

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at The Greyhound Inn, Bothel on Tuesday 10th March, 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

S. Austin
G. Bowe
K. Nelson
M. Story
N. Todhunter
R. Watson

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council (for part of the meeting)
J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council
J. Rae (Clerk)
Nine members of the public

Cllr. Todhunter in the Chair

103 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

104 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 13 JANUARY 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 13th January 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

105 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Utilities will be attending the Parish Meeting on 12th May. There will be a presentation on United Utilities proposals to supply water to the West Cumbria area from Thirlmere reservoir via a new water treatment works at Bridekirk.

106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

107 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 13 JANUARY 2015

None

108 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the public present at the meeting were invited to raise matters of concern or interest in the parish. The following matters were raised:

- Whether the parish council will be submitting a response to the amended planning application for the installation of solar park at land east of Wharrels Hill Wind Farm;
- Both notice boards in Bothel are in need of repair;
- The Gardening Club has submitted a request to site water butts at the bus shelters and fire clay troughs at the entrance to School Lane and Park Road;
- Residents have recently experienced problems with the website;
- A complaint was received regarding the method of disposal of dog faeces on Bank Lonning.

109 REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor - Cllr. Mounsey reported that at the recent Council meeting the budget for 2015/16 was agreed and included a 1.9% increase in Council Tax, there would be no increase in taxi fares and Allerdale's seven towns will receive funding to enhance their communities.

- (b) Cumbria County Councillor – Cllr. Bowness was made aware of the recent confusion over some of the highway diversion routes in the area recently.
- (c) Cumbria Police - PCSO Lyndsay Tuck was unable to attend the meeting. The report received from the Allerdale Rural Policing Team advised that several incidents had been reported since the last meeting. These included road traffic collision on the A591; two suspicious males hanging around the area of Threapland; a container was broken into on some land in the area on 11th February and items stolen. Information was provided on the Community Messaging Scheme. Anyone interested can join via Cumbria Police's website or by contacting PCSO Lyndsay Tuck on 101. Two people expressed an interest in joining the scheme. The Clerk agreed to pass on their details to PCSO Tuck.

110 COMMUNITY FUND

- (a) Binsey Link Magazine – Members agreed for the donation to be discussed by the Community Fund Committee and to consider the recommendation put forward by the Committee.
- (b) First Responders – RESOLVED that the annual payment of £600 be granted.

The Village Hall Management Committee had submitted a request to the parish council for payment of the insurance for the Village Hall. Following a discussion it was RESOLVED that:

- £1000 that had been set aside for legal fees in connection with the village hall would be granted towards the insurance costs;
- the balance of £1564.04 set aside from the annual payment from Wharrels Hill LLP would now be released to the village hall;
- An amount of £500 would be set aside towards the legal/land registry costs incurred with the amendments to the legal charge and alterations to the register.

111 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Bank Balances 28th February 2015

HSBC	£ 2,816.12
CBS	£20,072.84

Receipts:

HM Revenue & Customs	£ 274.00
Refund of VAT	

- (b) Payment of accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£534.66
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£ 98.40

- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED that Mr. P. Wilson be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for the financial year 2014/15.

112 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting:

ARP Briefing Footway Lighting
CALC Circular February 2015
United Utilities West Cumbria Future Strategy Project
APR Minutes 19 January 2015
CALC Affordable Rural Housing – A practical guide to parish councils
CALC Plain English Guide Planning
CALC New Grants Scheme – Friends of the Lake District
CALC Audit, Data Transparency and Websites
CALC MRWS Implementing Geological Disposal
Allerdale Borough Council Free Planning Training Sessions
Allerdale Borough Council – Review of recycling facilities
Allerdale Borough Council – Distribution of dog waste bags. – The Borough Council is proposing to distribute a supply of dog waste bags to be managed by parish councils over a 12 month period. A supply would be given twice a year and once the supply has been distributed no further supplies will be given to the parish council. It was suggested that ideas as to how the bags should be distributed in the parish should be forwarded to the Clerk.

113 PLANNING

(a) Applications Received:

2/2014/0636 – Land east of Wharrels Hill Wind Farm, adjacent to A591 Bothel, Wigton
Installation of solar park with an output of approximately 14.63MW
Additional information, habitat management plan, LVIA, photoviews, proposed pv layout and hedgerow plan

The amendments to the original application were considered by members and the observations submitted in the open session were taken into consideration. The parish council's original observations were reiterated. It is also felt that the amendments to the proposal do not do enough to mitigate the visual impact this development will have on the landscape. It was proposed, seconded and therefore **RESOLVED** that the parish council would object to the amended application.

Application for a Certificated Site at Threapland Lees
Maximum of 5 caravans/motorhomes plus no more than 10 tents.

2/2015/0123 – Craggside Bothel Wigton
Demolition of existing extension and erection of new single storey extension
No objections

(b) Decisions

2/2014/0597 – Skiddaw View, Bothel
Alterations and extension to the rear to form a larger kitchen with bedroom over. **FULL PLANS APPROVED**

2/2014/0598 – Skiddaw View, Bothel
Listed building consent for alterations and extension to the rear to form a larger kitchen with bedroom over. **LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPROVED**

2/2014/0542 – Land at junction of A595 and A591 Bothel
Removal of existing building and replacement with crop, livestock and machine store **FULL PLANS APPROVED**

2/2014/0504 – Threapland Lees, Threapland
Erection of single turbine with hub height of 55m, tip height of 79.6m
FULL PLANS REFUSED

(c) Application 2/2015/0030 – Wind Turbine application - Lancarr
Westnewton Parish Council has requested support in opposing the application to build three wind turbines northwest of Aspatria off the A596. RESOLVED to support the request.

114 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

A blocked drain at Park Road was reported to County Highways. This has now been attended to.
Several pot holes were reported.

115 STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Mounsey reported that the Borough Council's Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee had rejected the proposals of the Footway Lighting Sub Committee. The Executive will meet on 11th March with the recommendation that negotiations commence with Town and Parish Councils asking that they take on the energy and maintenance costs of lights within their parish.

116 GRASS CUTTING

(a) Contract for 2015 Season

Four tenders had been received and were considered at the meeting.
RESOLVED that the contracts be awarded to:
Mr. I. Steel – Pinfold Green and the Village Hall, Bothel
£60 and £20 per cut respectively
Messrs Hunt – Threapland Village Green - £75 per cut

(b) Land adjacent the Crofts, Bothel

A Land Registry search had been carried out to establish ownership of the land adjacent to the Crofts, Bothel. This had revealed that the land is registered to Home Group. Home Group have now confirmed they have contacted their Landscape Co-ordinator to ensure this piece of land is included as part of their grounds maintenance programme for the village.

117 VILLAGE HALL

Mr. Wren reported that the village hall is now at practical completion stage. An open day is to be held on 21st March and all user groups are welcome to attend. Thanks were relayed to Cllr Bowness for the funding provided from Cumbria County Council towards providing the chairs for the hall. Mr. Wren also thanked the parish council for their continued support.

118 NOTICE BOARDS

It has been brought to the parish council's attention that one of the doors has broken off the notice board at the top of the village caused by recent strong winds. This has now been attended to. A new catch has been fixed on the notice board adjacent to the Crofts to prevent the door from blowing open.

The parish council will continue to use the locked part of the notice boards and will only use the other side of the notice board when insufficient space is available.

119 BOTHEL GARDENING CLUB

The Gardening Club have submitted a request to site water butts at the bus shelters connected to the current down pipes. This was agreed subject to ensuring that any overflow will be directed into the drains.

A request was also submitted to site fire clay troughs at the entrance to School Lane and Park Road as part of their entry into Cumbria in Bloom. Although the parish council had no objections to this request as the troughs will be sited on land belonging to Cumbria Highways it was agreed that permission should be sought from Cumbria County Council.

120 WEBSITE

It was reported that residents have recently experienced problems with the website and a request was received for the website to be kept more up to-date. It was also suggested that a link to the Borough Council's planning applications page should be included. The new programmes for the WI and Gardening Club will also be added. The Chairman agreed to take this up with the website developer.

121 COMMON LAND AND TOWN AND VILLAGE GREENS UPDATE

Cumbria County Council had advised that to rectify a mistake in the register form CA13 (Common Land and Greens : Non registration or mistaken registration under the Commons Registration Act 1965) would need to be completed. The Clerk agreed to circulate the form to members for their perusal prior to completion and submission to Cumbria County Council.

122 DONATION REQUESTS

Two requests for donations had been received and were considered by members:

- (a) Citizens Advice Allerdale
- (b) Wigton Swimming Pool

RESOLVED not to support the requests.

123 COUNCILLOR TRAINING

CALC will be providing training for new councillors following the elections on 7th May. A session will be held at Cockermouth Town Hall on Monday 22nd June between 2pm and 4pm. Cllr. Nelson expressed an interest in attending.

124 PARISH ELECTIONS 7 MAY 2015

The Clerk distributed nomination packs at the meeting. The completed forms need to be returned to the Borough Council's Returning Officer by 4.00 pm on 9th April. It was suggested that once completed the forms should be passed to the Chairman. The Clerk would then arrange to hand deliver these to the Borough Council.

125 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The following meeting dates were agreed:

- 12th May, 2015 – Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting
- 14th July 2015, 8th September 2015, 10th November 2015
- 12th January 2016, 8th March 2016.

The meetings will resume in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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