

**MINUTES OF THE 330th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 16 MARCH 2021 AT 7.15PM VIA ZOOM**

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic the parish council are unable to hold a public meeting. A meeting of the parish council was again held via Zoom. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Present: Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Parish Councillor Mike Cumming, Alan Mason, Sandra Hadwick, Steve Smalley, Susan Orrell and Trevor Hughes; Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards; Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming. Guest: Eve Mulholland, Engagement Officer Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Dynamic Dunescapes Project

1/03/21: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST None

2/03/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE PCSO Louise Perry, Borough & County Councillor Ben Shirley.

3/03/21: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Correspondence received from members of the public will be discussed under planning.

4/03/21: DYNAMIC DUNESCAPES PROJECT – EVE MULHOLLAND

The Clerk introduced Eve Mulholland, the Engagement Officer for the Cumbria Dynamic Dunescapes Project. Eve gave a presentation to the parish council on the details of the project which is being conducted by Natural England and involves 11 different sites along the Cumbrian Coast. This project's goal is to protect and rejuvenate the sand dunes. These sand dunes are home to rare species such as toads, birds, lizards, bees and orchids. Over time many of the dunes have become covered by grass, scrub and invasive species which have over-taken the native ones. It is hoped that work will commence in the area from Askam pier South to and include Roanhead. Eve showed a slide of Roanhead in 1946 and the same area in 2014, it was astounding the difference in the dunes area. There will be opportunities for volunteers to help with this work and it is hoped to involve schools and children in an education programme about the importance of protecting these areas. If anyone wants any further information you can go to the website www.dynamicdunescapes.co.uk. Work in Askam and Roanhead should begin in October 2021. The parish council thanked Eve for sharing this information.

5/03/21: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

6/03/21: PROGRESS AND UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6/03/21/1: Coastal Erosion & 6/03/21/2: Parking and traffic issues at St Peter's Ireleth. These actions were for Cllr Ben Shirley. Cllr Shirley will send in a written report to the parish council.

6/03/21/3: Keep Clear markings at Askam Station. This work is scheduled to be completed by the end of this month, weather permitting.

7/03/21: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS

Crime Report for February 2021 sent in by PCSO Louise Perry. 4 anti-social behaviour 1st Feb motorcycles on beach, 21st Feb scrambler bike on Sandscale Haws, 21st Feb abandoned vehicle on beach, 21st Feb possible Covid breach. 3 crimes 2nd Feb malicious communications and harassment, 4th Feb engaging and coercive behaviour domestic related, 25th Feb vehicle interference.

8/03/21 TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR SUSAN ORRELL

Reference Number: B21/2021/0220 **Location :** St Anthonys Lodge Crossley Street Askam-in-Furness Cumbria LA16 7AS **Proposal :** Proposed side extension forming sun room and bedroom 4. Roof ridge raised above bedroom 1 to be in line with existing roof line. No objections or comments.

Reference Number: B18/2021/0114 **Location :** Land at Sharp Street Askam **Proposal :** Demolition of existing garage (retrospective) and construction of new detached garage with pitched roof and mezzanine storage. The parish council have received a number of objections to this application and have objections and comments regarding this application which were discussed. The Clerk was asked to respond/

9/02/21: VISIT TO THE CHILDREN’S HOME, IRELETH ROAD

Cllr Orrell gave a report on the visit to the Children’s home at 252 Ireleth Road. She said it had been a very informative visit and had been welcomed by the Manager and had been shown around the property. The plan for the home was that they would initially have 2 children with staff who would be at the home 24/7. The aim was to provide a home environment to these children. It was difficult to say the type of children who would be living at the home until it was fully open and had received an Ofsted inspection. A matched profile would be carried out to ensure the children were able to live together in the home. NWChildrenCare hoped that the children would integrate into the community and hoped to alleviate any fears the community had about this home. To this end they would attend the Zoom parish council meeting on Tuesday 20 March 2021 to which any interested members of the community could attend and ask questions.

9/03/21: ACCESS THROUGH ASKAM PIER

Cllr Trevor Hughes is concerned about the access through Askam pier, especially potential problems for Duddon Inshore Rescue which use this point to access the beach area to Roanhead and beyond. This is the responsibility of Cumbria Highways as this is part of the ByWay 602031. It was suggested that DIR contact Highways. The Clerk will contact DIR with this information. Concerns were also raised regarding the coastal erosion in the area South of Askam pier underneath Avocet Crescent. The Clerk will contact Cllr Ben Shirley to ask this area can be monitored.

Action Clerk

10/03/21: ROAD SURFACE, DUDDON ROAD

Cllr Susan Orrell said that the road surface in a few areas on Duddon Road near the London House are in a poor condition. She would report these to Cumbria Highways

Action Cllr Orrell

11/03/21: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Daniel Edwards reported that a new Police Officer has been allocated to Dalton North Ward and will be based at Dalton Drill Hall. The parish council hoped that this Officer would have a physical presence in Askam and Ireleth.

12/03/21: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

All parish councillors were sent a copy of the monthly finance spreadsheet. This was accepted and agreed.

Proposed Cllr Susan Orrell

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

Agreed

12/03/21/1: End of Year Accounts. The end of year accounts would be completed at the end of March. Roger Brailsford had agreed to act as the internal auditor.

12/03/21/2: Parish Council Lengthsman. The parish council agreed to have Archie Workman continue to do work around the parish. The Clerk asked for ideas on work Archie could do around the parish.

12/03/21/3: Youth Groups in Askam and Ireleth. The parish council agreed to give financial support to the groups who work with young people in Askam and Ireleth. It was hoped that these groups would be able to open up this year. £100.00 would be given to each of the 4 groups – Askam Youthy, Drop Zone, Scouts & Cubs, Brownies.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Agreed

13/03/21: CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence sent to the parish councillors prior to the meeting via email. No questions or comments.

14/02/21: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Aqua Projet monthly landscaping and maintenance £570.84, 2nd class stamps £7.92, confidential shredding £17.10, Toilets seats for Ireleth Cemetery £69.58, 123 reg website £1.20, Paper and Envelopes £6.70.

14/02/21: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 16 March 2021 at 7.15 pm via Zoom

Signed Dated