

**MINUTES OF THE 322nd MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

Present: Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman, Parish Councillor Steve Smalley, Mike Cumming, Sandra Hadwick, Susan Orrell, Alan Mason, Trevor Hughes; Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming also present: PCSO Louise Perry and 4 members of the public

1/02/20: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/02/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Bill Wilson, Borough and County Councillor Ben Shirley and Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards.

3/02/20: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/02/20/1: Road Surface, Duke Street. A member of the public voiced his concerns regarding the poor state of the road from the Rankin Hall, Duke Street to its' junction with Wakefield Street. He also mentioned the pavement at the houses near the Rankin Hall is not in a good condition and there is no drop paving for accessing the houses. The Clerk was asked to take these issues up with Cumbria Highways. Action Clerk

4/02/20: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21 JANUARY 2020

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

Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming **Seconded Cllr Harry Barker** **Agreed**

5/02/20: PROGRESS REORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/02/20/1: Litter, Lay-bye, Ireleth Brow. Litter bin has been installed and the parish council expressed thanks to Councillor Daniel Edwards. The Clerk and Mrs Sue Borland had carried out a litter pick in the area. Closed

5/02/20/2: Saturday Opening at Askam Library. The Clerk is progressing this with the Library Services. It is hoped the self- issue in machine will be working soon and then recruiting volunteers to man the library on a Saturday morning will take place and training given to these volunteers. Action Clerk

5/02/20/3: Children's Home, Ireleth Road. No further update.

5/02/20/4: Cadent, Land at Dalton Road. Cllr Mike Cumming has checked with land register and this land does not belong to the parish council. Closed

5/02/20/5: Coastal Access Public Footpaths. The Clerk has responded to Natural England with the comments made at the last meeting. Closed

5/02/20/6: Abbey Heights & Parklands. Our landscape contractor has cut back and tidied the shrub area at Abbey Heights and cleaned the sign for Parklands Estate. Closed

5/02/20/7: X7 Bus Service. The Clerk has received up to date timetables for the X7 service. She has had permission from Cumbria CC to post it in the bus shelter. The Clerk will try and work with Blue Works to get more people to use the bus on Wednesday's with an advertising campaign. Action Clerk

5/02/20/8: Parish Council Website. Cllr Mike Cumming and the Clerk will be meeting with Mrs Sara Young regarding updating the website and hopefully Sara will take on this task. Action Cllr Cumming and Clerk

6/02/20: REPORT FROM POLICE & ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Crime figures for January 2020 – anti social behaviour 1 issue with CCTV camera pointing into residential property; assault 2 separate incidents, both domestic related; burglary 2 one at a property on Caspian Road, 1 at Hawthwaite House; 0 criminal damage; 0 drugs; 1 theft from Co-Op.

Cllr Trevor Hughes had carried out some temporary work to the Police Pod which was leaking through the roof. The parish council asked if enquiries could be made into how much a new Pod would cost. Cllr Mike Cumming said he would do this. In the meantime, the situation with the current Pod would be monitored.

7/02/20: TO REPORT & DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS – CLLR SUSAN ORRELL

Reference Number: B20/2020/0045 **Location :** Former Partylite Manufacturing Ltd Park Road Barrow-in-Furness. **Proposal:** Change of use for existing waster transfer building to warehouse (class B8). No comments. The Clerk would respond to Barrow BC. Action Clerk

8/02/20: PROVISION OF GP IN ASKAM

A meeting was held this morning in the Band Hall with committee members of the Morecambe Bay CCG. This meeting was very well attended by members of the community, 3 members of the parish council and the Clerk attended the meeting, as well as our County Councillor Ben Shirley. The parish council wrote to the CCG in January stressing that a GP service in Askam and Ireleth is vital to this community. There were two options which the CCG were to vote on 1) Find a new doctor(s) to take over the practice: This was ruled out as there had not been anyone who had come forward with a workable agreement; or 2) Dispersal of patients to another practice, then at the last minute the Local Medical Council Representative came up with a 3rd option which was to try to get a satellite surgery run by another practice to come to Askam and Ireleth. The only issue with this is that the current surgery is up for sale. The CCG voted for Dispersal of the patient, but gave the LMC extra time to try to find a Doctor's practice willing to set up a satellite surgery in Askam, timescale end of June. The parish council, together with Councillor Ben Shirley, our Borough Councillors and Simon Fell MP have agreed to work with the LMC and CCG to try and find a way of getting a satellite surgery in Askam. The passion shown at this meeting by residents was very humbling and the parish council stressed that they **will** do their very best for the community, although it will not be easy. The CCG said that they would write to every patient to inform them of the outcome of this meeting. The LMC did say to people

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE THE PRACTICE IN ASKAM UNTIL THE VERY END OF THE PERIOD – OR WE WILL HAVE NOTHING TO FIGHT FOR! PLEASE STICK WITH THE PRACTICE.

9/02/20: COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

Cllr Steve Smalley is looking into the purchase of a speed gun for the parish council. No update was available for this meeting.

Action Cllr Smalley

10/02/20: REPLACEMENT LITTER BINS

The parish council agreed that Cllr Mike Cumming should purchase two replacement bins – 1 at Stafford Street and 1 at the pier.

Action Cllr Cumming

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

11/02/20: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

None present.

12/02/20: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure spreadsheet was made available to all parish councillors. This was reviewed and accepted.

Proposed Cllr Steve Smalley

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

The Clerk mentioned that there had been an issue with the grid at Blea Beck being blocked. Jon Lewney from Duddon Inshore Rescue had attended and cleared the blockage, thus preventing the potential of a flood risk to the houses at Waterside. This was carried out with the permission of the Environment Agency who were grateful to DIR for stepping in during what was a very busy time for them. The parish council asked the Clerk to thank Jon and Duddon Inshore Rescue.

13/02/20: CORRESPONDENCE – to check the appendix of items all of which will be made available at the meeting for inspection.

13/02/20/1: Road Closure at Tippins Lane, Ireleth. Highways had sent out a message that a section of road on Tippins Lane will be closed on 16 March for 15 days. The Clerk contacted Highways and it was confirmed that the road would be closed during **working hours only**. The road would be opened in the evenings and at the weekend. Highways will send out notices prior to the closure and liaise with residents in the area of the closure.

13/02/20/2: RJC Meeting. The next RJC meeting will take place on Wednesday 18 March at 5 pm at Dalton Town Hall. It was asked that representatives from the parish council attend. Keiron Tetchner of Cumbria Highways will present at the District Association meeting which will take place after the RJC meeting. The Clerk will send out a reminder nearer the time.

14/02/20: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Aqua ProJet monthly landscape and maintenance contract £570.84, Fee for land registry search £3.00, postage £0.83, Dog waste bags £19.00.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

15/02/20: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 17 March 2020 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth

Signed Harry Barker Dated 26 May 2020