

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in Natland Village Hall On Monday 22nd May 2023 at 7pm.

Welcome:

The Chair, Councillor Ian Ellison, welcomed around 18 people, including District Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone, most of the Parish Councillors and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were received from Jenny Kelly, Josie Rushton and Louise Hinton.

Minutes:

The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 28th April 2022, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Chair's Report:

Councillor Ellison read his report in full; copies may be obtained from the Clerk.
Police Report: None.

Interim Accounts:

The Interim Accounts for 2022-23 had, due to illness, only been circulated earlier that day. They will now be on the website and copies can be requested from the Clerk at any time.

Reports from Westmorland & Furness Councillors:

Councillors Brook and Rathbone gave brief reports, mention the reduction in the number of Councillors since the new Authority came into being, from 65 to between 23 and 27. Legislation is likely later this year to enable Parish Councils to apply for 20mph speed limits, priority being given to urban areas.

The Chair wished to record the thanks of the Parish Council to Councillors Brook and Rathbone, for their support during a difficult time and, in particular for being willing to become 'temporary Parish Councillors' to enable the work of the Council to go forward.

Motions:

No formal Motions had been submitted but an explanation was given as to how these could be made at a later date, if required.

Reports:

Report were given by representatives of St Mark's Church and Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall – copies of these, and any other reports that may be submitted, may be obtained from the Clerk.

Open Forum:

- a. A question was asked as to whether the requirements for sight-lines have changed recently – this was with regard to the Jones Homes development. Councillors Brook and Rathbone agreed to follow this matter up.
- b. Concern was expressed that the details of this meeting had not been made public in the usual way. The Chair explained that the procedures agreed has been simplified and there had been no distribution of the details around the parish as in previous years. However, the correct number of days' notice had been given for the meeting and the Chair explained that, because of illness, only a limited amount of publicity had been engaged in.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm, following which the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held.

Signed:

Dated: