

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 14th November, 2017 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

A. Bowness, Cumbria County Council
One member of the public
Four representatives from United Utilities
J. Rae (Clerk)

Four representatives from United Utilities were in attendance and gave an update on the West Cumbria Water Supplies Project. A presentation was provided which outlined the different stages of the work in Phase I and work to be undertaken in Phase II. Members were advised that the Legacy Fund had been launched in November and will be managed by Cumbria Community Foundation. Details of the application process will be relayed to Parish Councils in due course.

The Chairman thanked the representatives from United Utilities for attending the meeting and for providing an informative and interesting presentation. The representatives from United Utilities left the meeting and 8.00pm.

52. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs S. Austin and J. Mounsey.

53. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September, 2017 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

54. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Gardening Club are to be congratulated on their success in the recent Cumbria in Bloom Competition winning Allerdale Trophy for Best in the Borough and Strikes Houghton Hall Trophy for the Best Village with a Gold medal award.

Binsey Link had included an article in the magazine to thank the Parish Council for their donation of £500 towards the production costs of the magazine.

A letter of thanks had been received from St Michael's and All Angels Church at Torpenhow for the Parish Councils donation of £500 towards the annual maintenance costs for the churchyard.

The annual Bonfire celebrations on Pinfold Green had been the best attended and enjoyed by all present. Regrettably the Fire Brigade had been called out. They advised that they had no concerns and that the bonfire had been well organised and was perfectly safe.

The Police Crime Commissioner has launched his consultation on whether residents are willing to pay more towards policing through their council tax. Details of the consultation can be found on the website at www.cumbria-pcc.gov.uk

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Story and Watson declared an interest in item 15 on the agenda (Village Hall).

56. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

A595 Upgrade – Following the last meeting the MP Sue Hayman had been contacted. The MP's office had responded requesting further information.

A response had been received from Cumbria LEP which advised that key stakeholders had provided evidence at the start of the study through a consultation workshop that was held in early 2016. The workshop did not involve Parish Councils as it was a high level technical event and not about specific projects. The Chairman reported that he had contacted the Leader of Cumbria County Council who had informed the Parish Council that the bid for the A595 had been rejected although they intend to try again. The Chairman also reported that Cumbria LEP had been requested to provide information as to the costs involved in the preparation of the Connectivity Study report.

Cumbria Guide Dogs – This matter is still ongoing.

57. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was in attendance and raised the following matters:

- As two large bunds have appeared on land at the top of Wharrels Hill concern had been expressed that these might be used for the storage and distribution of human waste. These concerns had been raised with the MP Sue Hayman when she attended a meeting in Bothel recently. Because of the implications this will have on the village the Parish Council were requested to write to the land owner enquiring if the land is to be used for this purpose. It was agreed the before the land owner is contacted Cllr. Bowe would investigate this.
- Whether the Parish Council would consider installing a Public Access Defibrillator in the telephone box in Bothel and possibly submit an application for funding to the United Utilities Legacy Fund. Members were in agreement with this suggestion. The member of public who raised this issue would investigate costs of a defibrillator and of keeping the electricity supply on through his contacts.

58. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Apologies had been received from Cllr J. Mounsey.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Several highway matters were discussed with Cllr Bowness. Cllr Bowness was reminded that he had agreed to speak to Keith Little the Portfolio Holder for Highways at Cumbria County Council regarding the highway issues in the Parish.
- (c) Cumbria Police: The letter from Inspector Rachel Gale was discussed. The letter advised that it was not feasible to send an officer to individual parish council meetings. For a trial period a meeting will be arranged every ten weeks to which all parish councils within the officers area of responsibility will be invited. This was noted by Members. The Parish Council expressed concerns that these new meetings were not open to the public.

59. COMMUNITY FUND

A595 Drainage

The drainage problems in the Park Road/A595 area were discussed. The Chairman reported that several meetings had been held with Connect Roads and Cumbria Highways. Despite investigating the issues, they have been unable to find a satisfactory solution. A proposal was put forward that the Parish Council carry out excavations to try to find a permanent solution and if necessary replace the blocked pipe. Cllr Bowness agreed to enquire if Highways would be willing to supply the pipe.

Autumn Illuminations

A request was considered for funding towards the fireworks at the annual bonfire celebrations on Pinfold Green. **RESOLVED** that the request be supported and £250.00 be granted on an annual basis.

60. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Income Received:

Allerdale Borough Council Half Yearly Precept	£2,750.00
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- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

R. Hunt – Grass Cutting – Threapland	£720.00
I. Steel – Grass Cutting – Bothel	£935.00
M. Story – Refund – Photocopying	£ 50.00

Donation granted to

Great North Air Ambulance Service	£200.00
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Payments from Community Fund:

Friday Night Club – Donation	£250.00
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61. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC – Circular September

CALC Circular October

United Utilities - West Cumbria Supplies Project - October Update

Cumbria County Council - Inclusive Mobility Budget

CALC - September 2017 Allerdale District of CALC AGM and 3 tier meeting

Cumbria Police – Police Engagement

CALC – AGM Agenda

Cumbria LEP – A595

Allerdale Borough Council Planning Policy Consultation - Brownfield Register (Part 1)

CALC – Cumbria LEP Newsletter

62. PLANNING

(a) Applications received since the last meeting:

2/2017/0475 – Field 0998 – Threapland
Proposed Livestock Building

2/2016/0433 - Reserved matters application following approval
2/2016/0077 - Old Chapel Close Bothel Wigton
Amendment: Proposed House Types and Revised Layout

(b) Decisions:

None

63. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Drainage Issues on the A595 – Beckside Farm

This matter was discussed earlier in the meeting.

A595 Upgrade – This item was discussed under Matters Arising.

Issues on the Bothel to Threapland road were reported, part of the surface has been washed away in patches.

64. DONATION REQUEST – GREAT NORTH AIR AMBULANCE SERVICE

The annual request for financial support had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service. RESOLVED to support the request and grant £200.

65. PINFOLD GREEN

Further to min ref. 49 the questionnaire provided by Cumbria County Council Commons Registration had been distributed to the Clubs and Groups in the Parish. An application to register the Green together with the completed questionnaires as evidence of use will now be submitted to Cumbria County Council. The Chairman thanked Cllr Story for organising the photocopying of the questionnaire.

66. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Watson reported that the Village Hall had now taken delivery of the stage purchased through funding from the Joyce Wilkinson Trust and the Borough Council. The £1000 shortfall had been met by the Village Hall.

67. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th January, 2018

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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