

**MINUTES OF THE 316th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
TUESDAY 16 JULY 2019 IN THE RANKIN HALL, DUKE STREET, ASKAM**

**Present:** Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, David Knight, Mike Cumming, Susan Orrell, Alan Mason and Sandra Hadwick; also present: Clerk Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards and 22 members of the public.

**1/07/19: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** None

**2/07/19: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Borough and County Councillor Ben Shirley, Borough Councillor Sam Ronson and PCSO Louise Johns.

**3/07/19: UPDATE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR INTERVIEWS – CLLR BILL WILSON**

The Chairman and Vice Chairman had carried out interviews last week for the vacancy. Cllr Wilson said they were both very impressed with the candidates. The co-opted position was offered to Mrs Susan Orrell and Susan would make her declaration this evening. The other candidate Trevor Hughes was asked if he would like to join the parish council in an advisory position and work with the parish council on projects.

**3/07/19.1: Declaration of acceptance of office.** Mrs Susan Orrell made her declaration of office as a co-opted member of Askam and Ireleth Parish Council.

**4/07/19: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**4/07/19/1:** Concerns were raised from the floor regarding problems with anti-social behaviour, criminal damage to others property and driving around the village dangerously on motorbikes from an address on Parklands Terrace. This has been reported to the police, but the residents asked if the parish council could escalate this matter to a senior police officer. The parish council would speak to the police regarding these complaints.

**4/07/19/2: Nook Lane/Low Lane.** A group of Ireleth residents would like to do some repair works and fix a seat along Nook Lane. The Clerk explained that this is a public footpath and before any work is carried out, they should speak to Cumbria County Council Countryside Access Officer. The Clerk and Cllr Hadwick will meet the residents tomorrow at Nook Lane to discuss the work and the Clerk will then contact CCC.

**4/07/19/3: Re-surfacing Lots Road and A595.** Residents made complaints about the amount of dust and loose chippings after the recent resurfacing. They asked if the roads could be water sprayed. The Clerk will contact Cumbria Highways. The Clerk has spoken to Highways and they no longer water spray roads, but they will do another sweep.

**4/07/19/4: Motorcycles.** A complaint had been received regarding motorcycles using the public footpath from Sandy Lane to the Headlands. This is a footpath and not open to any motorised vehicles. The police have been informed.

**5/07/19: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18 JUNE 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 Bill Wilson**

**Agreed**

**6/07/19: PROGRESS REPORT FROM ACTION ITEMS**

**6/07/19/1: Lots Road – Give Way Priority.** Martyn Taylor from Cumbria Highways will meet with Parish Councillor Bill Wilson and Councillor Ben Shirley on 23<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss this matter.

**6/07/19/2: Land between Sharp Street and Beach Street.** Peter Burton reported that residents had delivered 90 letters to Modlar home opposing their plans to build houses in this area. As yet there has been no response from Modlar Homes. Cllr Mike Cumming has put this issue as an agenda item for the next Joint Rural Committee with Barrow BC to bring it to attention of the new Executive

**6/07/19/3: Speeding in the Village and Parking in the Village.** As Cllr Steven Smalley was not at the meeting there was no update.

**6/07/19/4: Moor Road.** Keiron Tetchner, Highways Engineer confirmed a start date for repair work to Moor Road. United Utilities need to divert a service before works can start, they will do this w/c 29 July. Highways contractor A E Yates will take possession of the site before w/c 22 July and will re-establish the road closure, place site cabins. A letter will be drafted and dropped into the adjacent residents.

**6/07/19/5: Sun Street/Hollowgate Road.** Work has been carried out, but not to the complete satisfaction of the resident who brought this complaint to the parish council. A site visit has been organised for next week by Highways to discuss the matter with the resident.

**6/07/19/6: Illegal use of motorcycles on the beach and wood areas.** This continues to be a problem with education being a major factor with people not always knowing that it is not permitted to drive a motorised vehicle in the woods or within the dunes or SSSI areas. Whilst there is a right of way between Roanhead and Askam this is an established 'greenway' and as such all vehicles must be road legal. The Sandscale reserve is also a site of special scientific interest (SSSI) and as a result any individual off roading would be committing a more serious offence. As a result the police would encourage individuals not to use these area. If you witness illegal vehicles on around our beaches, you can report them to our police by calling 101 or email [101emails@police.cumbria.uk](mailto:101emails@police.cumbria.uk).

#### **7/07/19: TO REPORT ON POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS**

Cllr Mike Cumming read out the report sent in by PCSO Louise Johns. Figures for June 2019 – anti-social behaviour 3 youths at Roanhead end of term, 2 neighbour issues on Parklands Terrace; 4 assault 3 x domestic and 1 Hawthwaite House; burglary 1 empty house on Steel Street and Saves Lane; criminal damage 3 fencing at Paradise and 2 damage to Co-Op ATM; 1 possession of controlled drugs; 2 theft 1 at Co-op and 2 theft from dwellings (domestic related).

The Speed Indicator Device had been deployed on Beach Street facing towards the Headlands (15 June to 11 July) 85<sup>th</sup> percentile recorded at 23.8 mph, max speed 45 mph at 1430 hours on 25 June 2019. Total vehicles 5892. The SID will now be left to record vehicles going down Beach Street towards Duke Street. A resident asked if the SID could be deployed on Duddon Road. **The Clerk will contact PCSO Louise Johns.**

St Peter's School, Ireleth asked for help to prevent people parking outside the school on double yellow lines. PCSO Louise Johns is working with the school.

#### **8/07/19: TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR DAVID KNIGHT**

**Reference Number :** B21/2019/0466 **Location :** 227 Ireleth Road Ireleth Askam-in-Furness Cumbria.

**Proposal :** Remodel bungalow to add first floor, rear extension and double garage.

**Reference Number :** B21/2019/0479. **Location :** 11 Caspian Road Askam-in-Furness Cumbria. **Proposal :** Proposed first floor extension providing master bedroom with en-suite.

**Reference Number :** B18/2019/0521 **Location :** Sandscale Park Helipad Barrow-in-Furness Cumbria LA14 4QT **Proposal :** Application for a variation of condition no.6 of planning permission B18/2017/0628 (Construction of temporary Heliport) in order to modify the 'Bird Mitigation & Monitoring Plan'.

**There were no issues regarding these applications and the Clerk was asked to respond to Planning.**

**Reference Number :** B07/2019/0513 **Location :** Urofoam Ltd Duddon Road Askam-in-Furness Cumbria

**Proposal :** Application for Outline Planning Permission with all matters reserved for housing development of up to 46 houses. The parish council expressed their concerns regarding access to the proposed site, which was not clear on the application with no design access statement. Members of the public raised their concerns regarding access, construction traffic, green areas, removal of the old factory which has large amounts of asbestos, contamination of the ground and protection of trees. The parish council will formulate a response to Planning, advised residents to also make as many responses as possible to Barrow Borough council.

**Reference Number :** B18/2019/0483 **Location :** Askam Wind cluster Far Old Park Farm, Broughton Road Dalton-in-Furness Cumbria. **Proposal :** Application to modify the Unilateral Undertaking dated 13th January 2003 (Section 106) to permit the continued operation of the wind farm for a further 10 years expiring August 2029. The parish council had met with residents prior to this meeting to be briefed on the history of this development. Cllr Mike Cumming and Cllr David Knight had some research on section 106 and felt it was being used inappropriately to gain an extra 10 years life span for this out of date windfarm. There are many facets to this issue and Cllr Mike Cumming has formulated a response from the parish council. The residents are distraught that this application has been lodged on a section 106 and are taking advice and will be responding to this application. Some interesting facts and figures regarding the amount of energy this windfarm produces were provided from a member of the public.

#### **9/07/19: PARISH PLAN – CLLR BILL WILSON**

Cllr Wilson was able to present the new completed copies of the parish plan to the parish council and residents present. He was extremely pleased with the result and thank the parish council and members of the public who had help to produce the plan. They would be available to various locations around the village. The parish plan thanked Bill for his hard work in producing the parish plan within the project timescale. **Closed**

**10/07/19: REPLACEMENT SEAT FOR LAY-BYE, BROUGHTON ROAD, IRELETH**

The seat is in a very poor condition and needs replacing. The Clerk asked if the parish council would agree to purchase a new seat from TDP at a cost of £386.63. This was agreed.

**Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson**

**Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick**

**Action Clerk**

**Agreed**

**11/07/19: ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNS FOR BEACH ACCESS AREAS – CLLR BILL WILSON**

Cllr Bill Wilson had seen some signs at Seascale entitled 'Blight on our Beaches'. These signs tell of the slow rate of degradation of marine litter. They also give details of the flora and fauna in the area. He felt that these could be a good idea for our beaches. Cllr Wilson was asked to look into and get some costs to bring to the parish council. Peter Burton said he would be willing to help with the flora and fauna of the area.

**12/07/19: EMPTYING OF LITTER BINS AROUND THE VILLAGE – CLLR MIKE CUMMING**

It would seem there was some problem with the Borough Council's contractor FCC as the bins in Askam and Ireleth were not emptied for over a week and then some emptied and some not. The Clerk had sent photographs and contacted Borough council officers. Cllr Cumming has added this item to the agenda for the JRC meeting next week.

**13/07/19: NO 7 FURNESS COLLEGE BUS SERVICE**

The parish council have been informed by Cumbria CC that this service daily service from Broughton through Askam to Furness for the new college year starting 2 September. This is due to students not using the service, Stagecoach have deemed the service no longer viable. County Council Ben Shirley is aware of the situation.

**14/07/19: REPORT FROM COUNTY AND BOROUGH COUNCILLOR**

Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards reported on the full council meeting he had attended at Barrow Town Hall prior to the parish council meeting. The council voted to put through a motion to bring in a new policy towards reducing carbon emissions and produce a Climate Change Policy and Action Plan for Autumn 2019. A motion to support various issues surrounding SEND a provision recognising families who need support was passed unanimously. Cllr Edwards also gave an update on his role on the Wildlife and Heritage Advisory committee. He also reported that a new street sign for Dale Street had been fitted by the Borough Council.

**15/07/19: 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 Alan Mason**

**Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming**

**Agreed**

**16/07/19: CORRESPONDENCE** – to check the appendix of items all which will be available at the meeting for inspection.

**16/07/19/1:** Relaunch of Askam Town Silver Band Wednesday 24 July at 6.30 pm in the Band Hall.

**16/07/19/2:** Duddon Inshore Rescue Open Day Saturday 27 July at the Boat House to celebrate 50 years of Duddon Inshore Rescue.

**18/07/19: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

Aqua Pro Jet annual landscape and maintenance contract £570.84, windows business renewal (1 year) £71.86, Bedding plants for headlands garden £5.98, hire of Methodist hall for interviews £10.00, Election Expenses for Barrow BC £53.53, Archie Workman painting and repairing seats jubilee fountain area £247.75, extra soil and feed for rose garden in memorial garden £110.00 and watering bedding plants £60.00 Aqua Pro Jet, HSP Milner £500.00 printing 250 copies of 2019 parish plan.

**19/07/19: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 7.15 pm in the Temperance Hall, Saves Lane, Ireleth.

**Signed Harry Barker, Chairman**

**Dated 10 September 2019**