

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 8th March, 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

97 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

98 MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 JANUARY 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January, 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

99 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The September meeting of the parish council will, depending on the content of the agenda, be held in the small committee room at the Village Hall.

Notification had been received that the public inquiry which was to be held into the appeal against refusal of planning application 2/2014/0635 – Green Switch Developments – Solar Park, land east of Wharrels Hill has now been withdrawn. Thanks were relayed to all involved in opposing the application and appeal.

The repairs to the notice board are ongoing and will be carried out by the contractor as soon as practicable.

Complaints have again been received regarding incidents of dog fouling in the village of Bothel. It was suggested that the use of surveillance cameras may be an effective method of combatting the issues.

Members were reminded that the Three Tier Meeting will be held on 24th March at 7.00 pm at Cockermouth Town Hall.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service for the parish council's continued financial support.

Funding is available from the Borough Council to help community and sports groups. The contact at the Borough Council is Rebecca Stamper.

To commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday the Tower Mint has produced a collectors medal for schools and councils. Members were in agreement to distributing the medals to the children in the parish. The clerk was requested to order 100 medals.

100 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs. Story and Teasdale declared an interest in item 8(a) on the agenda (Community Fund – St. Michael’s School, Bothel)

Cllrs. Story and Watson declared an interest in item 15(b) on the agenda (Village Hall Insurance)

101 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES 12 JANUARY 2016

Minute reference 86 (Correspondence – Request for Funding from Wigton Baths Trust) - Cllr. Teasdale reported that one family in the village regularly use the facilities at Wigton Baths. The School had confirmed they occasionally use the facilities but no permanent arrangement is in place. It was agreed not to support the request.

Minute reference 94 (BT Phone Boxes/Installation of Defibrillators). The Clerk reported that no response had yet been received from Plumbland Parish Council.

102 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. Wren reiterated the problems in the village with dog fouling and advised there are several sites affected. He also stated that the installation of surveillance cameras in the areas affected would most likely be supported by the residents in the village.

103 REPORTS

(a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that

She had requested some dog fouling notices and poop scoop bags for the village. Cllr Mounsey also advised that she would check on the legalities of using surveillance cameras and ask the dog warden to visit the village;

There are grant schemes available for households and businesses in flooded properties and advice available to householders affected by flooding on obtaining insurance;

Following the submission of an application for a grant towards a stage in the village hall a response from Andrea Hines at the Borough Council is still awaited;

The Borough Council will be carrying out a Housing Survey to identify the housing needs of people in the locality.

(b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that Highways were now starting to catch up with highway issues following the effects of the floods and advised to continue to report issues via the Highways Hotline.

(c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Ostle was unable to attend the meeting as she was not on duty. The report received advised that three incidents had been reported since the last meeting:

11th February the police received a report of sheep on the road near to Threapland. A patrol attended and the sheep had already been returned to their field.

18th February police attended the A595 at Bothel after receiving reports of sheep on the road. A patrol attended and the sheep had returned to their field.

On 22nd February police attended the A595 near to the Greyhound Inn due to sheep being on the road. On attending the sheep had returned to the field.

CALC – External Audit for Smaller Authorities – Under the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 SAAA is required to make audit arrangements for all smaller authorities other than those that have given notice that they wish to make their own arrangements (opt-out). All authorities will need to complete and publish an annual return in accordance with the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities. An annual exemption form will also need to be submitted. The new arrangements will take effect from 1st April 2017. It is recommended that the parish council remain opted-in to the SAAA arrangements.

107 PLANNING

(a) Applications Received:

Planning application 2/2014/0626
Appeal Reference APP/G0908/W/15/3132595
Land east of Wharrels Hill Wind Farm adj A591 Bothel

Notification that the above appeal has been changed so that a Public Inquiry is to be held.

2/2016/0077 – Old Chapel Close, Bothel
Variation of condition 2 on application 2/2012/0902 to alter site location plan to amend drainage outfall

(b) Decisions:

Planning application 2/2014/0626
Appeal Reference APP/G0908/W/15/3132595
Land east of Wharrels Hill Wind Farm adj A591 Bothel

Notification that the above appeal had been withdrawn and no further action is to be taken.

2/2015/0746 – Land between Lyndale and Pak View, Bothel
Erection of detached dwelling – Revised house type of approval
2/2014/0629 GRANTED

108 HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The Chairman reported that he had attended a site visit with Messrs. Shield and Robinson from County Highways together with Cllr Bowe to discuss the highway issues in the parish.

Cumbria County Council Highways Department had agreed to undertake the following:

Check the culvert below Park Road with the use of cameras
Dig out the stream to allow water to run down the culvert on Bank Lonning, Bothel
Erect a not suitable for vehicles sign at Bank Lonning
Repair the damage caused at Low Field Lonning

Mr. Shield had advised that the issues on the A595 were Connect's responsibility. The Chairman reported he had met with Rick Young from Connect who had agreed to look at the issues with the drainage on the A595 at Park Road, the Slow Down sign at the entrance to Bothel and the Give Way sign on School Lane/A595.

109 GRASS CUTTING 2016

Tenders had been invited for grass cutting at Bothel and Threapland. Two tenders had been received and were considered at the meeting.

RESOLVED to accept the tender from Messrs. Hunt for grass cutting at Threapland at £75.00 per cut (maximum nine cuts) total £675.

RESOLVED to accept the tender from Ian Steel for grass cutting at Pinfold Green, Bothel at £60.00 per cut (maximum nine cuts), Village Hall Inside £25.00 per cut (maximum nine cuts), Village Hall outside £20.00 per cut (maximum five cuts), Village Hall hedge £25.00 per cut (maximum three cuts) total £940.00.

110 SCHOOL LANE, BOTHEL

The recent anomalies as to the extent of School Lane in Bothel were discussed. Cumbria County Council Highways Department had notified the parish council of a road closure on the C2001 School Lane Bothel. The map provided indicated that the road closure was on the Threapland to Bothel road. The Highways department had previously advised that on their mapping system School Lane runs from Bothel to Parsonby. The Clerk reported that School Lane was correctly shown on the Borough Council's mapping system and the GIS Officer at the Borough Council had agreed to take the matter up the Cumbria County Council. Cllr. Bowness also agreed to query this when next speaking with County Highways.

111 VLLAGE HALL

- (a) Update – Cllr Watson reported that work on the transfer document is ongoing. The Village Hall is doing well with several bookings and events happening over the next few months.
- (b) Insurance – Cllr Watson presented the insurance renewal for the Village Hall and requested that the Parish Council consider paying the renewal premium again this year. The Chairman questioned whether the cost could be met from the Village Hall accounts. A discussion followed as to whether the premium should be paid from the precept. This was not supported. It was suggested that the Village Hall Management Committee could if they wished submit an application, for payment of the insurance premium, to the Community Fund Sub Committee although this would have to be with the Committee in plenty of time before the next Parish Council meeting

112 DONATION REQUEST – CITIZENS ADVICE ALLERDALE

A request had been received for a donation to support the work of Citizens Advice Allerdale. A proposal was received, seconded therefore **RESOLVED** that an amount of £50.00 should be granted.

113 DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The next and future meeting dates were agreed as follows:
Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting 10th May, 2016
12th July, 13th September, 8th November 2016
10th January, 14th March, 2017

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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