

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday, 13th July, 2021 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

A Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor
J Lister, Allerdale Borough Councillor
K Thurlow, Allerdale Borough Councillor
One member of the public
J. Rae (Clerk)

The meeting was held in accordance with current coronavirus regulations and subject to social distancing.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Cllr Kevin Thurlow introduced himself as the newly elected independent Aspatria Ward member for the Borough Council.

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

22. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING 1 MAY 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 1st May, 2021 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

23. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman recorded his thanks to Cllr Austin for his time spent on the village maps, for liaising with Arlosh Graphics regarding the amendments required and the installation of the two new maps.

The 50mph speed limit sign had not been installed on the A595 despite Cumbria County Council advising this would be implemented in Spring. Cllr Bowness advised there had been an issue with the proposed location of the sign conflicting with the location of the SID already installed on the A595.

A query was raised with regard to the 50mph sign installed on the A591. It was noted there is no national speed limit sign on the A595 leaving Bothel. Cllr Bowness agreed to raise this with Cumbria County Council.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman declared a personal interest in planning application FUL/2021/0196 due to the applicant being a neighbour.

25. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr Watson reported that a parishioner had queried why building equipment had been left for several months on the site next to Old Chapel Close with no apparent activity.

26. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 1 MAY 2021

Min Ref 7 – The Parish Council had submitted a response to the public consultation on the A595 Improvements.

Min Ref 10 – No action had been taken regarding the faded yellow lines outside the school. This had been reported again to Cumbria County Council and Cllr Bowness had also followed this up.

Min Ref 15 – The Certificate of Exemption had been submitted to the external auditors. The requisite documents had been uploaded onto the website and the notice of electors' rights displayed on the parish notice boards.

27. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Lister provided an update on activities at the Borough Council including Allerdale Waste Services and advised a decision on the Local Government Review is due very soon.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness reported on the new County Council's HIMS 'One Front Door' approach for Parish Councillors. The system is now live on the County Council's website. As part of the Highways Information Asset Management Project the process has been reviewed to improve the efficiency of the service.
- (c) Cumbria Police: The newsletter from Cumbria Police had been circulated prior to the meeting.

28. COMMUNITY FUND

Two applications had been received since the last Parish Council meeting.

A request had been considered for a grant towards a parishioner's university fees. The Committee had decided to reject the application. Members resolved not to support the request as it is not normal practice to give grants that support individuals.

A proposal was put forward that the setting up of a Bursary Scheme funded from the Community Fund to assist individuals such as this should be considered. Members agreed to consider this and discuss further at a future meeting.

The request from Bothel Gardening Club was supported. **RESOLVED** to grant £500.

29. FINANCE

- (a) The financial report as at 30th June, 2021 had been circulated with the agenda.

Bank Balance 30th June, 2021

HSBC £ 7,199.37
CBS £69,788.48

Income Received:

HMRC – VAT Refund £144.00

- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment:

Clerk's account Quarter 1 £566.11
HMRC PAYE Quarter 1 £107.20

Payments from the Community Fund

Arlosh Limited – Village Maps £450.00
Bothel Gardening Club – Donation £500.00

- (c) HSBC Safeguarding

The Chairman reported that correspondence received from HSBC Bank advised that they need to carry out a safeguarding review. HSBC had advised that unless this is carried out before 6th August, they would close the account. The Chairman agreed to contact HSBC to ascertain what information they require and whether it is necessary for all signatories to contact the Bank.

30. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - Allerdale Joint Three Tier Meeting May 25th
CALC - Allerdale GDF Working Group
CALC - April/May Edition CALC Newsletter
CALC - DCMS Rural Broadband Consultation
CALC - Highways Information Asset Management System Launch Briefing for Parish Councillors 24th June 7pm
Cumbria CC - North Allerdale Traffic Regulation Order – School Lane, Bothel – The Parish Council had supported Proposal 18 the implementation of No waiting at any time restrictions.
CALC - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons - 2nd June 2022
CALC - ACT News Update
CALC - New T NL Funding Programme
CALC - Minutes of a three-tier meeting held on the 25th May 2021
Cumbria Police Newsletter -May 2021 - Maryport, Aspatria, Silloth & Wigton
St. Michael's Church Torpenhow – Letter of thanks for the donation of £500 towards the maintenance of the churchyard.
Wigton Baths – Letter of thanks for the donation of £100
CALC - New Highway Customer System
CALC - Friends of the Lake District Landscape Grant Fund

31. PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

FUL/2021/0146 – Land to the rear of St Michael's CofE School Bothel
Construction of SUDS attenuation pond and associated drainage works

FUL/2021/0179 – Overgate, Mealsgate
Rear single storey extension and alterations to farmhouse, demolition of barns and erection of a timber boundary fence.

LBC/2021/0024 – Overgate, Mealsgate
Listed Building Consent for rear single storey extension and alterations to farmhouse, demolition of barns and erection of a timber boundary fence.

FUL/2021/0196 – Plot 1, Park Road Estate, Bothel
Erection of a two storey four-bedroom house

(b) Decisions:

FUL/2019/0177 – Skiddaw View Caravan Park, Bothel
Proposal for 18 holiday lodges and associated access road.
Appeal Ref: APP/GO908/W/20/3248232 APPEAL ALLOWED

(c) Old Chapel Close (Site adjacent)

Members discussed the planning history of the site adjacent to Old Chapel Close. Since the application was first submitted in 2016, several amendments/variations had been made to the original application. Five years on work on the development had still not begun. The Parish Council had requested a meeting with a Planning Officer at the Borough Council to discuss these issues but had received no response. Cllr Lister agreed to pursue this with the Borough Council. Cllr Bowness was requested to check on the adoption status of the estate road at Old Chapel Close.

A proposal was put forward that the MP should be contacted regarding the issues with this site. Clarification should also be sought on the rules that state a development to which the outline planning permission relates must be begun no later than five years from the date of the grant of outline planning permission

32. HIGHWAYS

(a) Highway Maintenance

The issues on Bank Lonning had still not been resolved. This will be reported again to Highways.

(b) A595 Speed Limit

This was discussed earlier in the meeting. The 50mph speed limit sign will be installed on the A595 in the next few weeks.

33. VILLAGE MAPS

The Chairman reiterated his earlier comments and thanked Cllr Austin for his time on the village maps.

34. ALLERDALE GDF WORKING GROUP

Correspondence had been received advising a Working Group had been formed to start discussions locally about the possibility of hosting a facility within the Allerdale area for the disposal of the UK's radioactive waste. Members noted that if discussions continue beyond the Working Group, people living in the area of a prospective site will be consulted. Further information is available at www.workinginpartnership.org.uk

35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th September, 2021

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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