

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 12th March, 2019 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

S. Austin
G. Bowe
K. Nelson
N. Todhunter (Chair)
R. Watson

Also Present:

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

87. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M. Story and R. Teasdale.

88. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 JANUARY 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2019 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

89. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheque Signatories – It was proposed that an additional signatory should be added to the mandate. All were in agreement that Cllr Austin be added to the list of authorised signatories.

Questions from Parishioners – It was agreed that questions received from parishioners two weeks prior to a meeting of the council will in future be considered and answered at the parish council meeting. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the parish council meetings and raise their concerns in the Public Participation part of the meeting. If a parishioner would like something specific to be discussed by the parish council this can be advised to the Clerk to be included on an agenda.

No further information was available on the consultation on the A595 Improvements at Bothel.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

91. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

92. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 8 JANUARY 2019

BT Phone Sign – Cumbria Highways and British Telecom had been contacted regarding the removal of the phone sign attached to the Give Way sign at the Bothel/A595 junction. Highways had advised this was not under their remit and BT advised the sign was not one of theirs and could not assist further. It was suggested that it might be possible to affix a defib sign over the existing phone sign. Cllr Nelson agreed to look into this.

93. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Mounsey reported the Borough Council is in the process of delivering the new blue lidded bins that will be used for paper and card. The bin is twice the size of the small green bin currently used for paper and card and will be collected every four weeks. The green bin will be used for glass, cans and plastic to replace the purple bags currently used. Cllr Mounsey also reported that the Borough Council agreed at its full Council meeting to increase its portion of the Council Tax by £5 per year. Cllr Mounsey advised that she would not be standing in the forthcoming Borough elections on 2nd May.

The Chairman presented Cllr Mounsey with some flowers and Members thanked her for all her hard work and support over the last fourteen years.

- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that the County Council Highways Dept had been awarded an additional £12m funding with Allerdale receiving £1.6m. The County Council is currently trialling a new type of road surface made from recycled plastic waste.
- (c) Cumbria Police: PCSO Hannah Donaughee provided a report setting out the incidents reported since the last meeting. All were vehicle or driving related occurring on the A595 and A591 near Bothel.

94. COMMUNITY FUND

Two requests for funding had been considered by the Community Fund Sub Committee:

- (a) St. Michael's School, Bothel - £1400 had been requested towards a new website, and
- (b) The Gardening Club had submitted a request for £500.00.

RESOLVED to support the requests.

95. FINANCE

- (a) The financial report as at 28th February 2019 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balance 28th February 2019

HSBC £ 3,202.14

CBS £48,976.92

- (b) Payment of Accounts – RESOLVED that the following accounts be authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£539.79
HMRC PAYE Quarter 4	£102.40
Bothel Village Hall Room Hire	£ 44.00
Retirement Gift	£ 45.00

Payments from Community Fund:

St, Michael's School, Bothel	£1400.00
Bothel Gardening Club	£ 500.00
Bothel Village Hall	£ 500.00

- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor

RESOLVED that Mr. P. Wilson be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the parish council accounts for financial year 2018/19.

96. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Cumbria County Council – A595 Improvements (Bothel)

Allerdale Borough Council – Election Briefings for Parishes

Allerdale Borough Council – Updated candidate nomination form

Cumbria County Council – De-fib signage in Bothel

Allerdale Three tier Meeting March 26th 2019

CALC February newsletter

CALC - Local Committee - Working Together - Further Information

97. PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

VAR/2019/0003 – Application for non-compliance with condition 1 on planning approval 212016/0433 sought to amend condition 1 to change house types on plots 1 & 2.

Old Chapel Close Bothel

No objections

- (b) Decisions:
None

98. HIGHWAYS

Highway Maintenance – The following matters were raised:

Pot holes on Bank Lonning;
Drain blocked in the middle of the village near Gate Farm Bothel
Drain blocked on A595, water is running down the road near the entrance to Park Road.

99. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2019

Contractors had been invited to tender for the grass cutting contract for the 2019 season. Adverts had also been placed on the notice boards and in Binsey Link. The following tenders had been received:

R. Hunt – Threapland Village Green £720.00 + VAT
I Steel – Pinfold Green/Broadwell Green and the Village Hall - £1075.00

RESOLVED to award the contracts to R. Hunt and I Steel for Threapland and Bothel respectively.

100. PINFOLD GREEN – REGISTRATION AS A VILLAGE GREEN

An up-date had been received from Commons Registration. The response advised that the period for making representations in relation to the parish council's application to register Pinfold Green as a village green had expired with no representations received. The application will now be considered on its merits and will be granted if it satisfies the criteria in the legislation. A further update will be provided in the next couple of weeks.

Members noted that the bench sited on Pinfold Green is not insured under the Parish Council's insurance policy.

101. TREE LIABILITIES/INSPECTIONS

Members considered the correspondence from CALC relating to the recent decision of the court of appeal and the advice that trees on parish land near a highway should be inspected every two years. The Chairman agreed to inspect the trees at Angel Well to ascertain whether any maintenance is necessary. An inspection plan will be implemented and reviews carried out of all trees on parish land near a highway on a regular basis.

102. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Watson reported that the Village Hall insurance had been renewed and submitted a request for the parish council to pay a proportion of the premium. RESOLVED that the Parish Council would contribute £500 towards the renewal premium.

103. PARISH/BOROUGH ELECTIONS

Members noted that Borough and Parish elections will be held on 2nd May 2019. The notice of election will be published on 18th March. Nomination packs were distributed at the meeting. The Clerk agreed to return the completed nomination forms to Electoral Services at the Borough Council. It was also noted that following the review of the boundaries the parish will now fall in the Aspatria Ward.

104. DATE OF NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Meeting dates for the next council year were agreed as follows:
Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting Tuesday 14th May 2019
Bi-Monthly Meetings – 9th July, 10th September, 12th November 2019
14th January, 10th March, 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

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