

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 9th January, 2018 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. R. Watson.

69. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14 NOVEMBER 2017

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

70. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman thanked Geoff and Stuart Bowe and Dennis Richardson for carrying out the drainage repair work at Beck House. A letter had also been received from Susan Rheam thanking the aforesaid and the Parish Council for agreeing to undertake this work. It was noted that Highways had not been back to carry out remedial work on the manhole covers.

The Parish Council had been contacted by a parishioner who does not have access to superfast broadband and farms opposite Skiddaw View Caravan Park. He is aware Sunderland is trying to get superfast via Threapland Moss and would like a connection off this line if it goes ahead. The Clerk had contacted Connecting Cumbria to establish whether superfast broadband can be provided to outlying areas but a response has not yet been received. Cllr Bowness advised he had a meeting with BT next week and would raise this request with them.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service for the Parish Council's donation of £200.00.

Connecting Cumbria are holding a Broadband Event at Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown on Thursday 8th February, 2018 at 7.00pm.

71. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Story declared an interest in any matters relating to the Village Hall.

72. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 14 NOVEMBER 2017

Public Access Defibrillator – A quotation had been obtained from Community Heartbeat Trust for a defibrillator to be installed in the former telephone box in Bothel. Once details of the UU Legacy Fund are known an application for a grant will be submitted to Cumbria Community Foundation who will be administering the Legacy Fund.

The application, together with the evidence questionnaires completed, to register Pinfold Green as a Village Green had been submitted to the Commons Registration at the Cumbria County Council.

The drainage issues at Beck Farm had been resolved.

Cumbria Guide Dogs – Cllr Story advised that the costs involved in sponsoring a guide dog amounted to £150. Members queried this apparent low cost and M Story to investigate further.

73. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

74. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported that following the Allerdale Local Plan call for sites and the preferred options consultation a number of new sites had been submitted for consideration. No new sites had been put forward in the Parish. Cllr Mounsey also reported that the full Council meeting will be held next week when the Council's Budget will be discussed.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness thanked the Parish Council for undertaking the drainage work at Beck House. Cllr Bowness was asked to confirm that the improvements to A595 mentioned in the Department for Transport's public consultation on future funding on the SRN are the only ones planned before 2020 and the Parish will not be affected by these plans.
- (c) Cumbria Police: The next joint meeting with parishes will be held on 19th January at Cockermouth Police Station. The Clerk was requested to send apologies from the Chairman.

75. COMMUNITY FUND

A request for £600 from the Gardening Club was considered.
RESOLVED that the request be supported.

76. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Balances 31st December 2017

CBS	£39,525.33
HSBC	£ 3,503.96

- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

Clerk's account Quarter 3	£515.73
HMRC PAYE Quarter 3	£100.60

Payments from Community Fund:

Bothel Gardening Club	£600.00
D. & J. Richardson	£300.00

- (c) Budget 2018/19 – Setting the Precept Demand

A draft budget had been circulated with the agenda. The usual income and expenditure items including the ongoing costs of grass cutting were considered. **RESOLVED** that the precept be set at £5500. The Parish Council's expenditure will be reviewed in October and if necessary will be topped up from the Community Fund.

77. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Cumbria Children's Dyslexia Project – Enabling communities – To be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Local Plan (Part 2): Site Allocations – Focussed Consultation: Additional Sites Submitted and Policy Options 2017

CALC Newsletter December/January edition

Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation 2018/19 – Members considered the consultation and agreed to send a response opposing the proposed increases.

United Utilities Stakeholder Update December 2017

United Utilities – West Cumbria Supplies Project – Update on Road Closures

United Utilities – West Cumbria Supplies Project – October Update 2017/18 External Auditors Update – details of a training webinar on 23 January SAAA Notification of external auditor appointments for the 2017-18 financial year – Members noted that the council would most likely be exempt from a limited assurance review by an external auditor but there would still be the requirement to complete and publish an annual return on the website

CALC – General Data Protection Regulations 2018 – The new General Data Protection Regulations 2018 will come into effect on 25th May 2018. The contents of the email from CALC was noted and will be discussed at a future meeting once further information is known.

Police Crime Commissioner – Council Tax Consultation – Members felt that as services in the rural areas are declining they should oppose the increase of £12 on a band D property.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2018 – Nominations in recognition of past service as Chairmen of Parish Council are invited to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. Members suggested Cllr Story should be nominated to attend the Garden Party on 31st May. Once all nominations have been received by CALC they will be placed in a hat and the guests to be invited to attend will be drawn at random.

78. PLANNING

(a) Applications received since the last meeting:
None

(b) Decisions:
None

79. HIGHWAYS/HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Bothel to Threapland road – Stones/rubble has been washed onto the road and road surface has been washed away in parts.

80. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2018

The grass cutting contract was discussed. It was suggested and agreed that the number of cuts should be reduced to a maximum of 8 for Pinfold Green, Broadwell Green, Threapland Green and inside the boundary of Bothel Village Hall. A maximum of 3 cuts would be required for outside the boundary of the Village Hall. It was agreed there was no longer a requirement for the hedge at the Village Hall to be cut. The usual contractors would be invited to submit a tender for the work and a notice inviting tenders would also be displayed on the parish notice boards. The tenders should be received by 12th March 2018 and will be considered at the meeting on 13th March 2018 when a contractor will be appointed.

81. VILLAGE HALL

No matters to report.

82. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th March, 2018

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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