

**MINUTES OF THE 321<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Mike Cumming, Sandra Hadwick, Susan Orrell, Alan Mason, Trevor Hughes; Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming also present: County and Borough Councillor Ben Shirley, Borough Councillors Daniel Edwards; PCSO John McVea and 7 members of the public

**1/01/20: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

**2/01/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillor Steven Smalley and Borough Councillor Sam Ronson.

**3/01/20: APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCILLOR & SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF OFFICE**

Trevor Hughes was appointed as a co-opted member of the parish council and he duly made and signed the declaration of office as a parish councillor for Askam and Ireleth. The Chairman welcomed Trevor to the parish council.

**4/01/20: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**4/01/20/1: Community Speed Watch.** A member of the public asked if there was an update on this. Cllr Steven Smalley was heading this initiative. Cllr Smalley is obtaining prices for a speed gun which he will present to the parish council. The member of the public said he was still interested in joining the community speed watch team. This would be passed on to Cllr Smalley.

Action Cllr Smalley

**5/01/20: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17 DECEMBER 2019**

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

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Agreed**

**6/01/20: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**6/01/20/1: Litter, Lay-bye, Ireleth Brow.** Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards reported that Barrow BC should be fitting a litter bin in the next few weeks.

Action Cllr Edwards

**6/01/20/2: Parking in the village.** Cllr Ben Shirley had contacted the resident who had concerns about the parking in the village.

Closed

**6/01/20/3: Saturday Opening at Askam Library.** The parish council are working with the library services to try to continue Saturday openings in Askam library. It would seem that a check in machine and volunteers will be the only way the library can be kept open on Saturday mornings. The parish council have been informed that the check in machine will be fitted as a priority and then we will need to recruit volunteers and these volunteers will receive training.

Clerk/Cllr Shirley

**6/01/20/4: Children's Home, Ireleth Road.** The Clerk has spoken to North West Leaving Care who are still in negotiations regarding the opening of this home. They will contact the parish council to arrange a meeting, possibly at the end of February 2020.

**6/01/20/5: Cadent, Land at Dalton Road.** The Clerk has written to Cadent regarding the land on Dalton Road. No response has been received. The Chairman suggested the parish council contact Land Registry.

Action Clerk

**6/01/20/6: Project for 2020/21.** These were discussed and updates given.

**7/01/20: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO JOHN MCVEA**

**Crime figures for December 2019.** ASB 1 Parking issue on Steel St. Damage 4 Labour party signs at Ireleth. Burg 0. Assault 1 Common at Ireleth. Theft & Drugs 0. Transport 3 RTC plus 1 sheep recovery.

**8/01/20: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**B21/2019/0861 - Location :** 9 Teal Close Askam-in-Furness **Proposal :** Single storey side extension forming living area and internal alterations.

**B21/2019/0864 - Location :** 13 Caspian Road Askam-in-Furness **Proposal :** Single rear extension forming living area, a 2nd storey side extension above garage forming en-suite bedroom and internal alterations.

**B13/2019/0863 - Location :** Land to the rear of 32 Sandy Lane Askam-in-Furness **Proposal :** Application for approval of reserved matters following Outline with all matters reserved B13/2019/0362 for a dwelling house.

**B13/2019/0888 - Location :** Land to the rear of 32 Sandy Lane Askam-in-Furness **Proposal :** Erection of a detached dwelling.

**B21/2019/0879 - Location :** 26 Marsh Street Askam-in-Furness Cumbria LA16 7BE

**Proposal :** Rear extension, dormer extension and internal reconfiguration.

**B07/2020/0003 - Location :** Land at Lots Road Askam-in-Furness Cumbria

**Proposal :** Erection of 22 residential dwellings and creation of an access.

These items were viewed and discussed. The Clerk was asked to respond.

Action Clerk

#### **9/01/20: X7 BUS SERVICE AND X112 CHARITY**

Roger Harris of the X112 bus charity gave a presentation on the work of the X112 charity in their efforts to keep a bus service for rural communities who lost their bus service when Cumbria County Council cut the bus subsidies in 2014. The X112 bus service which runs from Rampside is now supplied by Blueworks, as is the X7 bus service which runs through Askam and Ireleth. Mr Harris said that the X112 now has charity status and can apply for grants to keep this service running and perhaps buy some of the routes. Mr Harris asked if someone from Askam and Ireleth would be willing to join the charity's committee and attend their meetings. The parish council will post a message on their website asking for volunteers. Representatives from Blueworks Bus Company said that the X7 service through Askam and Ireleth ran on Wednesdays, but if they could get more interests and more passengers using the service they would consider increasing the service. But as with any service they cannot run the buses if people do not support the service. The parish council will help Blueworks to promote the service and inform people to **USE IT OR LOSE IT!**

Action Clerk

#### **10/01/20 GP PROVISION IN ASKAM AND IRELETH**

Notice has been given by Morecambe Bay Health Authority that Dr Jain will be retiring as the village GP as of end of March 2020. The parish council discussed this and the depth of feeling was very high and it was felt that the provision of GP services and all that this provides is vital to the village. The Clerk has already written to the CCG on behalf of the parish council. The parish council are keen to work with all agencies involved and Cllr Ben Shirley said he had contacted the CCG and has made our MP Simon Fell aware of the situation.

Ongoing

#### **11/01/20: COASTAL ACCESS PUBLIC FOOTPATHS**

Correspondence have been received from Natural England regarding the proposed coastal footpaths which will eventually cover Great Britain. This will include the coastline in Askam in the section the Silecroft to Silverdale. Cllr Susan Orrell has looked at this and will be responding. She asked if the parish council could also respond, particular with concerns about coastal erosion and usage of such a footpath. The Clerk was asked to respond.

Action Clerk

#### **12/01/20: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES**

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

**Proposed Cllr Harry Barker**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

The Clerk reported that Ryan Terpilowski who manages our website has asked that we find someone else to do this task. Councillor Mike Cumming will make enquiries.

Action Cllr Cumming

**13/01/20: CORRESPONDENCE** – to check the appendix of items all of which will be made available at the meeting for inspection.

#### **14/01/20: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Food and refreshments for Christmas story time £59.85, Toner cartridge £73.99, Copier paper £7.58, Aqua Pro Jet Monthly landscaping and maintenance £570.84.

#### **15/01/20: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Tuesday 18 February 2020 at 7.15pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam**

Signed Harry Barker

Dated 18 February 2020