

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Annual Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held virtually using WhyPay Telephone Conferencing on Saturday 1st May, 2021 commencing at 7.35 p.m.

Present:

S. Austin
G. Bowe
R. Teasdale
N. Todhunter
R. Watson
Also Present:
J. Rae (Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2021/22

A nomination was received and seconded that Cllr Todhunter be re-elected Chair for council year 2021/22. No other nominations were received.

RESOLVED that Cllr Todhunter be re-elected Chair for the ensuing year.

2. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Todhunter assumed the Chair. A declaration of acceptance of office will be signed.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR FOR COUNCIL YEAR 2021/22

RESOLVED that Cllr Teasdale be re-elected Vice Chair for council year 2021/22.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Nelson.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 9 MARCH 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th March, 2021 were agreed as a true record subject to an amendment to minute reference 81 to read: I. Steel – Cutting of Pinfold Green, Bothel £65.00 per cut.

6. TO APPOINT COMMITTEES AND SUB COMMITTEES

Cllr Todhunter agreed to continue to Chair the Community Fund Sub Committee. All were in agreement.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bothel & Kirkland WI had passed on their thanks for the grant received from the Community Fund towards the Bothel Busybody. The newsletter together with the Binsey Link are well received in the parish keeping parishioners connected with news and information especially in these unprecedented times.

The public consultation on the A595 Improvements is now open. The consultation document had been delivered to households in Bothel. The County Council are to be congratulated on their professionalism in producing the document. The consultation document together with information and video clips of the proposed improvements are available to view on their website.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

10. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 9 MARCH 2021

Min Ref 68 – Planning Reform. The MP had confirmed the National Park are not affected by any proposed changes.

Min Ref 70 – The signage on the bridleway near Beck House had not as yet been sited.

Min ref 72 – The faded double yellow lines outside the School had been reported to the Police and to CCC Highways. The School Governors had also reported the issue but no action has yet been taken. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter with the County Councillor.

Min Ref 73 – Cumbria County Council had confirmed the 50mph speed limit on the A595 through Bothel will be implemented in Spring.

11. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: The Borough Councillor was not present.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: The County Councillor was not present.
- (c) Cumbria Police: The newsletter from Cumbria Police had been circulated prior to the meeting.

12. COMMUNITY FUND

- (a) The Chairman reported that one application had been received since the last meeting. The application was still to be considered by the Community Fund Sub Committee.
- (b) RESOLVED to continue to grant a donation of £500 towards the grass cutting at St. Michael's Church, Torpenhow.
- (c) RESOLVED to pay the invoice for £100 from DJ Web Design for the website hosting fee.

13. PARISH COUNCIL'S INSURANCE/RISK MANAGEMENT

Renewal documentation had been received from Zurich Municipal Insurance at an annual premium of £385.84. (An increase of £4.72 from the previous year). The policy was considered to adequately cover the parish council's requirements including all risks cover for the parish council's assets at £10,000 and the bus shelters covered for impact damage for £17,000. **RESOLVED** to accept the renewal invitation from Zurich Municipal.

14. FINANCE

- (a) The financial report as at 31st March, 2021 had been circulated with the agenda.

Bank Balance 31st March 2021

HSBC £ 4,659.16
CBS £70,388.38

Income received:

1.4.21 - Allerdale Borough Council - Half Yearly Precept £3,000.00
1.4.21 - Electricity NW – Wayleave £ 30.71

A claim for a VAT refund of £144.00 had been submitted to HMRC.

- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment

CALC Annual Subscription £158.66
Internal Auditor £ 90.00

Zurich Municipal Annual Insurance Due 1 June 2021	£385.84
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Payments from Community Fund:

St Michael's Church, Torpenhow	£500.00
Website Hosting Fee	£100.00

15. ANNUAL AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been carried out with no issues identified. Members considered the effectiveness of the system of internal control and agreed that this is satisfactory.

- (i) Annual Governance Statement – Members considered the Annual Governance Statement and agreed that arrangements are in place for effective financial management and the accounting statements are prepared in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations. RESOLVED that the Chairman and Clerk be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- (ii) Accounting Statement 2020/21 – Members agreed that the Accounting Statement in the annual return fairly represents the financial position of the parish council. RESOLVED that the Chairman be authorised to sign the annual return.
- (iii) Certificate of Exemption - Members resolved that the Certificate of Exemption should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk certifying that the Parish Council is exempt from a limited assurance review and during the financial year 2020/21 the gross income for the year or gross annual expenditure for the year did not exceed £25,000.
- (iv) Period of Exercise of Public Rights – Members noted that the period for the exercise of public rights will commence on 14th June and will end on 23rd July. A notice will be displayed on the parish notice boards notifying electors of their rights to inspect the accounts.
- (v) Publication on website – The Clerk reported the requisite documents will be added to the parish council's website.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence received since the last meeting had been circulated by email:

Allerdale Borough Council - Local Government Reorganisation in Cumbria Consultation

Cumbria County Council - A595 Bothel Strategic Improvement - Public Consultation

CALC - Remote meetings update

CALC Follow up Information from the Local Government Reorganisation Event 18 March

Cumbria County Council: Latest News from Cumbria County Council - Friday 16 April 2021 – Includes the public consultation on the A595

Cumbria Police - April 2021 - Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth and Wigton

Duke of Edinburgh - Operation Forth Bridge & books of condolence

Cumbria County Council Highways Feedback Survey Results and Report

CALC - DCMS Rural Broadband Consultation

CALC - NALC Response to Government Consultation on LGR

CALC - Allerdale District Three Tier Meeting 25th May 2021

CALC - High Court Judgement on Virtual Meetings

17. PLANNING

- (a) Applications received:

FUL/2021/0115 – Threapland Lees, Threapland
Erect a shed over an existing slurry lagoon

VAR/2021/00014 – Old Chapel Close, Bothel
Variation of condition 1 on planning approval VAR/2019/0003 to replace on plot
LPG tanks with communal supply

(b) Decisions:

LBC/2020/0039 – Swan House, Bothel
Listed Building consent for the modernising of bathroom to include the fitting of
a new window Granted

HOU/2020/0202 – Ashfield, Bothel
Formation of new attached garage to existing detached bungalow Granted

18. HIGHWAYS

(a) Highway Maintenance

The Chairman reported that the dangerous wall on Park Road, Bothel
previously reported had now been repaired.

Members were reminded to continue to report any highway issues on the HMS
on Cumbria County Council website.

(b) A595 Improvements

The public consultation A595 Bothel Strategic Improvements is now open and
closes on 24th May. The consultation document had been delivered to
households in Bothel. Cumbria County Council has organised virtual events to
include a presentation of the scheme followed by a question and answer
session. Members were encouraged to complete the online consultation
questionnaire.

19. VILLAGE MAP

Cllr Austin reported that he had contacted Arlosh Graphics who advised they
had measured the existing map and confirmed the replacement map will be the
same size as the existing. Arlosh Graphics had advised they will email a draft
in the next week.

20. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 13th July, 2021.

As the High Court Appeal on the holding of virtual meetings had been
dismissed parish councils must now return to face-to-face meetings and
prepare accordingly. It was agreed to monitor the situation regarding
coronavirus and the parish council will only meet face to face if it is safe to do
so.

The meeting closed at 19.56

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