

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Virtual Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

J. Rae (Clerk)

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from R. Watson, J. Lister, Allerdale Borough Councillor and A Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor.

31. AMENDMENT TO STANDING ORDERS

The protocol for virtual meetings had been circulated prior to the meeting. RESOLVED that the amendment to the Standing Orders be accepted.

32. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September, 2020 were agreed as a true record.

33. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonfire/Fireworks Display – Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the current lockdown restrictions the annual bonfire had been cancelled.

Proposed 50mph Speed Limit A595 at Bothel – Cumbria County Council Local Area Committee were to meet on 9th November to consider the recent consultation. The Clerk was requested to contact Cllr Bowness to enquire if the Speed Limit Order had been agreed.

An enquiry had been received whether claims for expenses for carrying out shopping for residents would be paid during the current lockdown. It was suggested that as there are mobile traders regularly coming into the village expenses would not be considered this time.

Support local businesses – During the current lockdown the local pub will be open for takeaway food and alcohol.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

35. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public had requested to join the meeting.

36. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 8 SEPTEMBER 2020

The pot hole on the Bothel to Threapland road had been fixed.

Highways had inspected the overgrown hedges on the Threapland Moss road but no work had been carried out on the carriageway to repair the pot holes.

Vehicles parked on the pavements in Bothel had been reported to the police.

37. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Lister was not present.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness was not present.
- (c) Cumbria Police – The Police Newsletter for the Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton areas had been circulated prior to the meeting.

38. COMMUNITY FUND

(a) No new applications had been received since the last meeting.

(b) Annual Donations – The annual donations were considered:

Village Treat – Cllr Austin agreed to make enquiries whether there are any plans to use the funding this year, otherwise the grant will be carried forward to the following year.

Binsey Link – RESOLVED to grant £300 towards the production of the Binsey Link.

It was agreed that the grant agreed for this year's bonfire/fireworks would be carried forward to next year.

39. FINANCE

(a) The financial report as at 31st October 2020 had been circulated with the agenda.

Bank Balances at 31st October, 2020

HSBC £ 7,565.33

CBS £70,954.19

Income Received

30.9.2020 – Allerdale Borough Council

Half Yearly Precept £3,000.00

(b) Payment of Accounts

R & A Hunt – Grass Cutting, Threapland £864.00

I Steel - Grass Cutting Bothel £520.00

Donation granted to

Great North Air Ambulance Service £200.00

Payment from Community Fund:

Binsey Team Ministry – Donation £300.00

40. BUDGET 2021-2022

The draft budget for 2021/22 had been circulated with the agenda. Members discussed the usual items of expenditure and any anticipated expenditure. RESOLVED that the precept should remain at £6000 for the next financial year.

41. CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email.

Allerdale Borough Council – Footway Lighting

CALC Circular September/October 2020

CALC – Minutes Annual meeting and Three Tier meeting

Allerdale Borough Council – Public Spaces Protection Dog Fouling Order 2020

CALC – Code of Conduct Training 25th November 2020

CALC – Update – Local Government Re-organisation

Allerdale Borough Council – Review of Licensing Policy – Comments had been raised regarding emergency measures such as a pandemic. The Borough Council are now looking at this.

42. PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

AGR/2020/0038 – Land south east of Threapland

Prior notification for a proposed new agricultural building

ADV/2020/0014 – Old Chapel Close, Bothel
Siting of temporary marketing suite with associated parking and advertising

- (b) Decisions:
None

43. HIGHWAYS

The following matters were discussed:

The blocked culvert on Bank Lonning had not been cleared

The wall on Park Road had not been repaired

Water is still running down the middle of the village at Bothel. Cllr Bowe agreed to carry out a further inspection of where the water is emanating from.

44. VILLAGE MAP

Cllr Austin reported that he was proceeding with the amendments to the village map. Once lockdown restrictions are lifted, Cllr Austin advised he would contact Arlosh Graphics to discuss the amendments and obtain a price for amending and printing the maps. A maximum amount of £1000 was agreed for amending and printing two maps.

45. FOOTWAY LIGHTING

Members noted the update received from the Borough Council. The Borough Council had decided to postpone the imposition of energy costs onto parishes. One of the reasons for the decision was the prospect of local government reorganisation in the next couple of years. It would be prudent to await until the outcome of any re-organisation is known as all lights may come under one Authority. The Borough Council will also be looking at a planned programme of LED replacement to all of their lighting stock.

46. DONATION REQUEST

A request for financial assistance had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service. RESOLVED to grant a donation of £200.00.

47. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER – DOG FOULING

Following the consultation, the Borough Council had made a further Order to address the issue of dog fouling in the Borough. On 14 October 2020 the Borough Council's Executive concluded that there was sufficient evidence to make an order in the terms outlined in the original consultation, this included utilising the full available term of 3 years and the maximum fine available.

Incidents of dog fouling should be reported to Allerdale Borough Council using the MyAllerdale app.

48. VILLAGE HALL/ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGEPOINTS

Members considered the update from the Village Hall Management Committee. Members felt that there is insufficient information available and the legal costs that would be incurred outweigh any benefits to the community. Members agreed that if the Village Hall Management Committee decide to go ahead with the project, they would have to take sole responsibility for any expenses and liabilities. The Chairman agreed to report back to the Management Committee.

49. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Bi-Monthly Meeting – 12th January, 2021

The meeting closed at 8.06 p.m.

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