

**MINUTES OF THE 317th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE TEMPERANCE HALL, SAVES LANE, IRELETH**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Mike Cumming, Alan Mason and Sandra Hadwick; also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards, Borough and County Councillor Ben Shirley and 24 members of the public.

**1/09/19: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

Cllr Harry Barker item 8/09/19.

**2/09/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Parish Councillor Susan Orrell and David Knight, Project Officer Trevor Hughes and PCSO Louise Johns.

**3/09/19: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**3/09/19/1:** Correspondence received from a resident was read out at to the meeting. This letter raised concerns regarding drop kerbs around the village, particularly on Duddon Road and Duke Street. These drop kerbs are not easily accessible for people with disabilities because of people parking over the drop kerb. The parish council felt that this was a matter that should be dealt with by Cumbria Highways and the Clerk was asked to forward the letter to County Councillor Ben Shirley. Action Clerk/Cllr Shirley

**4/09/19: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 JULY 2019**

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

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Agreed**

**5/09/19: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**5/09/19/1: Nook Lane/ Low Lane, Ireleth.** The Clerk and Cllr Hadwick had visited the area with the residents who had brought this to the attention of the parish council. The residents and the footpath group who are working on this footpath were advised to contact Cumbria CC Countryside Access team before they carried out any more work. The Clerk emailed the Countryside Access Team, no response received. Closed

**5/09/19/2: Resurfacing Work to Lots Road and A595.** This work has been completed except for the cat's eyes needing to be replaced on the A595. Closed

**5/09/19/3: Motorcycles using the footpath on the Headlands.** No further reports. Closed

**5/09/19/4: Speeding in Village.** Complaints received about speeding on Duke Street. The Clerk has spoken to Travellers Choice regarding the school buses which seem to be exceeding the speed limit on Duke Street and Lots Road.

**5/09/19/5: Sun Street/Hollowgate Road.** An email from Neil Tyson says that a way forward has been reached with Cumbria Highways regarding resurfacing work. The downside being that the work will not commence until April 2020. Closed

**5/09/19/6: Moor Road.** Report from Keiron Tetchner – *“I have chatted with the site engineer; United Utilities have completed their diversion work. This has taken longer than anticipated due to a change in design. Although there is no completion date, we are expecting the end of November for completion. But I will update you as I am more certain”.*

**5/09/19/7: Illegal use of motorcycles on the beach and wood areas.** This continues to be a problem.

**5/09/19/8: Give Way Priority – Lots Road.** Cllr Bill Wilson met with Martyn Taylor of Cumbria Highways to discuss the suggestion by a resident to have a firm Give Way Priority on the corner near the Old Lots bridge. Cllr Wilson said it was a productive meeting and Martyn Taylor was able to witness the problems at first hand. Martyn said that a feasibility study was being carried out by Highways in response to the proposed housing development on Lots Road. This study had now been completed and their findings would be discussed as part of the planning application B07/2019/0576, an item on this agenda.

**5/09/19/9: Parish Plan.** Copies of the plan had been circulated around the village and details of where to collect them would be displayed. An action item on the plan was to obtain details of what can and what cannot be recycled in your household bins. Cllr Mike Cumming reported that these had now need received and a copy would be delivered to each household as soon as this could be arranged.

**5/09/19/10: Environmental Signs.** Cllr Bill Wilson said that this item would be put on hold for the present time and revisited next year. Closed

**6/09/19: TO REPORT ON POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Cllr Mike Cumming read out the report sent in by PCSO Louise Johns. Figures for August 2019 – anti-social behaviour 1, burglary 0, criminal damage 3, tyres slashed on Ireleth Road, motorbike and garden ornaments damaged on Whitecombe Way, drugs 0, theft 1 bottle of gin from Co-Op, assault 0.

**7/09/19: TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR MIKE CUMMING**

**Reference No:** B07/2019/0576 **Location** Housing Development Site, Lots Road, Askam in Furness **Proposal** Residential Development of 29 dwellings, comprising mix of 2- and 3-bedroom dwellings (bungalow and 2 storey) with associated roadways, parking and amenity space. There was a lot of controversy regarding this development particular concerns were the Lots Road which everyone believes is not fit for purpose and the report by Cumbria Highways did not alleviate these concerns. Parking within the development, proximity to school, risk of flooding and what impact this would have on Duke Street/Sharp Street. The Clerk was asked to send a response to Barrow Borough Council Planning. Action Clerk

**8/09/19: UPDATE FROM MEETING WITH MODLAR HOMES – CLLR BILL WILSON**

Cllr Wilson gave comprehensive update from this meeting which had been instigated by Modlar to discuss their proposed plans to develop the land in-between Sharp Street and Beach. Cllr Ben Shirley also attending the meeting. Modlar own part of this land and have been approached by Barrow Borough to purchase the adjacent land which they own. A frank discussion took place with Modlar. The parish council do not agree that this is appropriate for the development of houses and present many worrying issues including extra traffic, access to the site, the land, which is being offered to the resident, which will include an unadopted road. The parish council agreed to support the residents and agreed that this area should be kept as a public greenspace. The parish council advised Modlar to make contact with the residents committee and meet with them. A full copy of Cllr Wilson's will be sent to the residents committee for distribution. If any residents want to see this report, they can contact Nicola Lacey or the Clerk to the parish council.

**09/09/19: REQUEST FOR FUNDING FROM ASKAM COMMUNITY EVENTS**

A request for funding had been received to support the Silver Sunday event on Sunday 6 October being organised by the Askam Community Events Committee. The parish council were asked to pay for the entertainment, which this year will be Askam Town Silver Band. This was agreed by the parish council and £50.00 will be given to the committee.

**Proposed Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Seconded Cllr Harry Barker**

**Agreed**

**10/09/19: SELLAFIELD PARKING STUDY**

There will be a Stakeholder workshop (first phase study) on Thursday 19 September in Whitehaven regarding parking along the Railway route to Sellafield. Cllr Mike Cumming who has been extensively involved in this over the past few years is unable to attend, and Cllr Alan Mason will represent the parish council at this meeting, together with our County Councillor Ben Shirley. This study is critical for our village.

**11/09/19: SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE – SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2019**

The parish council agreed that the Clerk should organise this event as in previous years.

Action Clerk

**12/09/19: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

Cllr Daniel Edwards reported that he had today attended a meeting of the planning committee, where the application for extending the life of the Farm Old Park Farm windfarm had been on the agenda. The application had been deferred until further information had been received. Cllr Edwards has been monitoring emptying of litter bins within the parish. He has met with the Officers from Streetcare and explained that the bins are getting being emptied regularly. Cllr Edwards will continue monitoring this and he asked members of the public to report any bins which are not being emptied, with a photograph if possible.

Cllr Ben Shirley reported on County matters which included yellow line marking within the village which would hopefully happen soon. Residents are concerned that vehicles are parking on double yellow lines throughout the village and Cllr Shirley said the parking officers would be visiting the village. Cllr Shirley mentioned the sink hole which had appeared and near the Rankin Hall. The road had been closed, but he was impressed with the speed in which this was dealt with by Highways and United Utilities.

**13/09/19: REPORT FROM CLERK (including finances)**

The monthly spread sheet of expenditure was made available to all parish councillors. This was viewed and accepted.

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Harry Barker**

**Agreed**

**14/09/19: CORRESPONDENCE** – to check the appendix of items all which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

**15/09/19: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Archie Workman painting seats at Duddon Inshore Rescue £128.00, commencing painting jubilee fountain and gas lamps £64.97, GDPR subscription £64.97, copier paper £7.00, notebook £1.50.

**Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Seconded Cllr Alan Mason**

**Agreed**

**16/09/19: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 15 October 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam in Furness

**Signed Harry Barker, Chairman**

**Dated 15 October 2019**