

## **BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council  
Carl Sanders, United Utilities (for item 5 on the agenda)  
PCSO Alexandra Ostle (for part of the meeting)  
Two members of the public  
J. Rae (Clerk)

### **21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. G. Bowe and A. Bowness (Cumbria County Council).

Item 5 was moved up the agenda.

### **22. UNITED UTILITIES PIPELINE LEGACY FUND**

Carl Sanders from United Utilities addressed the meeting with regard to item 5 on the agenda. (United Utilities Pipeline Legacy Fund).

Mr. Sanders provided an outline of the activities for the Quarry Hill Project up until reinstatement of fields and hedgerows in April 2018. Regarding the Legacy Fund Mr. Sanders advised that a Planning Performance Group had been set up between Allerdale, Copeland and the Lake District National Park Authority with the Chief Executive of the LDNPA appointed to oversee the Group. United Utilities will be contacting all parish councils around December/January to provide information as to how parish councils can apply for funding, the kind of projects that will be supported and the criteria to be met.

The Chairman invited questions from members and also from members of the public present at the meeting.

The main points raised were:

- Only parishes in the Lake District National Park Authority had been made aware of the existence of the Legacy Fund;
- The Legacy Fund should be administered proportionately;
- Parishes on the route directly affected should be given priority; and
- Why should parishes not affected by the pipeline be able to apply for funding.

It was agreed that:

- (i) the parish council should write to the Borough Council's planning department raising the points above and to enquire if the Borough Council are aware at this stage how the Legacy Fund will be managed. Cllr Mounsey also agreed to make enquiries at the Borough Council.
- (ii) the Chairman will relay the points raised at this meeting back to CALC.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Sanders for attending the meeting.

**23. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10 MAY 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**24. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HM Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations – The day had been a great success. The Chairman relayed his thanks to all involved with the organisation of the celebrations and to those who helped on the day.

Commemorative Coins – The coins had been distributed to all children under 16 in the parish, all children attending the School and to all parishioners who are 90 or older this year. 3 letters of thanks and 2 verbal thanks had been received from the recipients of the coins. The Chairman thanked Cllr Alan Bowness for providing the parish council with the additional coins that were needed.

Village Hall - The Chairman and Cllr. Austin had attended the AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee.

St. Michael's PCC – A letter of thanks had been received for the Parish Council's annual donation of £500.00 towards the maintenance of the churchyard in Torpenhow.

**25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Members of the public present at the meeting were invited to ask questions in relation to matters on the agenda.

Mr. Wren asked whether the parish council would be submitting observations to the planning authority in relation to planning application 2/2016/0433 – Extension to Old Chapel Close. Mr. Wren stated that the proposed site plan was very different from the original site layout plan submitted.

The Chairman advised that the parish council had only just received the planning application that day. Observations would be submitted to the Borough Council once the application had been circulated and discussed by members.

Mrs. Watson representing the Village Hall Management Committee provided members with an update on developments with the transfer document and deed of trust for the village hall. Mrs Watson also advised that ID forms would need to be completed by two representatives of the parish council and by Cllr Story and the Clerk to enable the transfer to be completed.

**27. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 10 MAY 2016**

None.

**28. REPORTS**

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that -  
As from 13 July the Borough Council will be introducing a new phone number for all customer service enquiries. The number is 0303 123 1702.  
The Electoral Commission are carrying out a boundary review of the wards in the Borough.

- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness was not present at the meeting.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Alexandra Ostle was in attendance and provided members with a report of the incidents that had been reported in the parish since the last meeting. Incidents included reports of loose sheep on the highway, road traffic collisions and theft of wood at Threapland.

## 29. COMMUNITY FUND

The Chairman reported that he had met with the NFU to discuss the options available for investing future monies from the Community Fund. The more favourable option is a high interest low risk savings account. It was proposed and agreed that the options would be discussed further and a decision made at the September meeting once the annual payment had been received in August.

## 30. FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balance 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016

HSBC	£ 3,789.30
CBS	£17,643.94

- (b) Payment of Accounts

**RESOLVED:** The following accounts were approved for payment

Clerk's account Quarter 1	£509.46
HMRC PAYE Quarter 1	£ 99.40
Boltons Parish Council – Commemorative Coins	£ 30.00
Aspatia Farmers – Warning Sign and Gate Spring	£ 23.83

Payments from Community Fund Account

Swift Computer Systems – Website Hosting Fee	£100.00
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## 31. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC Circular May 2016

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CALC – Three Tier Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> June

Memorial Concert to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme Saturday, 2nd July

Sue Hayman MP – Broadband

Public Footpath Signage

CALC - Success Regime extends period of engagement.

## 32. PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

2/2016/0433 - Old Chapel Close, Bothel

Reserved matters application following approval 2/2016/0077

- (b) Decisions

None

**33. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

The following matters were reported:

Pot holes on School Lane

The issues previously raised on Bank Lonning and Park Road are still ongoing.

Only one of the flashing signs on the A595 is working.

**34. PUBLIC FOOTPATH/SIGNAGE**

Correspondence had been received from a resident of Plumbland who is a regular walker of the footpaths /rights of way in the parish. The correspondence stated that on the route from Fitz farm to Bothel most of the directional signs are unclear and at the footbridge over Gill Gooden stream the sign showing Threapland/Bothel is lying against the hedge. The correspondence also requested that the parish council replace the directional signs and place plastic tubing over the barbed wire fence. The Countryside Access Team at Cumbria County Council had been contacted. They had advised that they are still catching up with damage caused to the footpaths by storm Desmond but would look at this further next year when they will be surveying the footpaths in the parish. The Chairman reported that a warning sign had been purchased together with a gate spring. These will be sited at the footbridge to help alleviate some of the issues on this footpath.

**35. VILLAGE HALL**

The Chairman informed the meeting that £81,775 had been given from the Community Fund to the Village Hall so far and not £76,000 as reported in the Village Hall AGM minutes.

Members noted that the amendments to the deed of trust had been put the Village Hall Management Committee. Cllrs Todhunter and Teasdale will be the signatories on behalf of the parish council. It was also noted that ID forms had to be completed by the signatories of the Deed of Trust together with Cllr Story and the Clerk. Mrs. Watson on behalf of the Village Hall Management Committee agreed to make preliminary arrangements for these to be witnessed by a local solicitor.

It was noted that £500 had been set aside from the Community Fund towards the legal costs incurred with the amendments to the documents. The Chairman proposed that in view of recent estimates that the solicitor's fees be split 50/50 up to a maximum of £1000 from the parish council. Cllr. Watson agreed to put the proposal to the Village Hall Management Committee.

**36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

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