

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday 10th March, 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

S. Austin
R. Teasdale
N. Todhunter (Chair)
R. Watson

Also Present:

A Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor
One member of the public
J. Rae (Clerk)

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G. Bowe and K. Nelson.

89. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14 JANUARY 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January, 2020 were agreed as a true record and were then signed by the Chairman.

90. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A letter of thanks had been received from the Village Hall Committee for the donation of £1500 from the Community Fund.

A letter of thanks had been received for the donation of £300.00 from the Community Fund towards the publication costs of the Binsey Link.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

92. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Vacancies on the Council - One member of the public was present at the meeting and expressed an interest in joining the parish council. Co-option of new members will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Allotments within the Parish – A resident from Threapland had enquired whether any allotments are available in the parish. At this time there are no allotments within the Parish. The Clerk agreed to advise the enquirer.

93. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 14 JANUARY 2020

Water running down the main street in Bothel – The Clerk reported that Highways had advised that the drain is on private land and they are unable to assist further. Members suggested that a site meeting should be held with Highways as it is believed the drain is blocked under the road.

94. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillors: Cllr Lister was not present at the meeting. Members noted that Cllr Little had resigned as Borough Councillor for the Aspatria Ward.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness provided Members with information on the Working Together Service
- (c) Cumbria Police – The Police Newsletter for the Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton areas had been circulated prior to the meeting and was also available at the meeting.

95. COMMUNITY FUND

The Chairman reported that an application for funding had been received from Bothel Gardening Club for £700. The application had been supported by the Community Fund Sub Committee. **RESOLVED** to support the request.

96. FINANCE

- (a) The financial report as at 29th February, 2020 was circulated for Members information.

Bank Balances at 29th February 2020

HSBC £ 4,112.86
CBS £57,988.00

VAT Refund – A claim for refund for £144.00 had been submitted to HM Revenue & Customs.

Pensions Regulator - A re-declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator under the Pensions Act 2008 had been submitted.

- (b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 4	£548.40
HMRC Quarter 4	£104.60
Bothel Village Hall – Room Hire	£ 52.00

Payment from Community Fund

Bothel Gardening Club	£700.00
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- (c) Appointment of Internal Auditor/Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit

RESOLVED that P. Wilson be appointed to carry out the internal audit of the accounts for financial year 2019/20. Members agreed that the internal auditor is sufficiently competent to carry out the role and the internal audit function is completely independent from the council's management of financial control.

97. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC/Cumbria County Council – Working Together Service
CALC Newsletter February/March
Cumbria County Council – North Allerdale TRO
CALC - Environment Agency Flood Action Week 2020
CALC - Climate Emergency Support Programme – CSE
Cumbria Police - Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth & Wigton Jan - Feb 2020
Newsletter
Allerdale Borough Council - Footway Lighting Electricity Charges
Clerk's and Councils Direct

98. PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:
None
- (b) Decisions:
None

99. HIGHWAYS

- (a) Highway Maintenance - Members noted water is still running down the main street in Bothel.

- (b) North Allerdale TRO – Cumbria County Council

The correspondence from Cumbria County Council regarding the review of the North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order was discussed. The review includes parking, weight and width restrictions as well as traffic movement regulations but does not include alterations to speed limits. Members suggested that a site meeting would be beneficial to discuss some issues with parking in Bothel.

- (c) Working Together Service – Cumbria County Council
Cllr Bowness had provided an outline of the Working Together Service. It was felt that as two main trunk roads run through the village at Bothel the highways should be maintained by Cumbria County Council

100. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2020

An invitation to tender had been displayed on the parish noticeboards and in the Binsey Link magazine. Two tenders had been received:

£90.00 per cut for Threapland Village Green – Maximum 8 cuts

£65.00 per cut for Pinfold Green – Maximum 8 cuts

£30.00 per cut for Broadwell Green – Maximum 8 cuts

RESOLVED to accept the tenders submitted and the contractors be notified accordingly. Arrangements for the Village Hall will be reviewed next year.

101. FOOTWAY LIGHTING

The Borough Council had provided details of the approximate energy costs for footway lighting in the Parish. With 21 lights in Bothel and 5 in Threapland the approximate energy cost will be £938.90 per annum. The Borough Council had agreed to maintain, repair and own the lights with just the electrical costs being transferred to the parish council with effect from April 2021. Members noted that footway lighting will be discussed by CALC's Executive Committee on 11th March and agreed to wait until further information is available before deciding on any further actions. A query was raised as to who is responsible for the footway lighting on new housing developments. The Clerk was requested to seek clarification from the Property Services Manager at the Borough Council.

102. PINFOLD GREEN

Further to minute ref 84 The Chairman thanked Cllr Watson for consulting with the Gardening Club regarding the Club's members providing additional information relating to the use of the Green. As there had been insufficient interest it was RESOLVED to withdraw the application at Commons Registration and CCC to be notified of the parish council's decision.

103. VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Watson reported that the door entry system had been repaired at a cost of £970. Cllr Watson advised that the insurance for the Hall is due for renewal and asked whether the parish council would consider making a contribution towards the premium as in previous years. Cllr Watson was advised that the Village Hall Management Committee should submit a written application for funding for consideration at the next parish council meeting,

104. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The meeting dates for the next Council year were agreed as follows:
Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting Tuesday 12th May 2020
Bi-Monthly Meetings – 14th July, 8th September, 10th November 2020
12th January, 9th March, 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

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