

## **BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

G. Bowe  
M. Story  
R. Teasdale  
N. Todhunter (Chair)  
R. Watson

Also Present:

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

### **37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. Austin, K. Nelson and PCSO A. Ostle.

### **38. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 JULY 2016**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### **39. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dog Fouling - A report had been received that dog fouling is occurring on the grassed area at the top of the village near Hunting Lodge Close. This has to be regularly removed so the grass can be cut. It was suggested that additional signs be sited in this area reminding people to respect the area and clean up after their dogs.

Closure of Maryport and Wigton Hospitals - Public meetings have been held recently about the future of Maryport and Wigton Hospitals. Anyone wishing to voice their concerns should email Sir Neil Mckay on [successregime.cumbria@nhs.net](mailto:successregime.cumbria@nhs.net) or contact the MP for the area Sue Hayman.

Dementia Action Alliance – An invitation had been received from Age UK who have formed an informal Dementia Action Alliance Group. The next meeting will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Aspatria Surgery.

### **40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **41. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 12 JULY 2016**

United Utilities Pipelines Legacy Fund - Following the last meeting which Carl Sanders from United Utilities had attended, an email had been received from Gaynor Murphy at United Utilities to clarify some of the parish council's concerns regarding the legacy fund. The email stated that the initial investigation into what communities of Cumbria would want from the legacy fund was conducted by the Lake District National Park on behalf of Allerdale, Copeland and the LDNPA. This was an information gathering exercise to ensure that the legacy money is allocated in the right way.

Going forward it will be a different organisation that will help administer the fund. A stakeholder panel will be the deciding voice for any applications which will consist of reps from Allerdale, Copeland, LDNPA, Cumbria CC, UU and other NGO's.

The Chairman advised that the parish council would invite United Utilities to the meeting in March next year but in the meantime clarification be sought from UU as to who the applications for funding should be submitted to.

## **42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

Andrea Hunt spoke about the recent sad events in Threapland and requested that the parish council support the request from Threapland residents that a defibrillator be installed in the phone box in Threapland.

## **43. REPORTS**

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that at the recent full Council meeting a recommendation had been put forward that the Borough Council propose to the Boundary Commission that the Council size reduces from 56 to 48 elected members. This will take effect in 2019.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that due to issues relating to the building at Lillyhall Cumbria County Council Highways Department are operating from portacabins. A service review is being undertaken which is likely to lead to staff changes.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Alexandra Ostle was unable to attend the meeting. The report received advised that 20 incidents had been reported in the parish since the last meeting. These included road traffic collisions on the A595, manner of driving complaints, incidents of highway disruptions and one incident of sheep worrying.

Crime prevention advice was also provided including details of the community messaging scheme. Cumbria Police can also be followed on Twitter and Facebook. It was suggested this information should be included on the village blog.

## **44. COMMUNITY FUND**

The annual community benefit payment had been received from FIM Services - £13,010.40.

### **Trust Fund**

The options available for investing monies from the Community Fund were discussed:

Option 1 to invest £10,000 in a ten year Bond through the NFU. This would incur a set-up fee of 3.5% (minimum of £350) but would attract a higher interest rate with no penalties for early exit.

Option 2 to open a low risk high street bank/building society account. This would incur no charges but would attract a lower interest rate.

Following a vote Members were unanimous that option 1 was more favourable. RESOLVED that £10,000 from the Community Fund account should be invested in a Bond. The Chairman agreed to make the arrangements with the NFU.

## 45. FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balance 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016

HSBC	£ 3,126.61
CBS	£30,544.34

- (b) Payment of Accounts

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

Clerk's account Quarter 2	£513.40
HMRC PAYE Quarter 2	£ 99.40
BDO LLP – External Audit	£120.00

Payments from Community Fund Account

Bothel Village Hall (Contribution towards Legal Costs)	£768.00
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- (c) Conclusion of Audit

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had now completed the audit for year ending 31 March 2016. There were no matters arising from the audit. The auditors' comments were noted and the annual return approved. The annual return and notice of conclusion of audit will now be published on the parish notice boards and on the parish council's website.

## 46. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC Circular July/August 2016

Allerdale Borough Council - New customer service number for Allerdale Borough Council

Cumbria County Council -Temporary Road Closure - Park Road Bothel

Limestone Lodges - Noise & Dust Pollution Emanating from Kevin

Millican Commercial Refinishers Ltd., Bothel Old Quarry

Cumbria County Council - Tour of Britain 2016 - Stage 2, Carlisle to Kendal, Monday 5th September

CALC - Note of three tier meeting June 2016

CALC - Cumbria Constabulary Public Consultation Survey

CALC - Success Regime stakeholder update

Allerdale Borough Council - draft Housing Strategy

Aspatria Rural Partnership - Agenda and previous minutes

## 47. PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

2/2016/0045 – United Utilities PLC

Development of new water supply connection from Thirlmere to West Cumbria (Supplementary information to the Environmental Statement and amended plans to some sections of the route)

2/2016/0590 – Park View Farm, Bothel

Conversion of barn to dwellings

(b) Decisions

None

**48. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE**

The following matters were reported:

County Highways had closed Park Road on two occasions to carry out repairs. Despite this there appears to be no sign of any improvements. The work on the A595 is ongoing.

Street light out outside Solway House, Bothel

**49. DEFIBRILLATOR - THREAPLAND**

A request had been received from the residents in Threapland for a defibrillator to be installed in the telephone box in Threapland.

Members were reminded that in the past Plumbland Parish Council had been approached with a view to installing a defibrillator at The Muslims and dividing the costs equally. Plumbland had decided at the time not to take this further. Members also noted that Threapland falls within the area covered by Aspatria First Responders and not Bothel.

The Chairman reported that he had met with Martin Fagan from Community Heartbeat Trust to discuss the options available to install a community use defibrillator at Threapland. The options were considered by members and it was unanimously agreed that a package should be purchased from Community Heartbeat for a simple to use defibrillator at a cost for the full package of £1950 and an annual servicing fee of £126. Community Heartbeat would adopt the telephone box and install the electricity supply. Spare parts would be supplied following use and full indemnity insurance is included for anyone using the machine. The ambulance service will provide a training session for up to 50 people. There would be a provision that the box is checked weekly. The cost of £1950 would be met from the Community Fund and the annual servicing fee from the parish precept.

**50. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Watson reported that the Transfer documents had now been registered at the Land Registry. The Chairman advised that amendments were still required to the Deed of Trust.

Cllr Watson confirmed that room hire is part of day to day running of the Hall.

**51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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