

MINUTES OF THE 377th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025 AT 7.30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, DUKE STREET, ASKAM

Present: Members of the Parish Council Councillor Mike Cumming, Chairman; Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman; Susan Orrell; Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming; Westmorland and Furness Councillor Daniel Edwards.

1/06/25: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST None

2/06/25: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Harry Barker, Alan Mason, Elisabeth Donachie, John McLean and John Shields.

3/06/25: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

4/06/25: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 20 MAY 2025

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Susan Orrell

Agreed

5/06/25: PROGRESS REPORTS AND UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5/06/25/1: Email Addresses. It is still the intention to have Whamos come to the meeting to create email addresses for each parish councillor.

6/06/25: REPORT FROM BARROW NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM

Highways disruption 1, others 3, concern/collapse/illness 1, criminal damage 3, civil dispute 1, suspicious incident 1. None of the above should have had any effect on the wider community, the other logs related to drones flying. The parish council were disappointed at the lack of information being provided by the neighbourhood police within the report and the Clerk was asked to contact the police. **Action Clerk**

7/06/25: TO REPORT AND DISCUSS PLANNING APPLICATIONS

None

8/06/25: CALC AND NALC MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION 2025/2026

It was agreed to renew the parish council's membership of Cumbria Association of Local Councils, which includes membership for the National Association of Local Councils. The fee of £570.15 was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Susan Orrell

Agreed

9/06/25: ACCEPTANCE OF RISK REGISTER

Councillor Mike Cumming had sent out the revised risk register prior to the meeting. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Susan Orrell

Agreed

10/06/25: SURVEY OF PARISH BENCHES

Cllr Bill Wilson had carried out a survey of all the seats and benches in the parish. These included ones owned by the parish council and others which are the property of Westmorland and Furness Council. Most of the seats, apart from the new recycled composite seats need work of some kind. An assessment of costs will be made and a decision as to whether replace or repair will be made in due course. The Chairman thanked Councillor Wilson for taking the time to do a comprehensive survey.

11/06/25: UPDATE FROM WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS COUNCILLORS

Councillor Edwards reported that work had been carried to clear the litter from the A590 into Barrow. Cllr Edwards has worked tirelessly to get this work done by W&F. The parish council thanked him for his perseverance in this matter and agreed the road did look much better. Councillor Edwards reported that over the next few weeks consultations would be taking place with regards to waste collections in W&F, and he urged people to participate in the consultations.

12/06/25: REPORT FROM CLERK (including Finances)

The monthly expenditure sheet was made available. This was accepted.

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Susan Orrell

Agreed

13/06/25: CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence sent to the parish councillors prior to the meeting. Email received from 2 members of Askam Scouts requesting funding for a Scout camp to Sweden next year. Unfortunately, the parish council are unable to fund individuals. The Clerk was asked to respond.

14/06/25: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Aqua Projet monthly landscaping and grass cutting £866.15, Internal Audit £100.00, Soil and drainage stones for planters £71.95, feed for planters £5.99, 2nd class stamps £6.96.

15/06/25: DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 July 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre, Duke Street, Askam.

Signed Dated