

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

18/35 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Fisher, Rhian Peters, and Roberts, PCSO Marion Jeffery and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Bateson.

18/36 Public participation: None.

18/37 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/38 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representative: None.

18/39 Police Report:

PCSO Marion Jeffery said there was not a lot to report at present. There had been two suspicious males seen in the Abbey Drive area but no crime was reported. She applauded the Council on the recent Spring Litter Hunt, but was prevented from helping due to her shifts.

18/40 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 26th February 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

18/41 Matters arising: None.

18/42 Casual Vacancies:

It was noted that Cllr Ellison had resigned from the Council since the last meeting. There had been no expressions of interest in respect of either of the two vacancies.

18/43 Annual Report 2017-18 and Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2018:

The Clerk will invite the usual groups and organisations to attend and to submit a report. The Chair will supplement this invitation with some specific invitations himself. The Clerk will also invite candidates standing for election to SLDC, once known, to attend if elected. It was agreed to invite Helen Moriarty, of the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership, to attend and update the Council on progress (about 10 minutes). Refreshments will not be served this year. Most Councillors volunteered to deliver the Annual Report and invitation to the meeting.

18/44 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 2018:

The Chair reported that the Spring Litter Hunt, held the previous Saturday, has been most successful and significantly more volunteers (26) took part than the previous year, including new and younger participants. All the areas planned had been picked and gloves and pickers etc had been provided by SLDC. It was noted that the litter bin at Dilly Bridge is back in place.

18/45 Parish Elections:

The Clerk had attended the recent Clerks' Briefing arranged by SLDC and the election packs were distributed to those Councillors requiring them. Each candidate will be responsible for delivering their papers to SLDC in person by Friday 9th April at 4pm.

The Clerk agreed to ask SLDC Electoral Services which properties in Rochester Gardens are in Natland parish.

18/46 Reports:

- a. **Highways.** Cllr David Peters mentioned the usual problem of potholes not being repaired. He noted that work on the cycleway on the A65 has now commenced.
- b. **Footpaths.** It had been reported that the footpath by the river between Watercrock and Hawes Bridge appears to be dangerous and getting worse. Cllr David Peters agreed to look at this.
- c. **LAP.** There is no meeting until June.

18/47 Planning:

- a. The following comments made since the last meeting on the Clerk's delegated authority, were noted:

SL/2018//0108 Newlands Farm, Barrows Green. Change of use of two redundant agricultural buildings to form four bothy style accommodation units, together with a kitchen/laundry facility, wc and showers and cycle store and additional parking for five cars. Approval recommended.

- b. It was noted that planning application SL/2017/0620 (OS Field No 6510, south of Fell Close, off Burton Road, Oxenholme. Erection of extra care residential development (80 apartments with communal facilities, and 24 bungalows), with vehicular access and landscaped garden) was to have been considered at last week's SLDC Planning Committee. The outcome is not yet known.

18/48 Finance:

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

Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall	£27.54	Hire of hall
HMRC	£196.20	PAYE

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. Letters of thanks had been received from North West Air Ambulance and Kendal Mountain Rescue Team, in response to the Council's recent contributions.

18/49 Correspondence:

- a. The Clerk's Appraisal has been arranged for Wednesday 18th April and will be conducted by Cllrs Bateson and David Peters.
- b. It was noted that Natland & Oxenholme Pre-School, having been in negotiations with St Mark's School and CCC, is to be housed on the St Mark's School site in future, rather than the Village Hall.

18/50 Open Forum:

Cllr Fisher asked for 'No cold calling zones' to be an agenda item for the next meeting. He will circulate some information for Councillors prior to the meeting.

18/51 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 30th April 2018 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: