

## **NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Natland Village Hall On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm.**

#### **Welcome:**

The Chair, Cllr David Peters, welcomed around 25 people, including District Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone, most of the Parish Councillors and the Clerk Mr K M Price.

**1. Apologies for absence** were received from Elspeth Jayne and Barry Evans.

#### **2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 16th May 2019:**

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were available in the Hall and were on the Natland website. These were taken as read and they were approved to be signed.

**3. Report from the Community Police Officer:** None.

#### **4. Annual Report and Interim Accounts of the Parish Council:**

These accounts were available in the Hall and were received by the meeting.

The Chair made the following comments:

- a. He said there are currently three vacancies on the Parish Council.
- b. The Parish Council had not been able to comment on the naming of new streets and this is still being followed up.
- c. The Local Plan is at the Land Allocation stage.

#### **6. Reports from the elected District Councillors:**

Councillor Rathbone mentioned the following:

- a. Council Tax is likely to increase, due to Adult Social Care adding 1.99%
- b. As many people as possible should comment on the Local Plan Land Allocations.
- c. Funds for the Towpath Trail have been ring-fenced – a feasibility study is awaited.

Councillor Brook mentioned the following:

- a. Local Government Reorganisation. The Vesting Day is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023, when the new Authority, Westmorland and Furness, will come into being.
- b. It is hoped that the new Council will engage with Parish Councils and more powers may be devolved.

## **7. Reports from other Parish Institutions and Natland based groups:**

Reports were received from St Mark's School, Appletree School, Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall, St Mark's Church, Natland WI, Neighbourhood Watch, Monday Club, Natland lunch club, Table Tennis, Blogsite,

All these will be appended to the minutes in the file and on the blogsite

## **9. Motions received:**

No Motions had been received.

## **10. Open Forum:**

A question was asked regarding the Home Field development, which has been referred to the Local Government Ombudsman. These comments were noted.

*The meeting closed at 8.55pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*