

**MINUTES OF THE 301<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2018 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming, Denise Wilson, David Knight, Alan Mason and Steven Smalley; also, present: PCSO Louise Johns, Clerk Janice Cumming, Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow, County Councillor Ben Shirley and 4 members of the public.

**1/03/18: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cllr Steve Smalley item 13/03/18.

**2/03/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillor Harry Barker. Councillor Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman chaired the meeting.

**3/03/18: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/02/18/1: Transit Vans and Caravans parked at Steel Street/Sharp Street area.** A member of the community has contacted the parish council regarding the number of transit vans parked in this area which is designated for cars only, the area of land belongs to the parish council. This was discussed at length and although it is not something the parish council advocate, they are in a difficult position. If the parish council have the transit vans removed, which they can enforce, then where would the vans park? If they park in Steel Street or Sharp Street they could cause access problems in the streets. The parish council asked if the Community Police could check that these vans were road legal and if the owners lived in the area of Steel Street and Sharp Street. If residents feel these vans are at any time causing obstruction of the Highway, then they should report it to the Police. The situation will be monitored on a regular basis.

On the issue of the caravans being parked in the area for quite some time. Councillor Ben Shirley has been in contact with the Cumbria County Council regarding the caravans being parked on the Highway. Councillor Shirley has also been looking at the problems with parking in this area and asked people to be considerate when parking their vehicles. The Community Police Officer made contact the Enforcement Officer at Barrow Borough Council who visited the owner of one of the caravans. It has since been removed by the owner. The Enforcement Officer will monitor the situation on a regular basis. Closed

**3/03/18/2: Fibre Broadband, Ireleth** A member of the public raised an issue in that the Broadband cabinet that supplies Ireleth has reached its' capacity and that there were no immediate plans to upgrade it. Cllr Cumming has a contact in BT that may be able to inform what the situation is. Action Cllr Cumming.

**3/03/18/3: Urofoam Factory, James Street.** A member of the public mentioned that the safety fencing had been removed from around the factory at James Street. He asked if this meant that the demolition of the factory and plans to build new houses was not now going ahead. Councillor David Knight replied that for the moment the plans had been put on hold. The owner of the factory had asked for the safety fencing to be removed. Action Closed

**3/03/18/4: Litter on A595 and A590.** A complaint has been received regarding the amount of roadside litter within the parish of Askam and Ireleth. The parish council agreed this was an issue and had previously contacted the Borough Council regarding this. The parish council asked if our Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow could bring this to the attention of the Borough Council. It would be mentioned at the next JRC meeting and the parish council will contact Barrow BC. The issue of the lay-bye at Tippins Lane had now been addressed. Barrow BC would re-site a litter bin from the village to lay-bye, hopefully this will help with litter being left in the lay-bye. Action JRC/Cllr Thurlow/Clerk

**4/03/18: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20 FEBRUARY 2018**

These were approved and agreed as a true and accurate record and duly signed and dated by the Chairman  
**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming** **Seconded Cllr Denise Wilson** **Agreed**

**5/03/18: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/03/18/1: 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. No Update

**5/03/18/2: 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 No Update

**5/03/18/3: Major Road Consultation.** Cllr Cumming reported that the consultation had come to an end and that many Parishes and individuals had responded regarding the A595 stretch of road between Dalton Roundabout and Grizebeck which was not included in the upgrade for the A595.

**5/03/18/4: Safety Signs for Duddon Inshore Rescue.** Cllr Denise Wilson reported that a design had been put together and prices received. These would be brought to the next parish council meeting.

**6/03/18: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR David Knight**

**B21/2018/0155** – 23 Wakefield Street Askam-in-Furness Cumbria LA16 7JR

**Proposal :** The proposal is to create two additional bedrooms over the existing garage, and convert current bedroom 3 into a ensuite shower room. Changes to the ground floor layout include a addition of a ground floor W/C in the utility room. Clerk to respond No Objections or comments

**7/03/18: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE JOHNS**

Anti-social behaviour 2, 1 in Steel Street and 1 in Turnstone Crescent, 1 Vehicle nuisance Hawthorn Lane, 1 Domestic Assault. Cllr Wilson thanked PCSO John's for the report.

**8/03/18: 5 YEAR PARISH PLAN UPDATE**

The original questionnaire was brought up to date to reflect changes in current 5 year plan and has been reprinted. Project is on track to distribute questionnaires in April with a July return date, there will be representation at Carnival day and intention is to have an open day in September to feedback from the questionnaire and update parish on progress on current plan. Cllr Bill Wilson

**9/03/18: UPDATE FROM DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP MEETING**

New chairman appointed who wishes to try and rejuvenate the Partnership and intends to increase meetings to bi-monthly and give it a 12month trial. Cllr Cumming proposed that it be subsumed by the PCCG which remains on the table as an option.

**10/03/18: GRANT REQUEST S137 FUNDING**

Dunnerholme Golf club presented their projects for upgrading the club and public facilities at Dunnerholme Club House. The Golf club is 113 years old this year. The Parish Council agreed to give a donation of £250.00.

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**11/03/18: REPORT FROM CLERK – INCLUDING FINANCES**

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

**Proposed Cllr Denise Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

The Clerk reported that the end of year and accounts would be prepared at the end of March. Budget forecast was pretty much on course. A suggestion was made to make a donation from the underspend on Youth Action to the 3 main groups in the village working with our young people. This was agreed.

**Proposed Cllr Alan Mason**

**Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Agreed**

**12/03/18: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

No update from Borough Councillor. County Councillor Ben Shirley asked that the Parish Council is represented at a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2pm at the Nan Tait Centre to discuss a Borough wide Beach Clean, Cllr Denise Wilson agreed to attend this meeting. Councillor Shirley had organised a village walk around with a representative from Cumbria Highways to look at issues raised in the village. An issue with caravans parking on the Highway in Askam have been resolved, but will be monitored. It was confirmed that the container at Duddon Inshore Rescue contained paint hence the flammable liquid notification. Land opposite the container had been raised to Cllr Shirley as an issue, the general opinion was that the land was being improved. Cllr Keith Little of Cumbria CC and Northern Rail Manager had met with Councillor Shirley to review the situation regarding parking and making the land opposite the Coop into a car park. Discussions with the Co-Op and others was positive and contact has been initiated with the Land Owner. Councillor

Denise Wilson asked if Councillor Shirley had an update on the situation on the A595 at Greenhaume regarding the flood issue. Councillor Shirley was discussing this matter with Cumbria Highways. The Chairman thanked Councillor Shirley for the update and the work he is doing in the village.

**13/03/18: CORRESPONDENCE** to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

**13/03/18/1: Data Protection.** Cllr Cumming reported that this was an important and major issue that need to be addressed and will be discussed with Barrow Borough Council at the JRC on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Cllr Cumming will then report back o the parish council.

**14/03/18: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

HSP Printers £507.60 printing of parish plan questionnaires, Askam Pensioners rental of Rankin Hall from December 2017 to March 2018 £80.00, 2nd class stamps £6.72, Dog Waste Bags £5.94, Mileage to Broughton for DEP meeting Cllr Mike Cumming £9.00, Refreshments for JRC meeting £4.55, Parish Council sign for Community Centre notice board £21.60, Grant to Dunnerholme Golf Club £250.00, donation of £150.00 each for their work with the youth in the village and supporting village events to Ireleth with Askam Brownies, Askam Youths and 3<sup>rd</sup> Duddon Scouts.

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Agreed**

**14/03/18: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 17 April 2018 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Ireleth**

Signed Harry Barker, Chairman

Dated 17 April 2018