

**MINUTES OF THE 334th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
TUESDAY 18 MAY 2021 AT 7.15PM IN THE RANKIN HALL, ASKAM IN FURNESS**

Present: Members of the Parish Council, Parish Councillor Mike Cumming, Alan Mason, Susan Orrell, Trevor Hughes and Sandra Hadwick; Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming; Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards; PCSO Louise Perry. In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Councillor Mike Cumming Chaired the meeting

1/05/21: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None

2/05/21: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Harry Barker, Bill Wilson, Steven Smalley, County and Borough Councillor Ben Shirley, PC Hannah While.

3/05/21: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

3/05/21/1: A resident reported that people are using the memorial garden to exercise their dogs and they did not feel it was appropriate. The parish council agreed that there are plenty of places to exercise your dog in Askam and Ireleth without using the memorial garden which is a place dedicated to remembrance.

Action Clerk

4/05/21: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20 APRIL 2021

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

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Susan Orrell

Agreed

5/05/21: PROGRESS AND UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5/05/21/1: Coastal Erosion. Cllr Shirley had met with Mrs Johnson of Marsh Farm regarding her concerns about Coastal erosion at their farm. Cllr Shirley will be taking forward all the concerns raised regarding this issue in Askam.

5/05/21/2: Parking Issues at Ireleth School. Further complaints have been received regarding parking at Ireleth School from residents of Ireleth Brow. Cllr Shirley has been working with Victoria Upton of Cumbria Highways. She says that the area outside the properties on Ireleth Brow is not an adopted Highway and it is likely that as the residents have maintained it as it's in the deeds to each property. In terms of cars parking on there – as such it is their own land to manage, and they can put planters or similar on the area in question to put drivers off from parking there. Of course, they would need to ensure nothing strayed onto the highway and became a hazard. Highways are also looking to implement a keep clear on the corner where parking causes visibility issues around the bend.

Action Cllr Shirley

5/05/21/5: Road Surface, Duddon. Cllr Shirley had asked Cumbria Highways to inspect this area.

Action Cllr Shirley

6/05/21: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS – PCSO LOUISE PERRY

Crime figures for April 2021 5 anti-social behaviour 3 April, 4 males on pit bikes on beach at Sandscale Haws, 12 April, children on Steel Street Park, 20 April, litter on A595, 21 April, scramble bike and 4-wheel drive on beach off Duddon Road, 24 April, Covid – no breach. 2 criminal damage 8 April, Victoria Street, rear windscreen smashed, 9 April, Steel Park damage to bollards. Other crimes 2 April, theft of vehicle, 2 separate reports of sexual offences.

7/05/21 TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES – CLLR SUSAN ORRELL

Reference Number: B13/2021/0430 **Location:** Armadale Ireleth Road Ireleth Askam-in-Furness Cumbria LA16 7DL **Proposal :** Construction of a detached 1.5 Storey dwelling with detached garage and associated landscaping. No comments or objections.

Reference Number: B21/2021/0381 **Location:** 18 Sandy Lane Askam-in-Furness Cumbria LA16 7BD

Proposal : Removal of front dormer, enlargement of rear dormer and internal alterations. No comments or objections.

Application BCO/2021/0393 Application for Tree Felling at Askam Lots for Dynamic Dunes. Concerns have been raised regarding this application. Members of the parish council visited the site and met with Kevin Alexander of the Askam Village Hall Committee (The Lots) to discuss the concerns and the work that was planned. From this the Clerk would formulate a response.

Action Clerk

B18/2019/0683 – Cardross, Harris Street. Cllr Cumming had received a call from the applicant. Cllr Cumming contact Maureen Smith the Planning Officer for this application. She said that the applicant should contact herself with regards to his concerns. The parish council are consultees for application, final decisions are made by Barrow Borough Council, not the parish council.

8/05/21: STREET NAMING OF NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Cllr Alan Mason thought it would be a nice idea if a couple of the streets could be name after our Queen, as it is her 95th birthday and maybe also the Duke of Edinburgh. Cllr Daniel Edwards would make enquiries with the Borough Council as to how the decision is made regarding street naming and he would let Cllr Mason know.

Action Cllr Edwards

9/05/21: ANNUAL ACCOUNTING CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION AGAR 2020/21 PART 2

The parish council were asked to review and approve this document, which had been sent prior to the meeting. 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 unanimously and duly signed.**

10/5/21: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

The parish council were asked to review and approve this document, which had been sent to each councillor prior to the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously and duly signed.**

11/05/21: ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2020/21

The parish council were asked to review and approve this document, which had been sent to each councillor prior to the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously and duly signed.**

12/05/21: UPDATE FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Edwards reported that himself and the other Dalton North Borough Councils had met with PC Hannah While and had walked around the Dalton North Ward, which includes Askam and Ireleth. It is hoped that PC While will be seen around the ward in the near future. Dalton North Councillors have set up a Facebook page and people are encouraged to join to catch up on what is happening in the ward.

13/05/21: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

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

Proposed Cllr Sandra Hadwick

Seconded Cllr Mike Cumming

Agreed

14/05/21: CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence sent to the parish councillors prior to the meeting via email.

Email from Cumbria Highways regarding the new problem reporting system which is being launched sometime in June. There will be an opportunity for parish councils to attend a joint engagement regarding this system. The Clerk will send out dates, it will be carried out remotely.

Action Clerk

Correspondence regarding Highways England (A590 Trunk Road at Cross-A-Moor) Improvement Scheme. Cllr Mason took this document to read.

15/05/21: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

CALC membership £459.14, Roger Brailsford £50.00 for completing internal audit, Aqua ProJet March payment paid by cheque as bank missed direct debit, £685.00 Aqua Projet monthly landscape and maintenance payment, £8.60 Adhesive for sticking on parish council signs, £23.00 extra keys for police pod, £48.00 Archie Workman sanding and painting seat at Sun Street, £1,253.77 Annual Public Liability Insurance.

Proposed Cllr Alan Mason

Seconded Cllr Trevor Hughes

Agreed

16/05/21: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 June 2021 at 7.15pm at the Rankin Hall, Duke Street, Askam

Signed Dated