

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 12th January, 2016 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)
Three members of the public

77 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

78 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2015

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th November, 2015 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

79 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aspatria Rural Partnership – Copies of the Aspatria Rural Partnership Action Plan are available in the Village Hall.

Superfast Broadband - Connecting Cumbria had advised that the Aspatria Cabinet serving the village of Bothel had been upgraded and up to 174 premises should be able to access improved broadband speeds.

It was reported at the meeting that on contacting their broadband provider some residents had been advised that superfast broadband is not available in the area.

80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

81 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 10 NOVEMBER 2015

None.

82 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. May was in attendance and reminded everyone that the school grounds are open to the public and people are welcome to use the fields and playground facilities.

A report had been received that as a result of the recent storms the notice board at Broadwell Green had been damaged. It was suggested that an additional bolt should be positioned at the bottom of the door on the public side of the notice board. A notice would also be displayed on the noticeboard requesting users to ensure that both bolts are securely fastened to avoid the door blowing open and incurring further damage.

83 REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported on the following:
Dog Fouling – A report had been received that incidents of dog fouling were occurring in Bothel. The complainant had been provided with notices to be displayed at the location affected. Members suggested that a visit from the dog warden might be beneficial and additional notices should be displayed to encourage dog owners to clean up after their dog.
Ellen Vale is operating a bus service between Plumbland and Cockermouth
No further information was available in relation to the appeal against the Borough Council's decision not to grant planning permission for the solar park at Bothel
The Borough Council had requested feedback from parishes affected by the recent floods. Members agreed that the Borough Council should be praised for their actions in providing advice and assistance to those affected by the floods.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported on the effects on the highways and damage caused to the bridges in the County following the recent floods.
- (c) Cumbria Police: An up-to-date report had not been received.

84 COMMUNITY FUND

The Community Fund Sub Committee had considered a request for £600 from Bothel Gardening Club. The Sub Committee's recommendation was to support the request. RESOLVED that the request be granted.

There were no developments to report regarding the Community Fund Trust Fund.

85 FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Balances 31st December 2015

HSBC	£ 4,911.54
Cumberland Building Society	£24,522.47

- (b) Payment of Accounts

Clerk's account Quarter 3	£540.82
HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£ 98.60
R. Hunt Grass Cutting Threapland	£675.00
I. Steel Grass Cutting Bothel	£750.50
Great North Air Ambulance- Donation	£200.00

Payments from Community Fund:

Bothel Gardening Club	£ 600.00
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- (c) Setting of the Precept/Budget 2016

The Borough Council had forwarded the statement of parish precept to be levied for 2016/17 for completion. The CTRS grant is expected to be 33% less than the grant awarded in 2015/16. The Council Tax Base is £161.95 and the proposed CTRS grant is £197.13. It was agreed that the precept should remain at £5000.00. RESOLVED that the precept demand of £5000.00 should be submitted to the Borough Council.

86 CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Circular December/January

Cumbria CC - Emergency Road Closure A591 Bothel to Keswick

CALC - Allerdale Three Tier Meeting 7th January 2016

Cumbria CC - New live cabinet in Aspatria

Friends of the Lake District - Town and Village Green Research

CALC - Audit Procurement Changes

Wigton Baths Trust - Request for support. It was agreed that enquiries be made as to how many parishioners use Wigton Baths before considering the request for funding.

Sue Hayman MP – Letter enquiring whether any parishioners have received letters from Lord Egremont claiming mineral rights. Members confirmed they were not aware of any parishioners that had been contacted.

87 PLANNING

(a) Applications Received:

Appeal Reference APP/G0908/W/15/3132595

Land east of Wharrels Hill Wind Farm adj A591 Bothel

(Planning application 2/2014/0636) Installation of solar park

2/2015/0732 – Skiddaw View Caravan Park, Bothel

Enlargement of existing caravan park and installation of sewage treatment plant

2/2015/0746 – Land between Lyndale and Pak View, Bothel

Erection of detached dwelling – Revised house type of approval 2/2014/0629

(b) Decisions:

2/2015/0617 – Threapland Barn, Threapland

Two storey extension and alterations to dwelling

FULL PLANS APPROVED

2/2015/0653 – Threapland Barn, Threapland

Listed building consent for two storey extension and alterations to dwelling

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPROVED

88 HIGHWAYS

The following matters were reported:

The culvert below Park Road had been jettied and cleared but is not big enough to take water in heavy rain. A new drainage system is required. This will be included in village response to flood damage.

Flood damage/road surface breaking up and pot holes on Bank Lonning, Bothel. Flood damage at Low Field Lonning.

Aspatria Rural Partnership had provided a map of the parish and suggested that any highways issues should be marked on this and then forwarded to Karl Melville at Cumbria Highways.

Councillor Watson agreed to provide photos of damage to Bank Lonning and Low Field Lonning.

89 DONATION REQUEST – GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

A request had been received for a donation to support the Great North Air Ambulance Service Pride of Cumbria. RESOLVED that £200 should be granted.

90 TREE ON PINFOLD GREEN

It had been brought to the Parish Council’s notice that a tree on Pinfold Green is diseased. Expert advice had been sought and this had been confirmed. Photographs of the tree were circulated at the meeting. Following a discussion, it was RESOLVED that the tree should be felled and a replacement tree planted.

91 FRIENDS OF THE LAKE DISTRICT – REGISTERED TOWN AND VILLAGE GREENS

The Friends of the Lake District had circulated a survey requesting information on various aspects of registered town and village greens including ownership, boundaries, rights, issues, legal status and management. It was agreed not to take any action as land involved is not in Lake District National Park.

92 GRASS CUTTING 2016

RESOLVED that the grass cutting contract be advertised and the contractors invited to submit a tender on the same terms and conditions as the previous year.

- Threapland Village Green – maximum 9 cuts
- Pinfold Village Green – maximum 9 cuts
- Bothel Village Hall – outside boundary – maximum 5 cuts
- Bothel Village Hall – inside boundary – maximum 9 cuts
- Bothel Village Hall – hedge cutting – maximum 3 cuts

Tenders will be considered and the contractor(s) appointed at the next meeting.

93 UNITED UTILITIES PIPELINE LEGACY FUND

United Utilities had replied to the Parish Council’s query in relation to the Pipeline Legacy Fund. The response advised that the project is in the very early stages and UU are still not sure how the process will work or what the criteria will be. The parish was invited to put forward any projects or ideas. The suggestion that a water turbine could be sited at Bothel Beck was discussed further. The Chairman agreed to pursue this further with UU.

94 BT PHONE BOXES/INSTALLATION OF DEFIBRILLATORS

Further to minute ref. 74 BT had confirmed that the kiosk on Broadwell Green had been adopted by The Community Heartbeat Trust and is now owned by them. Cllr Mounsey reported that Plumbland Parish Council were agreeable to sharing the cost of a defibrillator for Threapland and Plumbland. Members suggested that terms and conditions would need to be discussed and agreed before a final decision was reached. The clerk was requested to:

- Contact Plumbland Parish Council to enquire how they intend to take this forward and
- Advise Community Heartbeat Trust that the parish council did not agree to a defibrillator being installed in the telephone box at Broadwell Green as there is a defibrillator already available at the village hall.

95 VILLAGE HALL

No progress had been made regarding the amendments to the Legal Charge. Cllr. Watson agreed to pursue this.

96 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March, 2016

The meeting closed at 8.52 p.m.

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