Rail Partnership and Cumbria County Council Local Committee. This meant that the project could go ahead. The groundworks to the garden area would commence in the next few months, prices are being sourced for the story boards and the replica Furness Railway bench has been ordered.

6/02/18: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR MIKE CUMMING

B21/2018/0075 – 11 Sun Street, Ireleth. Conversion of double storey brick-built storage building to two garages and two storage rooms. No objections or comments from the floor or from any member of the parish council.

B13/2018/0025 – Land between 5 and 7 Pryors Walk, Ireleth. Single detached dwelling (outline with all matters reserved). There was an objection from the floor regarding this application and comments from the parish council who did not agree with this application. The Clerk was asked to formulate a response taking into consideration the comments and objection made and send to Barrow Borough Council.

7/02/18: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

Anti-social behaviour 4, which included 3 scramble bikes using Askam beach, one male spoken to and it was explained that if this continued his bike would be taken from him under Section 165 of the road traffic act. 1 offensive letter received. 3 Assaults 1 domestic incident, 1 wounding and 1 assault on a police officer. 1 theft from the Co-Op. Parking problems on Pryors Walk and Abbey Heights leaflet drop to residents. Damage to cars on Sharp Street. A resident mentioned problem with parking at the beach end of Sharp Street. Residents were asked to report to the police any problems in that area.

8/02/18: 5 YEAR PARISH PLAN

Following on from the meeting held the questionnaire has now been amended by Cllr Bill Wilson and it is at the printers. Once this has been completed it will be a question of distributing the questionnaires to as many households as possible.

9/02/18: DROP ZONE YOUTH PROJECTS IN ASKAM

Drop Zone have suspended their weekly sessions in Askam for the time being because of lack of young people attending these sessions. These sessions were started to give young people between the ages of 11 and 19 a place to meet in safety and have youth workers present to provide projects and help them with any issues. Drop Zone will re-assess the situation after Easter to see if it is worthwhile begin these sessions again.

10/02/18: MAJOR ROAD NETWORK CONSULTATION

Cllr Mike Cumming reported on the MRN consultation in that it is an opportunity to comment on a proposed road upgrade to the A595, but only from Greenodd through to Calder Bridge, he has already raised an issue regarding the section from Grizebeck to Dalton Roundabout not being included. The Parish Council asked that he respond on behalf of the Parish Council supporting that this section of road to be included in the upgrade.

Action Cllr Cumming

11/02/18: REPORT FROM CLERK – INCLUDING FINANCES

An updated financial spreadsheet was made available to all Parish Councillors to inspect. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

The Clerk reported that Roger Brailsford had agreed to act as Internal Auditor for the end of the year accounts which will be compiled end of March 2018.

12/02/18: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

None present.

13/02/18: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

13/02/18/1: Askam and Ireleth History Group regarding their first meeting on Thursday 15 March. Stuart Eastwood from Cumbria's Military Museum, Carlisle regarding the Border Regiment during WW1 this is to mark 100 years this year since the end of WW1.

13/02/18/2: Duddon Estuary Partnership Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 March in Broughton. As Cllr Hadwick and Cllr Cumming were unable to attend it was asked if any other member of the parish council could represent the parish council at this meeting. It was felt it was important to keep a present at these meetings and the PCCG.

13/02/18/3: Big Thing Project. Dalton Town Council have asked if our parish council would like to be involved in this project which is to bring art projects to small communities to give them an identity in the form of a privately funded piece of public art. It was felt that at the moment it was not something the parish councillors had time to get involved in because of commitments with external meetings and renewing the 5-year parish plan. The Clerk was asked to contact Dalton Town Council. Action Clerk

13/02/18/4: Nearest Job Centre. Email asking the parish council to put details of nearest job centre on parish council website. The parish council did not believe that our website would be a port of call for people looking for their nearest job centre. For this reason and other reasons, the Clerk was asked to

14/02/18: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Cumbria County Council cost for Saturday Librarian from April 2017 to December 2018 £1241.72; Lock for community centre notice board £12.00 (thank you to Pete Burt for fitting it); Cartridges for printer £192.37; Stationery £13.00; New Printer £256.98; Friends of Askam Station £1,500.00; Aqua Pro Jet re-issue of cheque lost in post and cancelled at bank £60.00 for fitting litter bins.

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

14/02/18: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 20 March 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman

Date 20 March 2018