

## **BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at St. Michael's School, Bothel on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

S. Austin  
G. Bowe  
M. Story  
R. Teasdale  
N. Todhunter

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council  
J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council (for part of the meeting)  
K. Nelson  
J. Rae (Clerk)  
One member of the public

Cllr. Todhunter in the Chair

### **63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. R. Watson.

### **64 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 SEPTEMBER 2014**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **65 CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR**

Mr. K. Nelson had previously expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council. It was therefore proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED** that Mr. Nelson be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr. Nelson signed a declaration of acceptance of office and completed a pecuniary and other registerable interests form. The completed form will be forwarded to the Borough Council's Monitoring Officer and Mr. Nelson will be provided with a copy of the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

### **66 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Drop in Sessions have been arranged throughout the County for the public to have their say on Cumbria County Council's Budget Consultation 2015/16. The County Council has to save £83 million by 2018. The nearest sessions will be held at Wigton Local Links Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Aspatria Library 1<sup>st</sup> December. The Closing date for comments is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

Thanks were relayed to Raymond Wren for providing a copy of the 1946 Conveyance for the Village Hall.

A query has been received as to why the Parish Council do not provide funding towards the fireworks for the village bonfire event. The organisers of the bonfire are welcome to submit an application for funding to be considered by the Community Fund Sub Committee. This must be received in time to be considered at the September meeting.

### **67 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Story declared an interest in item 9(b) on the agenda (Community Fund – request from St. Michael's School).

Cllrs Bowe and Todhunter previously declared an interest in item 12(a) on the agenda Planning application 2/2014/0728 land adjacent to Bothel Parks, School Lane, Bothel.

## 68 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 9 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Clerk reported that Home Group had been contacted regarding the grass adjacent to the Crofts in Bothel which has not been cut this year. No response had been received. It was agreed the Clerk should pursue this matter further.

At the last meeting Cllr Watson had queried the arrangement for the payment of the residue of funds from the Community Fund which are set aside for the Village Hall each year. It was noted that the agreement to transfer the residue of funds is until the actual building works are completed and the building is handed over by the building contractors. It is recognised that the transfer by the builders will be before internal fittings and furnishings are completed.

## 69 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

## 70 REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor - Cllr. Mounsey provided an update on street lighting.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor – Cllr. Bowness -  
The recent issue regarding the loss of the telephone connection was discussed. This has affected at least five properties in Bothel and the problem has been ongoing for approximately six weeks.
- (c) Cumbria Police - PCSO Lyndsay Tuck was unable to attend the meeting. The report received advised that one incident had occurred in the parish relating to a bull on the A595.

## 71 COMMUNITY FUND

The Community Fund Sub Committee met on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and considered two applications. The Committees' recommendation is to approve the applications.

- (a) Bothel Gardening Club – RESOLVED that £600.00 be granted towards the Cumbria in Bloom application for 2015.
- (b) St. Michael's School – RESOLVED that £1500 be granted towards the improvements of the woodland footpath.

## 72 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The up-to-date financial report was circulated at the meeting:

Bank Balances 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014

HSBC	£ 4,952.84
CBS	£22,172.84

- (b) Payment of accounts

**RESOLVED:** The following accounts were approved for payment

Bothel Village Hall	Room Hire (Nov 13, Jan, March 14)	£ 33.25
I. Steel	Grass Cutting	£1524.00
Land Registry	Registration fee	£ 40.00
St. Michael's School	Room Hire	£ 14.00
Great North Air Ambulance Service (Donation)		£ 200.00
Payments from the Community Fund		
Bothel Gardening Club		£ 600.00
St. Michael's School		£1500.00

## **73 CORRESPONDENCE**

The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting:

CALC – Notes of General Meeting 25 September 2014  
Cumbria CC – Budget Consultation  
ARP – Agenda 6 November 2014  
CALC – Local Council Award Scheme  
CALC Circular October 2014  
Airvolution – Proposal – 3 wind turbines on land west of Aspatria  
Cumbria Police – Change of Police Inspector  
CALC – Annual General Meeting 15 November 2014  
CALC - Agenda General Meeting 25 September 2014  
ARP - Minutes/Balance Sheet/Finances/Chairs report  
Cumbria CC – Emergency Road Closure School Lane, Bothel

## **74 PLANNING**

(a) Applications Received:

Application 2/2014/0636 – Installation of solar park with an output of approximately 14.36MW

Land east of Wharrels Hill wind farm adjacent to A591 Bothel

2/2014/0728 – Land adjacent to Bothel Parks, School Lane, Bothel

Outline consent for residential development for a single dwelling

(b) Decisions

None

(c) Application 2/2014/0636 – Installation of solar park with an output of approximately 14.36MW

A meeting was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September to discuss the application for the installation of a solar park on land east of Wharrels Hill wind farm. 37 residents attended the meeting. The Parish Council has submitted observations to the Borough Council and requested support in opposing the application from neighbouring parishes and town councils. A date when the application will be considered by the Borough Council's Development Panel has not been decided. The Parish Council will discuss attendance once a date for the Development Panel is set. If this is before the next Parish Council meeting this will be by e-mail.

The recent decision of the Borough Council's Development Panel to approve in principle the plans for a solar energy farm at Aspatria was discussed. The decision has been put on hold following a request that the application be called in. The Secretary of State will decide whether to call in the plan or lift the holding direction preventing the Borough Council issuing a decision to grant planning permission.

## **75 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

It was reported that issues have occurred recently with large heavy vehicles using the Bothel to Threapland road which is considered to be unsuitable for these types of vehicle. It was agreed further details of the milk tanker and the bus using the road should be obtained before any further action is taken. The Chairman had already contacted the Milk Haulier and would follow this up. The bus operator to be identified before contacting Cumbria County Council regarding the route.

## **76 VILLAGE HALL**

(a) Mr Wren provided an update on progress with the work at the Village Hall. This is on schedule and it is anticipated will be completed in Spring 2015.

- (b) The contents of the 1946 Conveyance for the Village Hall had been verified. It was confirmed that the Village Hall is for the benefit of parishioners of Bothel, Threapland and Kirkland. The Transfer document has been amended to reflect this. RESOLVED that the Transfer document be signed and lodged at Land Registry.

## **77 STREET LIGHTING**

- (a) Cllr Mounsey reported that there had not been any further meetings of the Footway Lighting sub committee. There appears to be no consistency by ENW or their contractors as to whether they remove the lights on their poles or whether the poles are replaced. It is still unclear as to what will happen once the funding from ENW runs out. It was therefore RESOLVED that an amount of £2500 from the Community Fund should be set aside each year towards the cost of replacing any lights that are removed.
- (b) It was agreed at the last meeting that the residents of Hunting Lodge Close should be consulted whether the street light at the rear of the Close should be switched off or removed. The majority of residents objected to the removal on safety and security reasons. It was therefore RESOLVED that the street light should not be removed and the Borough Council and residents would be notified of the parish council's decision

## **78 WEBSITE**

The Clerk had contacted the various clubs to enquire whether they wished to update their respective pages. As no responses had been received it was suggested any updates should be left in abeyance. It was agreed that the minutes from the previous parish council meetings should be added at the same time as the agenda for the next meeting.

## **79 DONATION REQUEST**

A request for a donation was considered from the Great North Air Ambulance Service. RESOLVED that £200.00 be granted.

## **80 ASPATRIA RURAL PARTNERSHIP**

The minutes of the ARP meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> November had been circulated. The next meeting will be held at Allhallows Community Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00 pm. As the meetings are held in the afternoon it was agreed that the ARP Co-ordinator should be advised that the parish council are unable to find a representative to regularly attend the meetings.

## **81 DISTRIBUTION OF COUNCIL EVENTS/INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

The village blog was discussed. It was agreed that the Chairman and Clerk would decide as to what information concerning the parish council should be circulated via the Blog. It was noted that notices are still being removed from the parish notice boards before they have expired. If this continues the parish council may have to consider locking both sides of the notice boards. The parish council would again politely request that notices are not removed whilst still in date.

## **82 BT INTERNET**

The poor broadband connection/speed was discussed. It is still unclear when superfast broadband will be available in the parish. It was suggested that a complaint regarding the poor broadband service should be directed to BT.

**83 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed.....Date.....