

## **BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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)  
G. Hill (for part of the meeting)  
R. Wren

### **60 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from S. Austin.

### **61 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 2015**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **62 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Gardening Club were congratulated on their achievement of winning a Gold Award in Cumbria in Bloom.

Positive feedback had been received from the organisers of the Friday Club. 26 children had attended the first meeting and 40 attended the previous Friday's meeting.

An Auction of Promises will be held in the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

The Chairman reiterated the fact that Parish Council as a Council has no involvement in the running of the bonfire. He reported that he had attended and was overwhelmed at the spirit and resolve of the whole community in response to the adverse developments of earlier. He stated that a very well behaved assemble of over 200 people from all corners and ages of the parish and from neighbouring parishes had enjoyed the fire and fireworks especially the children

A parishioner had enquired whether there had been any further developments regarding parish councils taking over the distribution of poop scoop bags. The Borough Council advised that there had been insufficient interest from parish councils to progress this any further. Poop scoop bags are still available from Allerdale House and any of the area offices.

### **63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

R. Watson declared an interest in item 8(b) on the agenda (Bothel Indoor Bowling Club).

## **64 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 8 SEPTEMBER 2015**

Allerdale Borough Council – Funding available to Villages for Capital Projects:

The arrangements as to how the funding will be distributed are still to be determined by the Borough Council. Initial enquiries for funding should be directed to Andrea Hines in Economic Growth.

Planning – Removal of telephone and replace with defibrillator inside kiosk:

Following the planning consultation North West Ambulance Service had contacted the parish council to discuss progressing this further.

## **65 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public were invited to raise issues or items of interest. The following matters were raised:

R. Wren thanked the community for once again working as one for the bonfire.

G. Hill raised the concerns set out in his recent letter with the issue of large heavy farm traffic increasingly using the Park Road entrance to the village. This is creating noise and traffic problems and deterioration of the highway.

R. Wren advised that an oil buying syndicate is to be set up in the village. Further details will follow.

G. Hill enquired what the present position is in relation to the solar farm application. At the date of the meeting the parish council had not been notified of an appeal against the Borough Council's decision.

## **66 REPORTS**

(a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that there had been no further developments with regard to street lighting. ENW appear to have suspended operations in Cumbria at the moment. The Borough Council have requested that they should be kept informed of any activity by ENW contractors particularly if contractors return to remove lights that had been re-fixed to new poles.

Cllr Mounsey reported on the recent MyWard feature which is available on the intranet to Members of the Borough Council.

(b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that he had attended a meeting at Embleton to discuss the United Utilities pipeline scheme. The aim of the meeting was to produce a list of community projects that could be funded through United Utilities pipeline legacy fund. The purpose of the fund is to benefit local communities affected by the construction of the pipeline. It was noted that only parish councils within the National Park had been invited to this meeting.

(c) Cumbria Police: The report from Cumbria Police advised that two incidents had been reported since the last meeting:

On the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2015 a road traffic collision occurred on the A595 Bothel which involved a vehicle colliding with a cow. This was a damage only collision.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2015 a single vehicle road traffic collision occurred on the A595 Bothel. The driver was treated for minor injuries.

## 67 COMMUNITY FUND

The Chairman reported that two applications had been considered by the Community Fund Sub Committee.

- (a) Bothel Lunch Club  
£150 to be used towards the purchase of a microwave.  
RESOLVED that the request be supported.
- (b) Bothel Indoor Bowling Club  
£1250 towards a new mat and mat winder.  
RESOLVED that the requested be supported.
- (c) Trust Fund  
R. Wren reported that he had contacted an independent financial adviser, VAC and CALC for advice on the setting up of a Trust Fund (min ref 51 refers). It was suggested that enquiries should also be made at the NFU. R. Wren to report back once further information is available.

## 68 FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report was circulated for Members information.

Balances 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015

HSBC	£ 4,911.54
Cumberland Building Society	£25,861.47

- (b) Payment of Accounts

Payments from Community Fund:

Bothel Lunch Club	£ 150.00
Bothel Bowling Club	£1250.00

## 69 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC – Minutes of Three Tier Meeting 24 September 2015

ARP – Agenda 5 November 2015

CALC Circular October 2015

CALC – Annual General Meeting November 2015

CALC - Agenda General Meeting 24 September 2015

Connecting Cumbria Newsletter November 2015

Connecting Cumbria – New live cabinet in Aspatria

Aspatria Rural Partnership Community Action Plan 2015-2020

## 70 PLANNING

- (a) Applications Received:
  - 2/2015/0617 – Threapland Barn, Threapland  
Two storey extension and alterations to dwelling No objections
  - 2/2015/0653 – Threapland Barn, Threapland  
Listed Building Consent for two storey extension and alterations to dwelling No objections
  - WTPO/2015/0027 – High House Bothel  
Works to Tree Preservation Order trees TPO/26/2004  
No objections

- (b) Decisions:  
None
- (c) Request from Westnewton Parish Council for support in objecting to Westnewton Solar Farm (planning application 2/2015/0620)  
RESOLVED to support the request
- (d) Proposed upgrade to existing ground based Telecommunication Installation – BT Mast Wharrels Hill – No objections

## 71 HIGHWAYS

- (a) Highway Maintenance. The following matters were reported:  
Potholes on Bank Lonning. It was also discussed whether it would be possible to have a 'No through road' sign sited at the bottom of Bank Lonning. Cllr Nelson agreed to look into the feasibility of the siting of a sign.  
A blocked drain adjacent to Pinfold Green had been reported to County Highways. Mr. De Quincey requested that thanks be passed to Cllr Nelson for his assistance in resolving this issue.

With regard to United Utilities pipeline legacy fund it was agreed that United Utilities should be contacted for clarification on the following:

- Confirmation of the designated route in and out of Bothel once work commences
- Whether there are any plans to maintain and improve the highway on the proposed route in and around Bothel
- Confirmation that school drop off and collection times will be avoided.

It was also suggested that when the Environmental Impact Assessment is submitted for consultation that highway improvements should be included.

It was noted that the bus timetables are all up-to-date.

### (b) Signage/School Lane

Clarification on the extent of School Lane had been requested from County Highways who had confirmed that they have no control over what is shown on mapping systems and suggested this was a matter between the parish council and the mapping companies. It was agreed to obtain a map from google earth to attempt to resolve this issue with them.

### (c) Farm Traffic in Bothel

The concerns raised regarding the increase in heavy traffic, not only due to tractors, but also heavy bin wagons, building supply vehicles and a large increase in traffic since the development of Old Chapel Close using the entrance to Bothel at Park Road had been relayed to County Highways. Clarification had been requested on the weight limits for traffic entering the village and also the weight and width limit for traffic using the Bothel to Threapland road and through Plumbland to Threapland. The response received stated that the limit from the A595 to Bothel along all accesses is 7.5T (except access). This restriction covers the whole of the village. The weight limit also applies on the road from Bothel to Threapland and onto Plumbland. It was agreed that County Highways response should be forwarded to Mr. Hill.

Action to contact highways re resurfacing and to politely ask farmers to use alternative routes if necessary.

**72 STREET LIGHTING**

It was reported earlier in the meeting that ENW appear to have suspended operations in Cumbria at the moment. It was agreed that no further monies would be set aside from the Community Fund unless ENW re-commence work in Cumbria.

**73 PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE DENTAL PRACTICE IN ASPATRIA**

Cllr Mounsey reported on the proposal for changes to dental care provision in Aspatria and Maryport. This will result in the closure of the dental practice in Aspatria. It was agreed to ask for feedback on the proposals from parishioners using the facility via the village blog

**74 COMMUNITY HEARTBEAT TRUST/NORTH WEST AMBULANCE SERVICE – PLACING OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN BT TELEPHONE BOXES**

It was reported that following the recent consultation on BT’s proposal to remove telephones from kiosks and replace these with a defibrillator that unless an objection had been raised to the proposal by the parish council North West Ambulance Service, in conjunction with Community Heartbeat Trust, would contact parish councils to discuss progressing the proposal further. The likely cost involved with the installation of a defibrillator is £2000.

The following points were discussed:

- The telephone in the kiosk in Bothel had already been removed. It was agreed that BT should be contacted to query this and request that the telephone in the kiosk in Threapland should not be removed.
- Members felt that it was not necessary for a defibrillator to be installed in the kiosk in Bothel as one is available at the village hall
- Plumbland Parish Council should be contacted to enquire whether they would be amenable to sharing the cost of a defibrillator for Threapland and Plumbland to be sited in the telephone box at the Muslins, Plumbland.

**75 VILLAGE HALL**

No further developments to report.

**76 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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