

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 12th September, 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. Austin, R. Teasdale and PCSO A. Ostle.

38. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 11 JULY 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 11th July, 2017 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

39. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Allerdale Three Tier Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th September at 7.00 pm at Cockermouth Town Hall. Items on the agenda include the United Utilities Legacy Fund.

As suggested by the Leader of Cumbria County Council the Parish Council had written to WSP Parsons Brinckerhoff who had undertaken the consultation on the West of M6 Strategic Connectivity Study, which includes the upgrade of the A595 at Bothel and Moota. No reply had been received. The next step would be to write to Sue Hayman the MP for the area and the MP for Highways and Transport. The Chairman also agreed to write to the Leader of Cumbria CC to advise him that the Parish Council had not received any response to their letters.

There had not been any response from Connect Roads regarding the drainage issues on the A595.

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 11 JULY 2017

Cumbria Guide Dogs - Cllr Story reported this matter is still ongoing

Defibrillator at the Village Hall – The First Responders had replied to the matter raised under public participation at the last meeting regarding the inaccessibility to the public of the defibrillator. The First Responders had clarified the difference between the system used by them and a public access defibrillator which is purchased and managed separately from those used by First Responders. The response had been circulated to Members.

42. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

43. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that the Borough Council's full Council meeting will be held on 20th September. Members at the Borough Council have all been issued with tablets and the Borough Council has recently sold off toilets in Keswick and Braithwaite.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that the request for the hedge and verge opposite the village hall to be cut back had been submitted to Cumbria Highways.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Alex Ostle had provided a report containing crime prevention advice prior to the meeting. No crimes were shown on the crime mapper website for the parish.

44. COMMUNITY FUND

- (a) Community Fund Payment

The annual community benefit payment had been received from FIM Services. Members noted that FIM Services had advised that after checking the lease it had been recognised that the calculations had been incorrect for the past nine years. An additional sum of £1,062.13 is due to be paid.

The yearly payment due for 2017 is £13,777.41 together with the additional amount of £1,062.13 making a total payable of £14,839.54.

- (b) Binsey Link

Members considered the annual donation towards the production costs of the Binsey Link. RESOLVED that £500 should be granted again this year.

45. FINANCIAL REPORT

- (a) The financial report at 31st August 2017 was circulated for Members information.
- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

BDO LLP	External Auditors	£120.00
J. Rae	Clerk's account Quarter 2	£527.02
HMRC	PAYE Quarter 2	£100.40

Payments from Community Fund:

Binsey Link	Donation	£500.00
L. Bowe	Re-painting of Village Signs	£350.00

- (c) Conclusion of Audit

The Clerk reported that the external auditors had now completed the audit for year ending 31 March 2017. There was one matter arising from the audit relating to the defibrillator at Threapland which should be included in the asset register. The auditors' comments were noted and the asset register had been updated. The annual return was 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.

A query was raised as to whether the defibrillator should be added to the parish council's insurance policy or whether the defibrillator was insured by Community Heartbeat Trust. The Chairman agreed to seek clarification from CHT.

46. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC – Friday round up

United Utilities - Update on the West Cumbria Water Supply project

Bothel First Responders – Public Access Defibrillators

ENW - Proposed electricity supply to the Barn Conversion adjacent to Solway View, Threapland

CALC - Cumbria Constabulary Public Consultation Survey

Cumbria County Council - Temporary Footpath Closures - Allerdale District

United Utilities - West Cumbria Supplies Project Update

CALC – Circular July/August

Cumbria County Council - Reactivation of Temporary Road Closure - A595

47. PLANNING

(a) Applications received since the last meeting:
None

(b) Decisions:
None

48. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Cllr. Bowness reported that improvements had been made to the Highways Information Management System.

Cllr. Nelson reported that the issues on Bank Lonning had now been resolved.

49. PINFOLD GREEN

The Commons Registration Authority at Cumbria County Council had provided a questionnaire form which is usually used to submit evidence regarding Village Green use. The number of completed questionnaires provided with the application is important as one of the criteria for registration is that a significant number of the inhabitants of the locality use the land. It was agreed to distribute the questionnaire at the Lunch Club and Gardening Club. Cllr Story agreed to obtain a suitable map of the village which was required to accompany each questionnaire. Councillors Story and Watson agreed to copy 30 plus copies of questionnaire and map for councillors to use. The Village Hall to be recompensed for photocopier use.

50. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Watson reported that fund raising towards the installation of the stage at the Village Hall was ongoing. Funding had been received from Allerdale Borough Council and the Joyce Wilkinson Trust.

51. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

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