

BOTHEL AND THREAPLAND PARISH COUNCIL

At the Meeting of Bothel & Threapland Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Bothel on Tuesday, 9th November, 2021 commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Also Present:

J. Lister, Allerdale Borough Councillor
Mary Bradley, CALC representative on the Allerdale GDF Working Group for item 2 on the agenda Geological Disposal Facility
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.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

52. GEOLOGICAL DISPOSAL FACILITY ALLERDALE

Mary Bradley briefed Members on the work undertaken by the Working Group to date and how the process would move forward. Key Stakeholder events had taken place over the last few months with face-to-face drop-in sessions and direct mail to all households in Allerdale. A search area had now been identified in Allerdale consisting of 13 wards which includes Aspatria. All electoral wards within the Borough were considered excluding the National Park. It was noted that the Parish abuts the National Park. Two other sites in Copeland had also been identified. The next stage would be to form a community partnership, this would only happen if the Borough Council were in agreement. It was emphasised that even if a community partnership is formed this did not commit the area to host the GDF. With regard to timescales, it could be up to 15 years before a test of public support is undertaken.

Mary advised that she would be willing to attend a future parish council meeting when further information is available. The Chairman thanked Mary for attending and she left the meeting at 8.05pm.

53. MINUTES OF THE MEETING 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2021 were agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

54. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

A complaint had been received from a Bothel resident regarding the bonfire/firework display.

Members were disappointed that the resident did not attend the Parish Council meeting to raise the issues in person so Members could address the matters at the meeting. The complaint had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting and was considered at the meeting. None of the members attending the bonfire could recall witnessing any incidents with embers blowing off the bonfire or any rockets going astray. A reply would be prepared and sent in response to the complaint.

55. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

56. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public was in attendance. No matters were raised at the meeting.

57. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2021

The Chairman reported that the double yellow lines outside the school had still not been repainted. This was first reported in March this year. The Clerk was requested to contact Cllr Bowness to check on the progress.

It was noted that an access had been made into the building site opposite the school and a car park sign sited. Cllr Lister was requested to raise this with Allerdale Planning.

In response to the parishioner's request raised at the last meeting Cumbria Highways had agreed to install a "Road Narrows" Warning sign with a distance plate, at the southern end of School Lane. This will be installed as soon as possible.

58. REPORTS

- (a) Allerdale Borough Councillor: Cllr Lister brought members up to date on developments with Local Government Reorganisation and briefly discussed the GDF.
- (b) Cumbria County Councillor: Cllr Bowness was not present.
- (c) Cumbria Police: The newsletter from Cumbria Police had been circulated by email.

59. COMMUNITY FUND

Annual Donation – Village Treat - A donation of £600 was approved. However, it was agreed that some clarification was required as to how the money will be used this year. Cllr Watson agreed to enquire and report back to the parish council.

60. FINANCE

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

Bank Balance 31st October, 2021

HSBC £ 8,775.39

CBS £80,725.05

Income Received – Allerdale Borough Council
Half Yearly Precept £3,000

- (b) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED: The following accounts were approved for payment:

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

Payments from the Community Fund

Donation towards fireworks agreed at the last meeting £326.96

(c) HSBC Safeguarding Review

Further to the completion of the safeguarding review reported at the last meeting HSBC bank had advised that they still need further information and an additional review would need to be completed. The Chairman had completed the lengthy process and hopefully this is now resolved. The Parish Council will continue to look for an alternative bank.

61. BUDGET 2022-23/SETTING THE PRECEPT

A draft budget for 2022/23 had been circulated with the agenda. Members discussed the usual income and expenditure. RESOLVED that the precept should remain at £6000.00.

62. CORRESPONDENCE

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

CALC - arrangements in case of flooding
CALC - Policy Consultation Briefing - Environmental Permitting Regulations – For information
CALC AGM - Saturday 16th October – Presentations from the meeting
CALC - Geological Disposal Facility Process in Allerdale
CALC Annual General Meeting Saturday 16th October 2021
CALC - Geological Disposal Facility Briefing
Citizens Advice – Allerdale -Thank you for your donation
CALC/CCC - Parish & Town Councillors, have your say on the Highways Information Asset Management System
CALC - Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan - Public Consultation
Allerdale BC - Allerdale Leisure Future - Stakeholders Survey
CALC - Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Newsletter
CALC - The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
CALC - Apologies at Meetings – Further clarification
CCC - Urgent Road Closure - U2281, School Lane, Bothel

63. PLANNING

(a) Applications received:

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

(b) Decisions:

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

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

FUL/2020/0122 – Overgate, Mealsgate
Creation of new replacement access and track, closing of existing access with boulders GRANTED

VAR/2021/0014 – Old Chapel Close, Bothel

The Borough Council had notified the Parish Council that the applicant had withdrawn the current application seeking changes to the LPG tanks and will proceed as previously approved with individual tanks rather than the proposed communal tanks,

SCR-2/21/26 - Land to the north and east of the Greyhound Inn, Bothel,
EIA REQUIRED

64. HIGHWAYS

Cumbria County Council had advised that the request had been passed to verge maintenance contractor. The work had not been carried out. It was suggested that photographs be submitted onto the Highways reporting system.

65. REFUSE COLLECTORS

A further incident involving one of the refuse collectors had been reported to the Parish Council. Cllr Lister reported that the matter had now been resolved. Action had been taken and the operative no longer works for the Authority. The Chairman thanked Cllr Lister for pursuing this with Allerdale Waste Services.

66. DONATION REQUEST

The annual request for financial assistance had been received from the Great North Air Ambulance Service. RESOLVED to grant £200.00.

67. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th January, 2022

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and wished everyone a Happy Christmas. The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

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