

**MINUTES OF THE 299th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 16 JANUARY 2018 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Members of the Parish Council; Cllr Harry Barker, Chairman, Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Cllrs Sandra Hadwick, Mike Cumming, Alan Mason and Steven Smalley; also, present: Clerk Janice Cumming and 2 members of the public.

1/01/17: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Cllr Hadwick and Cumming on Item 9/01/18.

2/01/18: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor David Knight, Denise Wilson, County Councillor Ben Shirley, PCSO Louise Johns and Borough Councillor Ann Thurlow.

3/01/18: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/01/18/1: Solar Speed Signs, Ireleth Road. Concerns were once again expressed regarding speeding traffic on Ireleth Road. The 30 mph solar powered speed signs seems only to be working intermittently. The member of the public asked if a more reliable and prominent sign could replace the ones on Ireleth Road. He said that there are ones in Milnthorpe that are more prominent and do seem to slow vehicles down. The parish council will look into this, but as the signs belong to Cumbria Highways, it will be something that will need to be agreed with them. The member of the public said he would send a photograph of the ones at Milnthorpe when he was next in that area.

Action Clerk

4/01/18: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19 DECEMBER 2017

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

5/01/18: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/01/18/1: Work to Police Pod. CJS painters have confirmed that they will begin the work to the inside of the Police Pod within the next few weeks.

5/01/18/2: Survey Safest Village in the North West. Notices have been put on the village notice boards and on the parish council website.

Closed

5/01/18/3: Update on Christmas Story Time. Cllr Steve Smalley reported that the event had been a success and he felt everyone enjoyed the evening. He thanked all the story tellers for coming along and the members of the parish council who attended. The stars of the show were the children who decided they would like to sit in the 'big chair' and tell a story to the other children. The parish council thanked Cllr Smalley for his hard work and hoped these events would encourage people to use the library.

Closed

5/01/18/3: Lots Road. Cllr Mike Cumming had made enquiries into the legal requirement for the height on hedges on the Highway. So far, he could not see that there was a legal requirement regarding the height of a hedge, just that it did not encroach onto the Highway. He would make further enquiries with Cumbria Highways.

Action Cllr Cumming

6/01/18: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR MIKE CUMMING

No new planning applications had been received. Reports on the planning website indicate that applications discussed at the parish council meetings recently have been approved with conditions, apart from the application for a meat processing plant at Greenscoe which has been refused.

7/01/18: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS

In the absence of PCSO Louise Johns, Cllr Bill Wilson read out the crime figures from December 0 anti-social behaviour, 1 assault, domestic related common assault, 2 criminal damage, 1 vehicle windscreen damaged on Duddon Road due to someone running over the vehicle, Co-Op door damaged, offender identified and dealt with via Community resolution and has paid £200.00 for the damage caused, 1 theft of £180.00 from a vehicle on Ireleth Road, aggrieved and offender known to each other.

Cllr Bill Wilson mentioned that there had been an improvement in the response time when calling 101, which made it easier for Police Officers to attend reported incidents.

8/01/18: 5 YEAR PARISH PLAN

The current parish plan ends in 2019. Cllr Bill Wilson has spoken to Fran Richardson from Action for Cumbria who has offered help and support to the parish council. Before Bill meets with Fran he needs the parish council to establish a Steering Group to move forward with the plan. He suggests a meeting is held to discuss a strategy including timescales, process steps etc. A meeting will be held at 7pm on Tuesday 23 January.

Action All

9/01/18: GRANT REQUEST FROM FRIENDS OF ASKAM STATION

Mike Cumming presented the completed grant request on behalf of the Friends of Askam Station, he gave a presentation on the work the Friends of the Station would like to achieve over the next few months to enhance our historic station. This work will involve landscaping the garden area on the Millom side of the platform, together with a replica Furness Railway bench. Also, story boards about the origins of the station and the early history of Askam and Ireleth. The Friends have secured funding from the Heritage Lottery, Northern Rail and Cumbria Rail Partnership to help fund this project and ask that the parish council show support by helping fund this project. A discussion was held, and the parish council agreed that to help fund this project.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

10/01/18: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

None present. A reminder from County Councillor Ben Shirley that he and his colleagues are organising a litter pick this Saturday 20 January in Askam and Ireleth. Ben would welcome volunteers to help to clean and tidy our village.

11/01/18: REPORT FROM CLERK – INCLUDING FINANCES

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

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

11/01/18/1: Parish Council Printer. The Clerk reported that she was experiencing problems with the printer. She had made enquiries with Samsung and it would cost £75.00 to return the printer for repair, parts would be extra or £228.00 plus VAT for a new printer. The parish council agreed that if the problems continued that a new printer should be purchased as it was a necessary tool of the job for the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Harry Barker

Agreed

11/01/18/2: Temperance Hall. The Clerk had been asked by the Temperance Hall Committee if the parish council would write a letter in support for their funding bid to help the hall to Grantscape for Walney Windfarm Extension fund. The parish council agreed they would be pleased to support the Temperance Hall in their bid.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Action Clerk

Agreed

12/01/18: CORRESPONDENCE to check the appendix of items all of which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

12/01/18/1: Email from Mr Ray Clark regarding update on Moorside. Cllr Steve Smalley read out the details Ray had sent from a BBC source updating information on NuGen and Westinghouse.

12/01/18/2: A copy of an email sent to John Woodcock MP from an Ireleth resident was read out. He had contacted our MP regarding the litter on the lay-bye at Tippins Lane and amount of litter on the A595 towards Kirkby. The parish council had been contacted by John Woodcock's office regarding this issue. The parish council confirmed they had contacted Barrow BC in the past regarding the removal of this litter bin and felt that removing the bin had compounded the situation. The MP will be contacting Barrow BC.

13/01/18: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Refreshments for Christmas Story Time in the library £46.09, Cables Ties for posters £6.00, Screws for fixing notice board to POD £7.99, Dog waste bags £11.39, Room Rental for 2017/18 Temperance Hall £30.00.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley

Agreed

14/01/18: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

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

Signed Harry Barker

Dated 20 February 2018