

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 10th January, 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council
J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council
PCSO A. Ostle (for part of the meeting)
R. Wren
J. Rae (Clerk)

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from S. Austin and R. Teasdale.

68. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2016

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th November, 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

69. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded that the Allerdale District Three Tier Meeting will be held on Thursday 19th January 2017 at 7.00 pm at Allerdale House in Workington. Items on the agenda include the Nu Gen Health Impact Assessment and Cumbria County and Allerdale Borough Council's Budget 2017/18.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

71. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 8 NOVEMBER 2016

The Chairman reported that the defibrillator had been installed in the telephone box at Threapland. The defibrillator is not yet live as the arrangements for training and person(s) appointed to submit the required maintenance reports are still to be finalised.

Cllr Mounsey reported that she had contacted the Borough Council's Planning Department with regard to the query raised at the last meeting concerning the access into the new development at Old Chapel Close. The Planning Department had advised that the plans as submitted had been approved.

72. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

No matters were raised.

73. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that the Borough Council's Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation will be considered at the Executive meeting on 11th January and Council meeting on 18th January. Once approved the document will be released for public consultation. Cllr. Mounsey also reported that the bid for £3000 funding from the Borough Council towards the stage in the Village Hall had been successful.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that following the last meeting he had made enquiries about reducing the speed at which the warning sign on the A595 is activated. Confirmation had been received that this will be done when the sign is next serviced. Cllr Bowness also reported that he will attending a meeting this week when the County Council's underspend in the transport budget will be discussed.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Alexandra Ostle was in attendance and reported on the new way that crime figures will be provided. The Clerk reported that on checking the crime mapper website it appeared that no incidents had been reported in the parish.

74. COMMUNITY FUND

- (a) Gardening Club – The Chairman reported that a request for financial assistance had been received from the Gardening Club. The Community Fund Sub Committee had supported the request. RESOLVED that £400.00 should be granted.
- (b) Trust Fund – The Chairman reported that he had made further enquiries into the setting up of a Trust Fund. As the costs of setting up the fund appear to outweigh the benefits together with the issues surrounding trustees it was suggested that a high interest account might be more preferable. Further enquiries are to be made as to what accounts are available.

75. FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report as at 31st December 2016 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balance 31st December, 2016

HSBC	£ 3,993.80
CBS	£27,362.34

- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

Clerk's account Quarter 3	£501.00
HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£ 99.60
R. Hunt – Grass Cutting – Threapland	£675.00
Great North Air Ambulance Service – Donation	£200.00

Payments from Community Fund Account

Gardening Club	£400.00
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(c) Setting of the Precept/Budget 2017/18

The Borough Council had forwarded the statement of parish precept to be levied for 2017/18 for completion. The CTRS grant for the parish for 2017/18 is £131.42 (206/17 £197.13).

The usual income and expenditure items together with projects for the forthcoming year were discussed. The refurbishment of the noticeboards and village signs was also considered. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries as to whether any grants are available towards restoration of the village signs. It was agreed to allocate £125 for the annual maintenance payment for the defibrillator at Threapland. Cllr Watson enquired whether part of the cost of the Village Hall insurance premium could be paid by the parish council, in their role as the Holding Trustees. It was agreed that £500 be allocated for this in 2017.

It was proposed and seconded that the precept should be increased by £500.

RESOLVED that the total funding requirement of the parish council is £5500.00 less CTRS grant of £131.42 giving a precept demand of £5368.58. The completed form would now be submitted to the Borough Council.

76. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Healthwatch Press Release: Healthwatch Cumbria's Response to NHS Consultation "The Future of Healthcare in West, North and East Cumbria"

CALC - Allerdale three tier meeting 19 January 2017

CALC - CALC Circular December and January

Allerdale Borough Council - Budget Consultation 2017-18

Cumbria County Council - Urgent Road Closure - C2001 Threapland

Wigton Town Council - Wigton Hospitals alternative option to the NHS Success Regime

CALC - Fibre Broadband in Cumbria

CALC - request for councillors to sign a letter about the Success Regime consultation

Cumbria County Council - Public Consultation - Allerdale Libraries

A Clouston -Valuation of Village Halls

CALC – CALC Circular November

The Pensions Regulator – The clerk reported that a declaration of compliance had been completed. As the parish council does not have any employees earning more than £800 per month there is no requirement to provide a work place pension.

77. PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

None

(b) Decisions

None

78. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following matters were reported:

The drainage issues on Park Road leading to the A595 are still ongoing;
The give way sign on School Lane onto the A595 has not been replaced;
Several pot holes have been reported in the Bothel area;
Flooding on several parts of the A591.

79. GRASS CUTTING TENDER 2017

RESOLVED that tenders be invited for the 2017 season for grass cutting at Pinfold Green, the Village Hall and Threapland Green.

Specification:

Pinfold Green 9 cuts

Village Hall outside the boundary 3 cuts, inside the boundary 9 cuts and hedge cutting 2 cuts

Threapland Village Green 9 cuts

Invitations to tender would be sent to the usual contractors and advertised on the parish notice boards. The tenders received will be considered and contractor(s) appointed at the next parish council meeting.

80. PINFOLD GREEN

Members discussed whether to submit an application under the Commons Act 2006 to correct the non-registration of Pinfold Green as a village green. RESOLVED that an application should be submitted to the Commons Registration Authority.

81. ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S BUDGET CONSULTATION

The Borough Council's Budget Consultation had been circulated with the agenda. Following a discussion it was RESOLVED to respond to the consultation against the increase in council tax and the increase in fees and charges in line with inflation. Members were also opposed to the increases in Council Tax and Adult Social Care put forward in Cumbria County Council's Budget Consultation.

82. DONATION REQUEST – GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

A request for financial assistance had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service. RESOLVED that £200 should be granted.

83. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Watson reported that there was nothing further to report at the present time.

84. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March, 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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