

## **BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Virtual Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

A Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor (for part of the meeting)  
J. Rae (Clerk)

### **50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None received.

### **51. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2020**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the virtual meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 were agreed as a true record.

### **52. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

In line with Government guidance the Parish Council would urge everyone to follow the rules on social distancing.

Following a recent incident involving sheep on the road the Parish Council would request that people out walking with dogs show consideration and respect to farm animals and the wildlife.

The 50mph speed limit on the A595 through Bothel had been agreed. A public consultation will be held on the proposed improvements to the Greyhound/Torpenhow junction. The consultation will run from 13<sup>th</sup> January to 27<sup>th</sup> January.

### **53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Watson declared an interest in item 15 on the agenda (EVCP Village Hall).

### **54. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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

### **55. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING 10 NOVEMBER 2020**

50 mph Speed Limit, A595 Bothel - The proposed 50mph speed limit on the A595 through Bothel had been given the go ahead by Cumbria County Council. This should be implemented by the end of March.

Threapland Moss Road - Some of the overgrown hedges on the Threapland Moss road had been cut back but the pot holes had not been repaired.

Inconsiderate parking - The issue of vehicles being parked on the pavement near Old Chapel Close had now been resolved.

Grants from Community Fund - Cllr Austin reported there were no plans at the moment to use the funding for the village treat. The funding agreed would be carried over.

The precept demand had been submitted to the Borough Council.

Water running down the middle of the village - Cllr Bowe reported that following an inspection it had been established where the water is emanating from and is the landowner's responsibility. A blockage in the drain had been cleared. The issue will be monitored.

The culvert on Bank Lonning had not been cleared.

## 56. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Lister was not present.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported that Cumbria County Council had agreed the implementation of the 50mph speed limit on the A595 through Bothel. Funding had been allocated for the improvements to the Greyhound/Torpenhow junction with a public consultation commencing on 13<sup>th</sup> January. The Chairman raised the point that during the lockdown and current Covid 19 guidance it was not possible to hold a public meeting or carry out a leaflet drop to raise awareness of the consultation. Cllr Bowness was requested to suggest to Cumbria County Council that the consultation should be advertised through local media such as Radio Cumbria. Cllr Bowness was also made aware of the lack of gritting on the A591 following the recent heavy snow fall.
- (c) Cumbria Police – Members noted that PCSO Peter Crome and Kerry Harris are the new PCSOs for the area. A new process Road Safety Concerns Form had gone live on Cumbria Constabulary’s website for reporting requests/complaints and can be used for various issues such as speeding in the village, requests for speed limit reviews, anti-social driving/parking. Members of the public are encouraged to self-report using the online form [RoadSafetyConcerns@cumbria.police.uk](mailto:RoadSafetyConcerns@cumbria.police.uk)

## 57. COMMUNITY FUND

The Chairman reported there had been no new applications received since the last meeting.

## 58. FINANCE

- (a) The financial report as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 had been circulated with the agenda.

Bank Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020

HSBC £ 5,981.33

CBS £70,654.19

- (b) Payment of Accounts

The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk’s account Quarter 3 £536.80

HMRC PAYE Quarter 3 £107.40

## 59. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Allerdale Borough Council Budget Consultation 2021/22 – Available online until 15<sup>th</sup> January. The Borough Council are proposing a £5 per year increase on a band D property.

CALC Newsletter November/December Edition

GNAAS- Letter of thanks for the parish council’s donation

Funding Request – Cockermouth Mechanics Band

PCSO Changes

Allerdale BC - Local Government Reorganisation survey

CALC - Update on Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria

CENSUS 2021

CALC - Three Tier Meeting 20 January 2021

CALC - Letter from Robert Jenrick

CALC – Agenda Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to be held using zoom.

**60. PLANNING**

(a) Applications received:

FUL/2020/0246 – Threapland Lees, Threapland  
Erection of an agricultural building to cover over cattle handling yard  
No objections

HOU/2020/0202 – Ashfield, Bothel  
Formation of new attached garage to existing detached bungalow  
No objections

LBC/2020/0039 – Swan House, Bothel  
Listed building consent for the modernising of bathroom to include the fitting of a new window  
No objections

(b) Decisions: None

**61. HIGHWAYS**

The following matters were discussed:

The grin bins need refilled.  
Blocked culvert on Bank Lonning still outstanding  
The wall on Park Road still needs repaired

**62. VILLAGE MAP**

Cllr Austin reported that a quotation had been received from Arlosh Graphics in the sum of £300 to update and print one A2 map. Cllr Austin advised that there was a discrepancy with the measurements. Arlosh Graphics had agreed to come out to Bothel and measure the existing map. An amended quotation is still awaited.

**63. DONATION REQUEST**

A request for financial assistance had been received from Cockermonth Mechanics Band. Following a discussion it was resolved not to support the request.

**64. GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2021**

Members noted that the Grass Cutting Contract is due to be renewed. It was agreed that tenders would be invited for the cutting of Threapland Village Green, Broadwell and Pinfold Greens in Bothel. Members agreed that tenders would not be invited for the grass cutting at the Village Hall. The conditions of the contract would be as per the previous year. The contract would be advertised with the closing date for receipt of tenders no later than 8th March.

**65. VILLAGE HALL/ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGEPOINTS**

Cllr Watson reported that due to the coronavirus pandemic the matter was in abeyance. The Village Hall Management Committee had sought advice from Dalston Parish Council and Aspatria Town Council, Dalston Parish Council recently having two charge points installed.

The Parish Council's decision had not changed since the November meeting in that if the Village Hall Management Committee decide to go ahead they would have to accept sole responsibility for all costs and liabilities involved with the project.

Cllr Watson also reported that the village hall is closed due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. A suggestion was put forward that the village hall should consider offering the use of the building as an NHS vaccination centre.

**66. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Bi-Monthly Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.11 p.m.

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