

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Natland Village Hall On Monday 29th April 2024 at 7pm.

Welcome:

The Chairman, Councillor Peter Smith, welcomed 13 people, including District Councillor Jonathan Brook, most of the Parish Councillors and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were received from Ian Brodie, Caroline (Appletree), Councillor Ian Ellison, Louise Hinton, Councillor Doug Rathbone and Angela Whitaker.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2023, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Chairman's Report:

Councillor Smith read his report in full; copies may be obtained from the Clerk and will be attached to these minutes in the file.

Police Report: None.

Interim Accounts:

The Interim Accounts for 2023-25 had been circulated and were noted. A couple of questions were quickly answered. The accounts are now on the website and copies can be requested from the Clerk at any time.

Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors:

Councillor Brook gave a brief report:

- a. Westmorland & Furness Council has now been in existence for one year and is now reaching some stability.
- b. There are three new Locality Boards and three planning committees.
- c. The Council is encouraging a 20mph speed limit policy. Natland's application was approved last week.
- d. Councillor Brook will, together with Council Rathbone, meet with the Head, Louise Hinton, at Natland school, in order to discuss 'drop off' arrangements.
- e. Street lighting policy in the Council is to be simplified.

The Chairman wished to record the thanks of the Parish Council to Councillors Brook and Rathbone, for their support over a number of years.

Motions:

No formal Motions had been submitted.

Reports:

Reports, either by email or in person had been received from representatives of

St Mark's Church, the village website and Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall, WI, Monday Club, Carol Catanach and AGE UK Lunch Club – copies of these, and any other reports that may be submitted, may be obtained from the Clerk.

Open Forum:

The following matters were mentioned:

- a. It is hoped that a 20mph speed limit can be introduced in the village; the Parish Council is unanimously in favour of this. There are also serious concerns regarding safety on the A65.
- b. It is hoped that the former bus shelter by the Village Green can be removed.
- c. It is hoped that the village notice board can be relocated.
- d. Concerns regarding the gate into the back wall of the churchyard; the ownership of the land, gravestones against the wall, the wayleaves for the soakaway across the area and the fact that it is used as a shortcut.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm, following which the Monthly Meeting of the Parish Council was held.

Signed:

Dated: