

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 9th May, 2017 commencing at 7.45 p.m.

Present:

S. Austin
G. Bowe
K. Nelson
R. Teasdale
N. Todhunter
R. Watson

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council
J. Rae (Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2017/2018

A nomination was received from Cllr Bowe, seconded by Cllr Teasdale that Cllr Todhunter be re-elected Chairman for council year 2017/18. No other nominations were received. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Todhunter be re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. TO RECEIVE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Todhunter assumed the Chair and signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2017/18

RESOLVED that Cllr Story be re-elected Vice Chairman for council year 2017/18.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Mounsey, Allerdale Borough Council and PCSO A. Ostle.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14 MARCH 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th March, 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman commented that contrary to Min ref. 100 the Trustees of the Village Hall Management Committee listed on the Charity Commission's website are not up-to-date. Cllr Watson was requested to provide the Clerk with the names of all Trustees so the website can be amended.

6. TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES

Cllr Todhunter agreed to continue to Chair the Community Fund Sub Committee with the members remaining unchanged.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter of thanks had been received from Bothel First Responders for the Parish Council's donation of £600 which will be used towards the on-going costs of the pager system.

The Three Tier meeting with the Borough Council and Cumbria County Council will be held at Allhallows Community Centre on Thursday 11th May at 7.00pm.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bowe declared an interest in item 18 on the agenda (refurbishment of cast iron finger posts and milestone)

Cllr Watson declared an interest in item 19 on the agenda (village hall)

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

10. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Apologies had been received from Cllr Mounsey
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that a substantial amount of funding had been awarded to the Allerdale area to carry out repairs resulting from storm Desmond.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Alex Ostle was unable to attend the meeting. A report containing crime prevention advice had been provided. The clerk reported that no crimes were shown on the crime mapper website for the parish. Members noted that the information on the website was out of date and related to February 2017 and requested that this be brought to PCSO Ostle's attention.

11. COMMUNITY FUND

Torpenhow PCC – Annual donation towards maintenance of the Churchyard at Torpenhow. This item was deferred until the next meeting.

12. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Bank Balance 31st March 2017

HSBC	£ 1,835.80
CBS	£26,385.79

Income received:

Allerdale Borough Council - Half Yearly Precept	£2750.00
Electricity NW – Wayleave	£ 40.18

- (b) Annual Audit

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been carried out with no issues identified. Members considered the effectiveness of the system of internal control and agreed that this is satisfactory.

- (i) Annual Governance Statement – Members considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that arrangements are in place for effective financial management and the accounting statements are prepared in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations. RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- (ii) Accounting Statement 2016/17 – Members agreed that the Accounting Statement in the annual return fairly represents the financial position of the parish council. RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the annual return.

- (iii) Period of Exercise of Public Rights – The Clerk reported that the period for the exercise of public rights commences on 5th June and ends on 14th July. A notice will be displayed on the parish notice boards notifying electors of their rights to inspect the accounts.
- (iv) Publication on website – The Clerk reported that the Annual Governance Statement, Statement of Accounts and the Statement setting out the period of exercise of elector's rights will be published on the parish council's website.

13. PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT

Renewal documentation had been received from Zurich Municipal Insurance. The cover provided was considered to be adequate.

RESOLVED to accept the renewal invitation from Zurich at a total premium of £367.79 (an increase of £12.28). It was suggested that an alternative quotation be obtained prior to renewal next year.

14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

P. Wilson	Internal Auditor	£ 85.00
CALC	Annual Subscription	£160.14
Zurich Insurance	Annual Insurance	£367.79

15. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Cumbria County Council – Connecting Cumbria – Superfast Broadband – Details to be displayed on the parish noticeboards

Lake District National Park Authority Local Plan Review – Call for Sites 2017

CALC – Three Tier Meeting – Allhallows Community Centre 11th May 7.00 pm

Aspatia Rural Partnership – Agenda – Meeting 11th May 2017

CALC - Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in England 2017 edition

CALC/Cumbria County Council - HIMS Launch Communication

CALC - April newsletter

Openreach - Proposed rearrangement of Openreach line plant in

Threapland - Openreach have been ordered to remove any plant attached to electricity poles by the current owners ENW. There are 2 such poles situated on the Village Green. The Parish Council is awaiting a response from Openreach as to how they intend to proceed.

B. Baker - Garth Cottage, Bothel, Wigton, Cumbria CA7 2JH: Flooding & Water Issues

16. PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

HOU/2017/0078 – Threapland Barn

Extension and alteration to dwelling including roof terrace

2/2017/0175 – Threapland Barn

Listed Building Consent for an extension and alteration to dwelling including roof terrace

(b) Decisions:

2/2017/0136 – Field north of Threapland Lees
Proposed agricultural shelter (retrospective)

APPROVED

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)

APPROVED

HOU/2017/0078 – Threapland Barn
Extension and alteration to dwelling including roof terrace

APPROVED

2/2017/0175 – Threapland Barn
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LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPROVED

17. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

The ongoing issues on the A595 and the lack of response from Connect Cumbria and Highways England were reported to Cllr Bowness.

18. RESTORATION OF CAST IRON FINGER POSTS AND MILESTONE

The Clerk reported that one tender had been received for the refurbishment of two signposts and one milestone in Bothel at a total cost of £350. RESOLVED to accept the tender submitted and appoint M & L. Bowe to carry out the work.

19. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Watson reported that the Village Hall website is now live at www.bothelvillagehall.org.uk

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th July, 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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