

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7pm on Monday 26th February 2018

18/18 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Bateson, Ellison, Fisher, Rhian Peters, and Roberts, three members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were received from PCSO Marion Jeffery and also, later, from County and District Councillor Brenda Gray.

18/19 Public participation: None.

18/20 Declarations of Interest:

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matters on the agenda.

18/21 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representative: None.

18/22 Police Report:

PCSO Marion Jeffery had contacted the Council the previous week regarding reports about fraud locally and particularly a telephone scam where victims had lost large sums of money. This had been circulated to Councillors and would be sent to the blogsite. The Police 'drop-in' surgery is held every third Thursday in the month at Natland Post Office.

18/23 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 15th January 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair, with deletion of minute 18/16, to be replaced by a minute from the current meeting to state:

'Cllr Roberts reported that an updated version of the Natland Directory had been posted on the blogsite. This had been agreed at a previous meeting'.

18/24 Matters arising:

- a. Collin Mansfield updated the Council on details surrounding the Appeal against the refusal by SLDC of planning application SL/2017/0318 (Land to the east of Long Meadow Lane, Natland - residential development for 55 dwelling houses) (minutes 18/13a refers).
- b. General Data Protection Regulation (minutes 18/7a and 17/163 refer). The Clerk said that training days had been arranged by CALC at Penrith on 7th March and at Newby Bridge on 8th March. Any Councillor interested in attending should contact him.

- c. Future management of Helm Common (minutes 17/158a and 18/7b refer). A reply had been received from the Clerk at Kendal Town Council, suggesting that a meeting should be delayed until after the May Elections. This was accepted by the Council. It had been noted that the bracken on the Common had recently been cut down and the area's appearance is more pleasing as a result.

18/25 Casual Vacancy:

There had been no expressions of interest in the Casual Vacancy. It was agreed to advertise this around the parish, especially in view of the forthcoming Elections in May.

18/26 Annual Report 2017-19 and Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2018:

The meeting will commence, as usual, at 7.30pm and the small hall has been booked. It was agreed to leave details of any speaker to be invited and the provision of refreshments until nearer the time.

18/27 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 2018:

Volunteers were identified to deliver the mini-flyers, advertising the event to be held on Saturday 24th March. These should be delivered during next week in order to give residents two week's notice.

18/28 SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel Report 2018-18:

The Report had been circulated to Councillors and it was resolved that this Council does not wish to avail itself of the provision for claiming allowances for Councillors and therefore no action will be taken.

18/29 Reports:

- a. Highwayman. Cllr David Peters said that, although some potholes have been repaired, the picture generally was one of decline.
- b. Footpaths. Cllr Ellison said he had walked a number of the footpaths, which had now largely dried out. There was also some evidence of stile maintenance.
- c. LAP. Cllr David Peters had attended the LAP meeting on 8th February. The Assets Manager from Highways England had spoken about possible improvements to the A590. Fran Richardson from ACT had encouraged parishes to produce community-led plans, and two County Councillors had pleaded with parishes to employ lengthsmen to combat the decline in CCC's standards of road maintenance. The next meeting will be in June.

18/30 Planning:

- a. The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:

SL/2017/1066 Newlands Farm, Barrows Green. Siting of 4 Eco pods, installation of package treatment unit, provision of car parking area and landscaping. Withdrawn.

- b. It was noted that no further comments were made regarding SL/2017/0620 OS Field No 6510, South of Fell Close, off Burton Road, Oxenholme. . Erection of extra care residential development (80 apartments communal facilities and 24 bungalows) with vehicular access and landscaped garden. Correspondence had been received directly from the applicant and the Clerk had responded.

18/31 Finance:

- a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

Open Spaces Society	£45.00	Annual subscription
North West Air Ambulance	£100.00	Donation
Kendal Mountain Rescue Team	£100.00	Donation

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.

(Cllr Ellison left the meeting at 8pm)

- c. The Clerk said that, following correspondence with Pam Mansfield and Peter Barfoot, the promised contribution of £100 from the Council was not required by the defibrillator group, as sufficient funds had been collected, but they expressed the group's thanks to the Council for its support.

18/32 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. An email had been received earlier today from Iain Taylor of Warrington, asking for information relating to a water channel in the river close to Hawes Bridge. The Clerk had circulated this to Councillors, most of whom responded with information, which had now been passed on. Mr Taylor wished to thank the Council for its prompt assistance.
- b. A letter of thanks had been received from Bill Wood, Treasurer at St Mark's Church, Natland, thanking the Council for the contribution of £500 towards the mowing of the churchyard.
- c. The Clerk will be attending a Clerk's Briefing arranged by SLDC on 14th March, when Election packs will be distributed to Councils holding Elections this year. He will advise the Council on the timetable in due course.

18/33 Any other business:

- a. Cllr Bateson suggested that Council news could be displayed on the Facebook site 'Natland Past and Present' in order to reach a wider audience. He agreed to advertise the present Council Vacancy by this means.
- b. SLDC had notified the Council today of a licensing application relating to the Ice Cream Parlour, 5 Natland Mill Beck Road. As this was not an agenda item, no resolution could be made.

18/34 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 26th March 2018 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: