

MINUTES OF THE 325th MEETING OF ASKAM AND IRELETH PARISH COUNCIL, HELD TUESDAY 21 JULY 2020 BY THE ZOOM PLATFORM

Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic emergency the parish council were unable to hold a public meeting. A meeting of the parish council was held via Zoom,

Present: Members of the Parish Council: Harry Barker, Chairman, Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman, Parish Councillor Mike Cumming, Alan Mason, Steven Smalley, Trevor Hughes, Sandra Hadwick, Susan Orrell; Borough and County Councillor Ben Shirley; Borough Councillor Daniel Edwards and Clerk Mrs Janice Cumming.

1/07/20: DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Parish Councillor Harry Barker item 7/07/20 and Ben Shirley item 3/07/20/1.

2/07/20: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

PCSO Louise Perry.

3/07/20: PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Residents had been invited to send in questions 3 days before the meeting to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this Agenda or any other matters regarding parish issue.

No correspondence from residents had been received for this meeting.

3/07/20/1 Community Field. Complaints have been received by Cllr Ben Shirley regarding youths in

community field late at night causing a noise nuisance and possibly using drugs.

It was asked if the community field gates could be locked over-night. The parish council advised that this is something

that needs to be taken up with the Community Centre as they are the owners of the Community Field.

4/07/20: APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 16 JUNE 2020

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

Proposed Cllr Bill Wilson

Seconded Cllr Alan Mason

Agreed

5/07/20: PROGRESS AND UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

5/07/20/1: Paving in Memorial Garden. Cllr Bill Wilson reported that Colin Roberts Landscapes had completed the work in the memorial garden, and everyone agreed it looked very good. Cllr Wilson reported that the gate at the Headlands Garden was broken. He had asked Colin Roberts to look at this and Colin advised that the wooden slates needed replacing, a new post was needed as well as new fittings. The cost of this work would be £200.00. The parish council agreed to fund this work. Cllr Wilson will contact Colin Roberts.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker

Seconded Cllr Steven Smalley

Agreed

5/07/20/2: Police Pod. Cllr Trevor Hughes had again looked at the Pod roof and it looks like someone has been on the roof and caused more damage. It was suggested that the roof could be painted in vandal proof paint. Cllr Hughes said the Pod is in a pretty poor state inside and would need quite an amount of money spending on it to make it waterproof and damp free. Cllr Barker asked if the parish council could look at how much a new Pod would cost. The Clerk asked if it was worth such an expense when the community police could possibly use the library. Cllr Ben Shirley said this is something

he thought Cumbria County Council library services would agree to and he would support this action if it was something the parish council and the police agreed too. The parish council will speak to the Community Police and ask their views and recommendations.

5/07/20/3: Doctors Surgery in Askam. A report from the Save our Surgery Group indicated that Duddon Valley Medical Practice has achieved agreement to provide services in Askam & Ireleth and are now fully resourced to meet the requirement. The purchase of the surgery is currently subject to agreements with the vendors solicitors. It is hoped that by the end of August medical services will resume in Askam & Ireleth.

5/07/20/4: Beach Safety. Cllr Trevor Hughes had been in contact with Duddon Inshore Rescue who are in the process of putting together a video on beach safety. Cllr Hughes was impressed with the work DIR are producing to get the message out regarding safety on Askam beach.

6/07/20: REPORT FROM POLICE AND ROAD TRAFFIC MATTERS

Crime figures for June 2020 – 10 anti-social behaviour includes 5 x breach of Covid 19 all attended by patrols and advice given. Youths on Duke Street, Youths in Lots Woods, Group of 15 people at Duddon Road car park and 10 on the beach at Dunnerholme, group of youths on beach. 2 incidents of youths at Burlington ponds, 1 ongoing neighbourhood dispute, 1 footballer on Duddon Sports Club field. 0 assaults, 0 burglary, 3 criminal damage includes 2 damage to a gate on Saves Lane, reparation has been made by the offending youths, 1 damage inside a residential property on Parklands Drive domestic related. 0 drugs, 0 theft.

7/07/20 TO REPORT ON AND DISCUSS ANY PLANNING ISSUES - CLLR SUSAN ORRELL

Cllr Orrell had visited Armadale Bungalow with Cllr Ben Shirley to meet with the neighbouring properties who she felt had valid concerns regarding the development planned for this area. The residents had sent their responses to Barrow Borough Council.

Reference Number : B20/2020/0337 **Location :** 36 Steel Street Askam-in-Furness

Proposal : Change of use of vacant land into domestic curtilage, erection of a two storey rear extension forming extended kitchen, utility room and bathroom at ground floor with extended bedroom and w.c at first floor, a side porch and erection of a 1.828 metre high boundary fence. No adverse comments or objections.

Reference Number : B18/2020/0355 **Location :** Unit 3 Station Yard Askam-in-Furness

Proposal : The erection of a hobby workshop for motor cycle restorer with subsequent use as a light industrial building Use Class B1(c). A member of the parish council was concerned about noise from this development and how it might affect the neighbours.

Reference Number : B21/2020/0383 **Location :** 35 Parklands Drive Askam-in-Furness

Proposal : First floor extension above garage to form bedroom with en-suite. Conversion of garage forming lounge and utility room. Ground floor rear extension forming sun room. No adverse comments or objections.

Reference Number : B13/2020/0382 **Location :** 17 Paradise Ireleth Askam-in-Furness

Proposal : Demolition of existing house and construction of a replacement dwelling and detached garage (Re-submission of B13/2020/0216 in a revised form). No comments.

8/07/20: INCREASED ILLEGAL USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES ON ASKAM BEACH

Cllr Susan Orrell expressed concerns about the increased number of motorised vehicles using Askam beach. The parish council advised that these incidents should be reported to 101 or email by email to 101emails@cumbria.police.uk. This issue had been reported to the Police & Crime Commissioner.

9/07/20: REPORT FROM BOROUGH AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Daniel Edwards is in communications with Peter Buckley of Barrow BC Streetcare regarding bin collections, fly tipping and public bin emptying. Cllr Edwards reported that the outlying planning permission for the Urofoam site had been granted with a number of conditions. Cllr Edwards had raised concerns with the planning committee about access to the site and safety of residents when/if the factory is taken down.

Cllr Ben Shirley had spoken to David Joyce, Estates Manager for Barrow BC regarding the land between Sharp Street and Beach Street. It would seem that Modlar Homes has pulled out of the purchase of this land from Barrow BC and hence their plans to build houses on this land has been cancelled. A meeting would be held with the residents to produce a way forward, the suggestion was to have a G14 agreement on the land which would hand the land over to the residents. There is a Central Government incentive called 'Pocket Parks' and this could be something the residents could consider applying for the 'spruce up' the area.

The report regarding the Sellafield commuters parking in Askam has been released and Cllr Shirley expressed his disappointment with the report. He will forward the report to the parish council, who may wish to respond.

Cllr Shirley is setting up a working group to look at Highways and cycle paths in Dalton North. Cllr Bill Wilson, Vice Chairman will represent the parish council on this group. Cllr Shirley was pleased to announce that safety priorities had been agreed by Cumbria Highways for Askam Village following the RTC. These included a pedestrian guard rail to protect the entrance/exit points to stop children spilling out onto the road, undertaking traffic monitoring to inform other measures, renewing some signage including the School Keep Clear and school flashing lights raising an unrequired drop kerb.

10/07/20: REPORT FROM CLERK INCLUDING FINANCES

The monthly expenditure spreadsheet was sent to the parish councillors prior to the meeting. This was reviewed and accepted.

Proposed Cllr Harry Barker
Agreed

Seconded Cllr Bill Wilson

11/07/20: CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence had been sent to parish council prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

12/07/20: SANCTIONS FOR PAYMENT

Colin Roberts Landscapes, work in Memorial Garden £2600.00, Aqua Project fixing new bins

and watering bedding plants £120.00, Tythe Barn Nurseries Summer Bedding Plants £486.00, Archie

Workman Painting gazebo and benches in memorial garden £171.38, Aqua Project Monthly landscape

and maintenance charge £570.84, Stationery, envelopes and drawing pins £4.60, Windows Business

yearly subscription £71.86.

13/07/20: DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 15 September 2020 at 7.15 pm via (unless circumstances change)

Signed Harry Barker

Dated 15 September 2020