

## **BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2021 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

Two members 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.

### **36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. A. Bowness, Cumbria County Councillor.

### **37. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 13 JULY 2021**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

### **38. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reiterated his comments circulated in an email to members concerning attending face to face meetings. It was noted that the number of Covid cases in Allerdale are rising.

### **39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **40. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

School Lane - A parishioner in attendance reported that damage had been caused to her property possibly caused by a large HGV. The parishioner asked whether the Parish Council would be able to request a width restriction sign be sited on School Lane. The Parish Council agreed to submit a request on the County Council's Highways Information Asset Management System. The parishioner was advised that if any future incidents occur it should be reported to the police to investigate.

Bus shelter on Pinfold Green – It was reported that a parishioner had witnessed the refuse collectors using the top bus shelter as a public convenience. The Clerk was requested to report this to Cllr Lister.

### **41. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 13 JULY 2021**

The 50-mph speed limit on the A595 at Bothel had now been implemented.

The MP had forwarded a response from the Borough Council in relation to the planning history of the site adjacent to Old Chapel Close.

### **42. REPORTS**

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllrs Lister and Thurlow were not present.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness was not present.
- (c) Cumbria Police: The newsletter from Cumbria Police had been circulated by email.

### 43. COMMUNITY FUND

(a) Bothel First Responders

The Community Fund Sub Committee had considered a request received from Bothel First Responders for new equipment and other ongoing costs. The total cost amounted to £3528.00. The First Responders had submitted a request for 50% of the costs. Following a discussion Members RESOLVED to grant the full amount of £3258.00.

(b) Annual Donation towards Fireworks/Bonfire

The Chairman reported that a decision would be made nearer the time whether the bonfire would go ahead this year. It was agreed that if the event goes ahead the Chairman will purchase the fireworks and claim a refund for the costs. Part of the money carried over from last year would also be used this year.

(c) Wharrels Hill LLP – Members noted the community benefit payment for this year was £15,414.57.

### 44. FINANCE

(a) The financial report as at 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021 had been circulated with the agenda.

Bank Balance 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2021

HSBC £ 6,526.06  
CBS £84,253.05

Income Received – FIM Services £15,414.57

(b) Payment of Accounts

**RESOLVED:** The following accounts were approved for payment:

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| Clerk's account Quarter 2 | £558.27 |
| HMRC PAYE Quarter 2       | £107.40 |

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| Donation granted to<br>Citizens Advice Allerdale | £ 50.00 |
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Payments from the Community Fund

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| Bothel First Responders | £3528.00 |
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(c) HSBC Safeguarding Review

The Chairman reported that the safeguarding review with HSBC bank had finally been completed. Enquiries of other banks and building societies found they are unwilling to open new accounts for parish councils. CALC are aware of the issues parish councils are experiencing with banking services.

### 45. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Allerdale BC - Review of Statement of Gambling Policy – Consultation  
CALC - Parish Survey results - Recent HMLR Parish Land Ownership Survey  
CALC - Corporate Message - Pre-action protocol letter sent to the Secretary of State following the decision to create two new unitary councils for Cumbria  
CALC - Local Government Reorganisation update  
CALC - Local Government Reorganisation  
CALC Newsletter June July 2021  
CALC - Geological Disposal Facility Allerdale working Group Press Release

Internal Auditor - Resignation Letter – Members agreed to appoint Mr Trevor Gear as Internal Auditor following the resignation of the current internal auditor  
CALC - Parish Council Apologies  
CALC - Highways Issues – reporting  
Donation Request – Citizens Advice Allerdale  
Allerdale Borough Council – Allerdale Leisure Services – Consultation

**46. PLANNING**

- (a) Applications received: None
- (b) Decisions: None
- (c) Site adj Old Chapel Close

The MP had forwarded a response from the Borough Council which set out the planning history of the site. The Borough Council had still not agreed to a site meeting. The Borough Council also advised they are seeking the additional provision of a play area and the applicant is presently reviewing the options.

**47. HIGHWAYS**

- (a) Highway Maintenance – No new issues were reported.
- (b) Speed Limit A595 – It was noted that the 50mph speed limit on the A595 at Bothel had now been implemented. The Clerk was requested to check with Cllr. Bowness whether the speed limit had been legally signed off.
- (c) A595 Upgrade – Members noted that the planning application for the upgrade to the A595 will now be submitted in February next year.
- (d) School Lane – Ingress of Verge – The Clerk was requested to report to Highways that the verge opposite the Village Hall is restricting the highway.

**48. DEFIBRILLATOR, THREAPLAND**

Following enquiries from Community Heartbeat Trust, the Chairman reported that the defibrillator at Threapland is now back online with the Ambulance Service.

**49. DONATION REQUEST**

A request for financial assistance had been received from Citizens Advice Allerdale. This was considered by members. RESOLVED to grant a donation of £50.00.

**50. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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