

**MINUTES OF THE 314th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

Present: Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman; David Knight, Mike Cumming, Steven Smalley, Alan Mason and Sandra Hadwick; also, present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards and Sam Ronson; PCSO Louise Johns and 14 members of the public.

1/05/19: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/05/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Parish Councillor Bill Wilson and County Councillor Ben Shirley.

3/05/19: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/05/19/1: Proposed development of Children's home, Ireleth. A Governor of Ireleth St Peter's school raised concerns about this planning application and asked if the parish council had an update on the application. The parish council confirmed that had no further information, the parish council had raised objections and comments to Barrow Borough Council. Concerns were also raised that Ireleth St Peter's school had not been consulted on this application. Councillor David Knight suggested that they raise this matter with the Planning Office at the Town Hall. Councillor Knight suggested that the Governor complete the comments section on the Planning website for this application. It is important that all comments and objections on planning issues are directed to Barrow Borough Council who are the body who make the final decision on any planning applications within the Borough of Barrow in Furness, which includes Askam and Ireleth.

4/05/19: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 APRIL 2019

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

Proposed Cllr David Knight

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

5/05/19: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS

5/05/19/1: Lots Road – Give Way Priority. A response from Cumbria Highways advises that this issue has been passed on to their traffic team to investigate. County Councillor Ben Shirley will discuss this at the Highways Sub-Group meeting in June. addressing and the Clerk would contact Highways. **Ongoing**

5/05/19/2: Land between Sharp Street and Beach Street. Peter Burton, the Chairman of the group representing the residents of Sharp Street and Beach Street gave an update. Two meetings of the group have taken place and letters have been prepared to send to Modlar Limited. On Saturday there was a litter pick and general tidy of this land which was extremely successful with some 50 people over the course of the day coming along to help and lend their support. The parish council have written to Modlar and copied in Barrow Borough Council to express their support of retaining this land for the village and not developed it into housing. As yet the parish council have not received a response. **Ongoing**

5/05/19/3: Speeding in the Village and Parking in the Village. This continues to be a problem, issues with young people racing up and down Duke Street and Duddon Road are causing concern. Councillor Steven Smalley and his Community Speed Watch team will be looking at these areas.

5/05/19/4: Moor Road. Keiron Tetchner is waiting for further information from the Infrastructure Recovery Programme Team. The parish council are hoping for some good news within the next few days.

5/05/19/5: Sun Street/Hollowgate Road. Information sent to the parish council by Mr Neil Tyson resident of Sun Street tells us from his correspondence with Cumbria Highways that they will endeavour to complete works as soon as possible. There have been ongoing discussions around how they protect the site and these have caused delays, but will hopefully be resolved as quickly as possible.

5/05/19/6: Illegal use of motorcycles on the beach and wood areas. There is still an issue of quads and motorcycles using the beach, but not so much a problem in the wood areas. The parish council ask if any resident knows who is responsible for illegal riding on the beach that they report them to either the police or the parish council. The parish council feel it is extremely important that we protect our beach, sand dunes and SSSI areas.

5/05/19/7: Radio Cumbria in Askam. Belinda Artingsoll has been carrying out interviews in Askam and Ireleth which have been aired on Radio Cumbria. So far, Dave Keenan who lives on the boat on Askam beach, Ian Gilchrist our resident violist and fisherman, Askam Band. The Clerk is hoping that Brenda will present her with a copy of the interviews once the project is completed.

6/05/19: TO REPORT ON POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE JOHNS

Report for APRIL: 6 reports of anti-social behaviour including motorcycles on the beach, 4 assaults, 2 burglaries 1 at Duddon View, 1 at Whinfield Place, 2 criminal damage, no drugs reported.

7/05/19: TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT

Reference Number: B13/2019/0206 **Location:** Land adjacent to 10 Marsh Street Askam-in-Furness **Proposal:** Erection of a single storey 2 bedroom detached bungalow. There were no objections or comments.

Reference Number : B13/2019/0362 **Location:** 32 Sandy Lane Askam-in-Furness **Proposal:** Outline application with all matters reserved for a purpose built dwelling house for a disabled individual.

Correspondence from ABEI Energy and Infrastructure regarding a proposed development of a solar farm, an extension to the Roanhead development. They would like to know what the council thinks of their proposals and how they feel about renewal energy. The Clerk was asked to contact ABEI to ask them to meet with the parish council to discuss their proposals, as it was difficult from the photograph to see how large the solar farm would be and how it would affect the local environment.

B18/209/0188 Field at Nook Lane. Email of complaint received regarding the handling of this application by the parish council. A letter of complaint had also been received, but it was received too late to be included in this meeting, although the contents were read by the Chairman and members of the parish council. The complaint suggested that the parish council failed to object and ignored the existing un-approved development that has already occurred i.e. that change from agricultural use to recreational (horses are recreational), stable and other paraphernalia; was nodded through as a further development of the ‘protected’ band; ignored concerns raised by local resident; ignored a previous precedent set, when a former development for horse use was refused and back up by the Planning Inspectorate. Councillor David Knight responded by saying as the parish council’s planning adviser he did his very best to view and advise the parish council on all planning applications to the best of his ability. He had looked at this application and visited the area and did not believe it would cause an issue to residents of Saves Lane and the surrounding area. He explained that at the meeting when this application was discussed, there were over 40 people present and not one person raised an objection to this application. Apart from the email sent by the resident no other official objections had been sent to the parish council. Councillor Knight said that the parish council are ONLY a consultee and as such respond as a consultee and are not a decision making body. The residents who objected had, Councillor Knight believed, made their objections to Barrow Borough Council and these would be taken into consideration by the Borough Council, who ultimately made all decision on planning applications.

8/05/19: PARISH PLAN – CLLR MIKE CUMMING

Cllr Cumming had met with Cllr Bill Wilson and they believe that the parish plan should be ready for printing by the middle of June. He thanked Cllr Alan Mason for the work he had done.

09/05/19: COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH – CLLR STEVE SMALLEY

The speed watch team had been out on 4 occasions and caught 4 vehicles exceeding the speed limit and details have been sent to police co-ordinator. More checks will be carried out in the future.

10 /05/19: ANNUAL ACCOUNTING – CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION PART 2

The parish council were asked to review and approve this document and signed by the Chairman and RFO. This is a Certificate of Exemption for a smaller authority with gross income and gross expenditure which does not exceed £25,000. This was agreed and duly signed.

11/05/19: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The parish council were asked to review and approve this document. This was agreed and duly signed

12/05/19: ACCOUNTING STATEMENT FOR 2018/2019

The parish council were asked to review and approve this document. This was agreed and duly signed.

13/05/19: REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM ASKAM AND IRELETH EVENTS

This form was reviewed by the parish council and representatives from the events committee made themselves available to answer questions. The parish council had a problem with the application as it did not meet the criteria for receiving a grant from the parish council. The parish council voted on the issue, there was one

