

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at St. Michael's School, Bothel on Tuesday 13th January, 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

S. Austin
K. Nelson
M. Story
R. Teasdale
N. Todhunter
R. Watson

Also Present:

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

Cllr. Todhunter in the Chair

84 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from G. Bowe.

85 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2014

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th November 2014 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

86 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter of thanks had been received from St. Michael's School for the donation towards the rebuilding of the woodland pathway.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance for the parish council's donation.

The response received from BT regarding the problems local residents had been experiencing with their service advised that each customer is treated separately and must raise their own fault. With regard to broadband BT as a service provider can only check this on an individual basis.

87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

88 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 11 NOVEMBER 2014

The Clerk reported that Cllrs Nelson and Teasdale had been provided with a copy of the Council's Code of Conduct and Standing Orders.

89 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

90 REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor - Cllr. Mounsey reported that the Borough Council are currently consulting on the draft Council Plan and the Budget for 2015-16. Also, the Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) Site Allocations - Issues and Options 'Additional Sites Submitted' document has recently been published for public consultation. No additional sites have been put forward in the parish.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor – Cllr. Bowness enquired whether the gully wagon had visited the parish since the last meeting.

- (c) Cumbria Police - PCSO Lyndsay Tuck was unable to attend the meeting. The report received advised that two incidents had been reported since 13th December both involving vehicles. On 16th December a complaint was made with regard to the manner of driving of a vehicle. On 24th December a vehicle came off the road, there were no injuries.

91 COMMUNITY FUND

An application for funding from the Residents against Solar Development Group had been considered by the Community Fund Sub Committee. The Committee's recommendation was to reject the application. RESOLVED that whilst each application is based on its own merits, the parish council feel that having already rejected an earlier application from a protest group, they could not support this application as it may be seen as discrimination towards the earlier application.

92 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Bank Balances 31st December 2014

HSBC	£ 3,181.59
CBS	£20,072.84

- (b) Payment of accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

St. Michael's School Room Hire	£ 14.00
Clerk's account Quarter 3	£527.67
HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£ 97.80

- (c) Budget 2015/16

The draft budget for 2015/16 was circulated with the agenda. The usual income and expenditure was discussed.

National agreement had been reached for local government employees which provides for an increase of 2.2% with effect from 1st January 2015. Provision had also been made for election expenses as parish elections will be held this year.

The Borough Council had provided precept forms with the proposed CTRS Grant input. The grant for 2015/16 will be £294.22 (2014-15 £420.32). A reduction of approximately 30%. A suggestion that monies from the Community Fund should be used to reduce the precept was not supported. RESOLVED that the precept levied for the financial year 2015/16 should remain at £5000.

93 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence had been received since the last meeting:

CALC Circular December/January
Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation
CALC CLG Select Committee report on NPPF
Allerdale Borough Council DRAFT Council Plan 2015-19
CALC Connecting Cumbria Phase 2 consultation
CALC Allerdale 3 tier Meeting 11th December 2014
Cumbria County Council Common Land and Town and Village Greens Update
Paul Coales Proposed Development at Land at Moota
Police Crime Commissioner Custody Visitor Vacancies

United Utilities West Cumbria Future Strategy Project – Presentation to Parish/Town Councils. – It was agreed that United Utilities should be invited to attend the Parish Meeting in May

94 PLANNING

(a) Applications Received:

2/2014/0867 – Land west of Wharrels Wind Farm, Bothel
Installation of 1 No 500kW wind turbine with maximum tip height of 77m with associated infrastructure include crane pad, substation and access track

2/2014/0542 – Land at junction of A595 and A591 Bothel, Wigton
Removal of existing building and replacement with crop, livestock and machinery store (Amended)

(b) Decisions

2/2014/0629 – Land between Lyndale and Park View, School Lane, Bothel
Reserved matters application for the erection of a detached house
RESERVED MATTERS APPROVED

2/2014/0504 – Threapland Lees, Threapland
Erection of single turbine with hub height of 55m, tip height of 79.6m
An invitation to speak at the Borough Council's Development Panel had been received.

95 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

As a result of the recent heavy rain gravel and rubble has been washed onto the Bothel to Threapland road causing flooding in several places. Most of the drains and ditches along this road appear to be blocked. The responsibility for clearing the ditches was discussed. It was suggested Cumbria Highways be notified of the problems on this road. The road surface is breaking up at the top end of School Lane and at the junction of Park Road/Springfield.

96 STREET LIGHTING

Cllr Mounsey reported that a further meeting of the Scrutiny Sub Committee on Footway Lighting was held this week. The Members of the Committee voted to reject all of the alternatives which Allerdale's portfolioholder, was proposing and the Scrutiny Sub Committee is suggesting that Allerdale continues to pay for energy and maintenance of footway lighting over the period 2015/16 and Allerdale draws £150K from contingency funds to deal with the problems. Additionally over the next 12 months, a policy which will provide equality between urban and rural areas on this issue of lighting is produced and the Borough Council should commence negotiations with the County Council to have lighting systems adopted wherever possible. It is likely that Cumbria County Council would only agree to adopt a proportion of the lights. The £150K from reserves would be used for non adoptable lights over the next year.

97 GRASS CUTTING

(a) Contract for 2015 Season

It was agreed that tenders should be invited from three contractors, with the same terms and conditions as per the previous years.

Pinfold Green, Bothel (maximum 9 cuts)
Threapland Village Green (maximum 9 cuts)
Village Hall, Bothel (outside boundary maximum 5 cuts)

A notice will also be displayed on the notice boards inviting tenders which will be considered at the next meeting.

(b) Land adjacent the Crofts, Bothel

The Parish Council had been notified by Home Group that the area at the bottom of the Croft has been adopted and is not Home Group's responsibility to maintain. It was suggested that a Land Registry search should be carried out to establish ownership of the area.

98 VILLAGE HALL

Mr. Wren provided an update on the progress of the Village Hall. It is anticipated the hall will be open in April.

99 COMMON LAND AND TOWN AND VILLAGE GREENS UPDATE

Cumbria County Council has advised they are to be a pilot authority for the implementation of Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006. The Act makes provision for applications to

Amend the Common Land and Town and Village Green Registers to bring them up-to-date to record the extent of land and rights;

Rectification of mistakes and omissions made when the Registers were opened in the late 1960's and

Transitional period applications.

A four year transitional period will commence on 15th December, 2014.

It was agreed that further information as to requirements should be sought from Cumbria County Council.

100 WEBSITE

It was reported that no updates for the website had been received from the clubs and organisations in the parish.

101 ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Borough Council is inviting residents to comment on the draft budget for 2015/16. The consultation is available online until 23rd January.

Members considered a response to the consultation and agreed that as the Borough Council have committed approximately £11m for a new leisure centre in Workington that funding could be used more equally amongst urban and rural areas across the Borough. Members also supported the suggestion put forward at the Scrutiny Sub Committee that the Borough Council use £150K from contingency funds to deal with the street lighting issues.

102 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March, 2015

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

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