

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 11th July, 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G. Bowe, R. Watson and PCSO A. Ostle.

22. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 MAY 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 9th May, 2017 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

23. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A595 Upgrade – The Leader of Cumbria County Council had been contacted following the report in the press that a bid had been submitted to the Department of Transport to upgrade the A595. The upgrade includes the implementation of crawler lanes at Bothel and Moota. Stewart Young had advised that this scheme was identified through a Strategic Connectivity Study which was undertaken by WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff on behalf of Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership and Highways England and that consultations had taken place with Parish Councils. The Leader of Cumbria County Council suggested that if the Parish Council had not been consulted this should be taken up with the consultants.

Flooding Garth Cottage – No action had been taken regarding the flooding issues on the A595. Cllr Bowness agreed to raise this issue with Cumbria County Council.

Bothel in Bloom – The Parish Council and the Gardening Club wished to pass on their thanks to Allerdale Borough Council for arranging a road sweeper to visit the village and to United Utilities for also organising the road sweeper on the day prior to judging taking place.

AGM Village Hall – The AGM had been held on 28th June. The Trustees had now been up-dated on the Charity Commission website.

Household Emergency Planning – A leaflet containing basic steps to being prepared for emergencies had been circulated to Members.

Cumbria Guide Dogs are looking to recruit more volunteers to help in various ways. Details are displayed on the parish notice boards. Cllr Story agreed to make some enquiries as to costs involved in training a guide dog and to consider ideas for raising funds.

A leaflet containing advice on fraud risks for town and parish councillors had been circulated to Members.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Story declared an interest in item 15 on the agenda (Village Hall)

25. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 9 MAY 2017

The Trustees of the Village Hall had been updated on the Charity Commission's website.

26. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Concern had been raised regarding the inaccessibility of the defibrillator at the Village Hall. The Clerk was requested to contact the First Responders Group to enquire whether they would consider siting the defibrillator outside the building thereby making the defibrillator accessible to the public.

27. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that
- the Borough Council is trialling a new service in Aspatria. Council staff will be available in the Library every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 pm – 5.00 pm. They will be able to help local residents with queries about council services.
 - The full Council meeting will now be held on 26th July and not the 19th
 - Discussions are taking place about the possible opening of the High Cross Quarry at Plumbland.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: The recent road closures and confusion over diversions put in place by County Highways was raised. Cllr Bowness advised he would discuss this with the Area Manager. Cllr Bowness advised that the public should be able to access information on the CCC website about highways work that is planned for the next year.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Alex Ostle was unable to attend the meeting. A report containing crime prevention advice had been provided. Information on crimes reported in the area can be found on the crime mapper website under Find my Neighbourhood and entering the post code for the area.

28. COMMUNITY FUND

- (a) Torpenhow PCC – Clarification had been received that the annual donation of £500 will be used towards the maintenance of the Churchyard at Torpenhow. RESOLVED that the donation of £500.00 be paid.
- (b) Website Hosting Fee – RESOLVED that the invoice from Swift Computer Services for £100.00 be paid.

29. FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report as at 30th June 2017 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balance 30th June 2017

HSBC	£ 4,013.05
CBS	£26,385.79

(b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

J. Rae	Clerk's account Quarter 1	£506.27
HMRC	PAYE Quarter 1	£100.40

Payments for Community Fund:

St. Michael's PCC Torpenhow – Donation	£500.00
Swift Computer Services – Website Hosting Fee	£100.00

30. CORRESPONDENCE

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

United Utilities - West Cumbria Supplies Project Update
National Grid NWCC Project
Note of 3 tier meeting Allhallows May 2017
CALC Circular May 2017
Cumbria County Council - Road closure - Threapland Lees
Cumbria County Council - Temporary Prohibition of all traffic - School Lane Bothel
CALC Circular June 2017
Allerdale Borough Council -Fraud risks in parish and town councils - advice for councillors
Local Government Boundary Commission - Electoral Review of Allerdale: Final Recommendations
Cumbria County Council -Connecting Cumbria Newsletter
Guide Dogs for the Blind - Appeal for volunteers
Action with Communities in Cumbria - Household Emergency Planning
Cumbria County Council - Temporary Road Closure - Bothel

31. PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

2/2017/0230 – Low Farm, Threapland
Change of use of buildings and outside area from equestrian to agricultural and part agricultural contractor business

(b) Decisions:

2/2017/0059 – Skiddaw View Caravan Park, Bothel
Enlargement of existing caravan park to accommodate camping pods, tents pitches and installation of sewage treatment plan.
FULL PLANS APPROVED

2/2017/0064 – Sites off A595/School Lane Bothel Between Williamsgate, Bridekirk and Mealsgate
Six proposed temporary construction accesses at Various locations
FULL PLANS APPROVED

2/2017/0230 – Low Farm, Threapland
Change of use of buildings and outside area from equestrian to agricultural and part agricultural contractor business
FULL PLANS APPROVED

32. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

A request was considered for the hedge including the grass verge opposite the village hall to be cut back to widen the road and improve highway safety. Cllr Bowness agreed to speak to the cabinet member for Highways and Transport at Cumbria County Council.

It was reported that the flashing warning sign on the A595 approaching Bothel from Cockermouth was working intermittently. The speed at which the sign is activated still needs to be reduced.

33. PINFOLD GREEN

The Clerk reported that the application to correct the non-registration of Pinfold Green as a village green had been returned by the Commons Registration at Cumbria County Council. They advised that applications under Schedule 2 paragraph 3 can only be made to register land which on 31st July 1970 was land allotted by or under any Act for the exercise or recreation of the inhabitants of any locality, continues to be such land to this day but was not at any time finally registered under the Commons Act 1965. If the Parish Council are to apply to correct the non-registration of Pinfold Green evidence will also be required to support the application. It was suggested that that the Commons Registration be contacted for clarification on the type of evidence they require.

34. UNITED UTILITIES LEGACY FUND

The Chairman reported that two suggestions had been put forward for projects that could potentially be funded from the United Utilities Legacy Fund.

- Picnic tables for the Village Hall
- Improvements to the un-adopted part of Bank Lonning

A third suggestion was put forward that a generator point would be useful at the Village Hall particularly if the hall was to be used as a centre/meeting point in the case of a serious community emergency.

The projects will be considered further once the launch date of the fund has been confirmed. A follow up Legacy Fund meeting is expected to be held at Embleton Village Hall.

35. VILLAGE HALL

The Trustees named on the Charity Commission's website had been updated following the AGM held on 28th June 2017. No other matters were reported.

36. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th September, 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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