

## **BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

### **70. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from S. Austin and J. Lister, Allerdale Borough Councillor.

### **71. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 12 NOVEMBER 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 were agreed as a true record and were then signed by the Chairman.

### **72. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A letter of thanks had been received for the parish council's donation of £600 towards the Childrens Treat. The donation will go towards the sports day prizes and tea.

A letter of thanks had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service for the parish council's donation of £200.

CALC had forwarded a nomination form for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2020. It was agreed that Cllr Watson be nominated to attend.

### **73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **74. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public were present.

Cllr Nelson raised the issue of recent incidents of inconsiderate parking in Bothel. It was suggested that anyone experiencing these problems should report this to the Police.

### **75. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 12 NOVEMBER 2019**

A595 Improvements - The data had been received from Cumbria County Council following the traffic monitoring on the A595. The County Council are still awaiting a decision on their application for funding.

Bank Lonning – No progress has been made since the last meeting.

### **76. REPORTS**

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillors: Cllrs Lister and Little were not present at the meeting. Their comments on the Borough Council's proposals to transfer footway lighting had been received.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness updated members on the County Councils winter maintenance programme. Gritting routes are being updated and any school routes should be notified to the County Council. The Clerk agreed to pass the information to the County Council.
- (c) Cumbria Police: Inspector Rachel Gale had provided information on a new localised newsletter from the West Local Focus policing teams that will be launched in mid-January. The information had been circulated.

## 77. COMMUNITY FUND

The Chairman reported that an application for funding had been submitted from the Village Hall Management Committee. Members agreed to support the application for £1500.

## 78. FINANCE

- (a) The financial report as at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balance 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

HSBC £ 4,799.22

CBS £59,488.00

- (b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 3 £559.46

HMRC Quarter 3 £104.40

Chairman's mileage expenses £ 22.50

Payment from Community Fund

Bothel Village Hall Management Committee £1500.00

## 79. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC Newsletter December 2019 + Legal News  
Cumbria Police - Introducing our new localised newsletters  
Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation 2020/21  
Allerdale Borough Council - Proposed Footway Lighting Transfer  
Openreach - Openreach works at Threapland  
CALC - Draft Note 3 tier meeting October 2019  
CALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2020  
Allerdale Borough Council - Draft Council Tax Base 2020/21  
GNAAS - Letter of thanks for the parish council's donation of £200  
Davidson & Robertson Rural Surveyors & Consultants – Cockbridge Farm  
Woodlands Management Plan  
Clerks and Councils Direct  
Get Safe online Training 20 January 2020 Allerdale House Workington

## 80. PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:  
None

- (b) Decisions:  
None

## 81. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Highway Maintenance - Matters reported:

Water is still running down the main road in Bothel. The Clerk was requested to report this Highways. It is believed that a drain under the footpath running from High Green towards Gate House Farm is blocked.

## 82. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2020

The current arrangements and future requirements for grass cutting in the parish were discussed. It was agreed that the cutting of the areas at the village hall would not be included in the tender specification this year. Tenders will be invited for the 2020 season for Threapland Village Green, Pinfold Green and Broadwell Green for eight cuts.

The arrangements and tender specification will be reviewed next year.

### **83. FOOTWAY LIGHTING**

The Borough Council had written to advise on the proposals regarding the future of footway lighting in Allerdale. The new proposals are that Town and Parish Councils will be asked to pick up the energy costs of lights within their parish from April 2021. An updated inventory is being prepared and the parish council will be informed of the approximate costs for energy usage by the end of February 2020. The Parish Council will have the opportunity to ask for lights no longer required to be removed or switched off. The Borough Council will continue to pick up the maintenance costs for the foreseeable future. Any bulbs needing replaced will be replaced with led lamps to further reduce energy costs. The Borough Councillors views on the proposed transfer had been invited. The matter will be discussed further when the inventory and energy costs information is available.

### **84. PINFOLD GREEN**

The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting in December with the Commons Registration Team at Cumbria County Council. The Team had advised that the Parish Council's application for registration had been rejected due to lack of evidence of the use of the land as a Green.

The options to be considered are

- whether the parish council should pursue a claim for adverse possession of the Green

or

- whether the parish council should submit further evidence in support of the application already submitted to Commons Registration.

The Parish Council has until 31<sup>st</sup> March to submit further evidence to the County Council. It was suggested that a public meeting should be held in February to gauge whether there is sufficient interest from parishioners to pursue the application further.

Cllr Watson agreed to consult members of the Gardening Club to ascertain if the members of the Club would be willing to provide further information regarding any activities and events held on the Green.

Members noted that the area is registered in the Allerdale Local Plan as a protected green/open space.

### **85. ALLERDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION 2020/21**

The Borough Council's Budget Consultation for 2020/21 had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Clerk was requested to complete the survey on online opposing the increase in council tax and opposing the introduction of fees for the collection of garden waste, replacement bins and the introduction of fortnightly collections.

### **86. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr Watson reported that there had been some issues with the automated door opening system.

### **87. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

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