

**MINUTES OF THE 323<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 26 MAY 2020 BY THE ZOOM PLATFORM**

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic emergency the parish council were unable to hold a public meeting. A meeting of the parish council was held via Zoom,

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Parish Councillor Steve Smalley, Mike Cumming, Susan Orrell, Alan Mason, Trevor Hughes; Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming.

**1/05/20: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None

**2/05/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillor Sandra Hadwick

**3/05/20: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18 FEBURARY 2020**

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

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Harry Barker**

**Agreed**

**4/05/20: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

It was agreed that because of the Emergency situation the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Officers would continue in their positions for the year 2020/21.

**5/05/20: SIGNING AND APPROVAL OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**RETURN (AGAR) 2019/20**

**5/05/20/1:** Cllr Mike Cumming reported that the accounts had been returned from Roger Brailsford our internal auditor.

**5/05/20/2:** The Parish Council reviewed the Accounts and certified itself Exempt From a limited assurance review under section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015.

**5/05/20/3:** The Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) part 2 was reviewed and discussed by the Parish Council and the Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 approved.

**6/05/20: APPROVAL OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

**6/05/20/1:** The AGAR part 2 was reviewed and the Section 2 Accounting Statements was also approved.

**7/05/20: GP SURGERY IN ASKAM**

Purchase of the surgery on Parklands Drive from Dr Jain is ongoing. Duddon Valley Medical Practice have been accepted by the CCG to run a satellite surgery in Askam and Ireleth and will be using the surgery on Parklands Drive. A lot of work and negotiations have been carried out by the 'Save Our Surgery' team and the parish council thanked Councillor Ben Shirley, Parish Councillor Mike Cumming and Harry Barker, the Clerk and our MP Simon Fell for their hard work and commitment for our village.

**8/05/20: CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PACKS**

Cllr Trevor Hughes said that the activity packs that had been provided by the Parish Council, Drop Zone and BAE had been excellent and he had received very good feed back from those who had received these packs. Cllr Mike Cumming said that in all about 92 packs had been distributed to the community.

**9/05/20: BENCHES ON DUDDON ROAD**

Cllr Susan Orrell had received complaints regarding the seats on Duddon Road which needed some attention. The Clerk will ask our Parish Lengthsman to put them on his list of works.

**Action Clerk**

Cllr Orrell thanked the Clerk and Cllr Cumming for decorating the memorial garden and the jubilee fountain for VE day.

