

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 14th July, 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council
J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council
J. Rae (Clerk)
Two members of the public

25. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

26. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 MAY 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 12th May, 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

27. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notification of an emergency road closure on School Lane has been received from Cumbria County Council. The closure will be for one day on 15th July for repairs to be carried out to a manhole cover.

Moorside public consultation – Have your say on NuGen's plans for a new nuclear power station on land west and north of Sellafield. Details have been displayed on the parish notice boards.

Grants for better Broadband for businesses in Allerdale – grants are available of up to £3000 to get better broadband. More information is available on the Borough Council's website.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Story and Watson declared an interest in item 14 on the agenda – Village Hall.

29. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 12 MAY 2015

The Annual Return has been completed by the External Auditors. No issues were raised. This was noted and accepted by members. In accordance with Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 the accounts are now available for inspection by local electors.

It was noted that the auditors' fees have increased quite substantially for this year's audit which is a consequence of the monies being released to the Village Hall resulting in the council's income and expenditure falling into the £50,000 to £100,000 band.

Cllr. Nelson had attended the Good Councillor Course in Cockermouth on 22nd June.

30. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Raymond Wren conveyed his thanks to all the objectors who had attended the meeting of the Borough Council's Development Panel on 7th July when planning application 2/2014/0683 – Installation of solar park was considered. Thanks were passed on particularly to the six speakers at the meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr. Wren for speaking at the meeting on behalf of the Parish Council.

No other matters were raised.

31. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that the next full meeting of the Borough Council will be held on Wednesday 15th July. Cllr Mounsey also advised that an appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission for application 2/2014/0683 – Installation of solar park will most likely be submitted by the applicant.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness enquired whether the gully wagon had visited that parish. Members were not aware of a recent visit. Cllr Bowness also reported on a new machine being trialled by Cumbria Highways for carrying out repairs to the highway.
- (c) Cumbria Police: It was reported that PCSO Lyndsay Tuck has moved to pastures new and the PCSO for the area is Peter Crome. PCSO Crome was unable to attend the meeting and provided a report of the incidents reported in the parish since the last meeting:
- 18th June police received a call regarding a loose cow on the road approximately one mile north of Bothel.
On 21st June a report was received that two males had made off from a local public house after failing to pay for drinks.
On 9th July the wind farm was entered and a diesel tank was broken into and a quantity of diesel was taken.

32. COMMUNITY FUND

The Chairman reported that no new applications had been received.

33. FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report as at 30 June, 2015 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balance 30th June 2015

HSBC	£ 4,064.18
CBS	£15,448.67

- (b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were authorised for payments:

Clerk's account Quarter 1	£512.78
HMRC PAYE Quarter 1	£ 98.40
CALC – Good Councillor Course	£ 29.50
BDO LLP – External Auditors	£360.00

34. CORRESPONDENCE

The list of correspondence received since the last meeting was circulated with the agenda and noted by Members.

CALC Circular June 2015
Allerdale BC – Markets Consultation
CALC – Allerdale Three Tier Meeting 25 June 2015
Cumbria CC – Road Closure School Lane, Bothel
Allerdale BC – Public Transport Cuts
NuGen – Moorside Project
CALC Circular July/August 2015
ACT Gazette Summer 2015
ARP Meeting 20 July 2015
Pensions Regulator – Automatic Enrolment

35. PLANNING

(a) Applications Received:

2/2015/0335 – Greenways, Threapland
Side extension to form garage and alterations to roof

Appeal Ref: APP/GO908/W/15/3008372
Site Address: Threapland Lees, Threapland

(b) Decisions:

None

36. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following matters were raised and will be reported to County Highways:

Blocked gully on Park Road, Bothel

37. STREET LIGHTING

It was reported that little progress has been made. The Borough Council has still not made any decisions regarding who will be responsible for replacement/maintenance and energy costs.

38. VILLAGE HALL

It was reported that a Business Launch is to be held in the village hall on 22 July between 2 and 8 pm. Local businesses have been invited to attend.

It was noted that the grass at the village hall will require cutting in the next few weeks. This was agreed.

Following the receipt of the amended legal charge from Brockbanks, Solicitors the following queries were raised and amendments suggested:

Clause 3.3 states that the parish council and the grant holder are liable to make the repayment arising under the legal charge. It was noted that this is limited to the value of the property. Members would prefer this clause to read that the 'Grant Holder' is liable to make the repayment arising from the legal charge.

Bothel Village Hall Trustees should be amended to read Bothel Village Hall Management Trustees.

Page 9 of the legal charge should be amended to read:

Signed as a Deed on behalf of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council and should be signed by the Chairman, and/or Vice Chairman/one other member of the Council. The names Winefride Margaret Story and Janice Rae should be removed from the charge.

39. PUBLIC TRANSPORT CUTS

Correspondence had been received from the Borough Council regarding specific issues relating to the cuts in public transport and the impact this has had on people being able to get into Allerdale's town centres. Members discussed the contents of the letter. It was noted that complaints have been received that the night bus service to Cockermouth has been cut. This information will be relayed to the Borough Councils Town Centre Area Manager

40. ALLERDALE LOCAL PLAN SITE ALLOCATIONS – PUBLIC OPEN SPACE/AMENITY

The Borough Council is currently reviewing areas identified as public open space. Two sites have been identified in Bothel. Members were asked to consider whether the sites identified merit continued protection. RESOLVED that the sites identified contribute to the character of the village and should remain protected.

It was also noted that Pinfold Green should be included as a protected open space.

41. AUDIT, DATA TRANSPARENCY AND WEBSITE

The website administrator had confirmed he would be willing to add the additional financial information onto the parish council website. A charge of £50 will be incurred. This was agreed.

42. CO-OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR

It was reported that no expressions of interest had been received to fill the one vacancy on the council. This was noted by Members.

43. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th September, 2015.

The meeting closed at 8.16 p.m.

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