

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 14th March, 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council
J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council
Three representatives from United Utilities
PCSO A. Ostle for part of the meeting
J. Rae (Clerk)

85. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from G. Bowe and M. Story.

86. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10 JANUARY 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January, 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

87. UNITED UTILITIES WEST CUMBRIA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

A presentation on the West Cumbria Water Supply Project was received from the Project Manager and Planning Consents Manager from United Utilities. A representative from United Utilities Construction Partners was also present. The planned work is to be carried out in phases with work commencing on the Moota to Quarry Hill route and the construction of the new Treatment Works at Williamsgate this summer. The commissioning phase will be around 2020 and the project is scheduled to be operational by 2022. Members were informed that United Utilities has a dedicated resource working with Cumbria County Council Highways and a dedicated Education Officer working with schools. Money has been allocated to Woodlands Trust to fund replacement of trees lost in the construction work and information on the Legacy Fund will be communicated in due course.

The Chairman raised concerns around the road closures and stated that the Bothel to Threapland Road is the only direct link between the two villages so any road closure will cause disruption. United Utilities were requested that any road closures are kept to a minimum and the Parish Council be kept informed well in advance. United Utilities were also requested that all construction traffic avoid the area of the School in Bothel between 0830 and 0930 and 1500 to 1600 hours.

United Utilities confirmed that a road closure request had been submitted to Cumbria County Council and it is expected that the road will be closed for approximately one week.

One other concern was raised in respect of the reinstatement time of the bridleway from Bothel to Mechi Farm.

United Utilities will be holding an exhibition in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th March between 1.00pm to 7.00 pm.

88. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter had been received from Mr. Ian Nicholson advising that due to personal reasons he would no longer be able to cut the grass at Broadwell Green. The Parish Council had written to Mr. Nicholson thanking him on behalf of the parish for all his hard work in the past.

The transfer document for the Village Hall had been received from the solicitor.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service for the Parish Council's donation of £200.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Watson declared an interest in item 16 on the agenda (Village Hall).

90. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 10 JANUARY 2017

None.

91. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

Cllr Watson reported that the work carried out at the new farm building on the A591/Bothel junction has resulted in large amounts of soil being deposited on the road. The Chairman reported improvements to the entrance of the building are being carried out and the issues raised will be resolved as soon as the work is completed.

92. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr. J. Mounsey reported that the Borough Council had increased their part of the Council Tax by 1.9%. Cllr Mounsey also reported on the current Public Consultations - The Boundary Commission's Review of Allerdale and the Allerdale Local Plan Site Allocations.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that Cumbria County Council are to implement a new system for reporting defects on the highway. The system will be a much improved way to report defects as these can be pinpointed on a map and photographs can also be added. The progress of the fault reported can be tracked on the new system which is expected to be operational by the end of March.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Alexandra Ostle was in attendance and advised that no incidents had been reported since the last meeting.

93. COMMUNITY FUND

- (a) Bothel First Responders - RESOLVED that the annual donation of £600 be granted.
- (b) West Cumbria Orienteering Club – The Community Fund Sub Committee had considered a request for sponsorship of £150 from a resident of Threapland who is a member of the West Cumbria Orienteering Club. The Community Fund Committee's recommendation was to refuse the request as the funding provided will not benefit the wider community and a similar request from another individual had been refused in the past. Members were in agreement with the Community Fund's recommendation not to support the request.

- (c) Requests for proof of purchase/information.

Members were reminded of the wording on the Community Fund application that states that proof of expenditure could be requested and the wording before signature of "The information in this application is correct and we will provide proof of expenditure/completion when requested by the Community Fund". Councillors were informed that only one request had been refuted and it was agreed that from the date of the Parish Council meeting any refusal to provide a request for proof of expenditure etc. would result in no further applications from that person/organisation being considered until the request had been met.

94. FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report as at 28th February 2017 was circulated for Members information.

Income Received:

HM Revenue & Customs – VAT Refund	£469.27
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- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

Bothel Village Hall – Room Hire	£ 53.50
Clerk's account Quarter 4	£548.77
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£ 99.40
Bothel Village Hall – 50% towards Village Hall Insurance	£450.00

Payments from Community Fund Account

Bothel First Responders – Annual Donation	£600.00
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- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED that Mr. P. Wilson be appointed to undertake the internal audit of the parish council's accounts for financial year 2016/17.

95. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Note of the January 2017 Three Tier meeting
Wigton Baths Trust – Newsletter and Donation Request
Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of Allerdale: Draft Recommendations
CALC – Circular February 2017
United Utilities West Cumbria Water Supply Project
Allerdale Borough Council - Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations - Preferred Options Consultation 27 January 2017 - 24 March 2017
CALC – Parish Locality Meetings – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2) and Locality Area Profiles
Aspatia Rural Partnership – Minutes 2nd March 2017. Members noted the comments in the minutes regarding police attendance at parish council meetings and suggested that ARP be made aware that the PCSO for the parish attends the parish council meetings when able.

The Chairman reported that notification had been received from the Borough Council that ENW intend to remove one footway light in Bothel and two in Threapland. The Borough Council had requested confirmation that the Parish Council require the lights to be replaced. The Borough Council had confirmed that there will be no cost implication to the Parish Council. The Parish Council had requested the lights be replaced.

96. PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

2/2017/0047 – Land adj to Bothel Parks School Lane Bothel
Removal of condition 11 on planning approval 2/2014/0724

HOU/2017/0016 – Quarry House Bothel
Extension over garage with glazed link to provide new kitchen and bathroom and balustrade around existing patio area (resubmission)

2/2017/0059 – Skiddaw View Caravan Park, Bothel
Enlargement of existing caravan park to accommodate camping pods, tent pitches and installation of sewage treatment plant.

2/2017/0064 – Sites off A595/School Lane, Bothel between
Williamsgate, Bridekirk and Mealsgate
6 proposed temporary construction accesses at various locations

(b) Decisions

2/2017/0047 – Land adj to Bothel Parks School Lane Bothel
Removal of condition 11 on planning approval 2/2014/0724

APPROVED

97. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The following matters were reported:

The drain at Park Road Estate has still not been cleared.

Members discussed the refurbishment of the cast iron finger post and the milestone in the village. RESOLVED that tenders be invited for the refurbishing/repainting work. An invitation to tender would be displayed on the parish notice boards.

It was suggested that a gravel strip surrounding the base of the milestone should be implemented to help prevent further discolouration.

98. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2017

(a) Broadwell Green

Following receipt of the letter from Mr. Nicholson Members considered the inclusion of Broadwell Green in the grass cutting contract for 2017. RESOLVED to include Broadwell Green in the contract.

(b) Grass Cutting Contract 2017

One tender had been received for grass cutting at Bothel and one tender for grass cutting at Threapland. The tenders were considered. RESOLVED that the contract for grass cutting of Threapland Village Green be awarded to Messrs. Hunt at a total price of £720 for nine cuts and the contract for Broadwell Green, Pinfold Green and the Village Hall be awarded to Mr. I Steel at a total cost of £1090. It was noted that the hedge cutting at the Village Hall had not been included this year.

The award of the tender would subject to the terms and conditions stated in the tender specification. The contractors would be informed and requested to provide proof of their public liability insurance.

99. PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

(a) Electoral Review of Allerdale: Draft Recommendations

The Local Government Boundary Commission's draft recommendations were considered. The parish will fall within the Aspatria Ward. The changes if agreed will take effect from elections in 2019. Members agreed to respond to the consultation stating that the parish is a rural community and more akin to Boltons ward than the town of Aspatria.

(b) Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations - Preferred Option Consultation

Members considered the options put forward for the village of Bothel and agreed to respond to the consultation raising the following matters:

- Why is the grass verge along the A595 now included in the settlement limit;
- The Amenity Green Space (GS14) allocated in the middle of the village is private land

It was also noted that:

- Angel Well at Threapland had not been included as a Village Green
- 1/BTH/001/R-2/R had been discarded as the housing commitment in Bothel exceeds what is needed for the village.

100. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr. Watson reported that the solicitor acting for Village Hall Management Committee had confirmed that the transfer and legal charge had now been registered with the Land Registry. Cllr Watson confirmed that the Charity Trustees of the Village Hall are now 100% correct and documents can be viewed on request from Village Hall Management Committee.

Cllr Watson brought Members up-to-date regarding the fund raising for the stage in the hall.

101. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

The dates of the future were agreed:

9th May, 2017 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting

11th July, 12th September, 14th November 2017

9th January, 13th March 2018

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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