

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7pm on Monday 30th July 2018

18/103 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Houghton, Rhian Peters, and Roberts, District Councillor Jonathan Brook, one member of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Fisher.

18/104 Public participation:

The Parish Council was applauded for its involvement in the recent planning application, and subsequent appeal, for houses on Long Meadow Lane (SL/2017/0318) which had been refused. The community of Natland is grateful to the Council for its stand and it is felt that this has raised the profile of the Council in the village. Residents are also grateful to SLDC for the way in which the Appeal was handled.

18/105 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/106 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:

County Councillor Brenda Gray has contacted the Chair to say she is finding it difficult to attend Parish Council meetings but she remains committed to representing the parish and is happy to receive details of any issues residents may have.

Councillor Brook said that the lane from the Punch Bowl at Barrows Green to Sedgwick Road at Newlands has been resurfaced. Half of this is in Natland parish. He will ask for the resurfacing of Helm Lane from The Green to High House Farm, which is most urgent.

It was noted that there is money in the CCC Highways budget for work on drains and soakaways in the parish but it is not yet known when this will take place.

18/107 Police Report: None.

18/108 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 25th June 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

18/109 Matters arising:

- a. CIL payments (minutes 18/78a and 18/94a refer). A reply had been received from SLDC but the issue had still not been clarified fully. The Clerk awaits a further response.
- b. Annual Parish Meeting minutes (minute 18/96 refers). These have now been submitted to the website, together with all the reports given by groups and organisations.
- c. 30mph signs (minute 18/97aiii refers). CCC Highways have noted the re-facing required and said there is also other work to be carried out on them.
- d. Information Commissioner (ICO) (minute 18/84 and 18/94c refer). The Clerk confirmed that all Town and Parish Councils must register with ICO, since the introduction of GDPR. The cost is likely to be £40 for this year and the Clerk will arrange it.

18/110 Casual vacancies:

There have been no expressions of interest in the two Council vacancies.

18/111 Motions from the Annual Parish Meeting in respect of 40mph speed limit, and downgrading requested footway-cycleway to footway only, on Natland Road:

- a. 40mph speed limit. It was agreed that the Council accedes to this request from the Parish Meeting and requests CCC Highways to investigate and to start the process.
- b. Footway/cycleway. It was agreed that the Council accedes to this request from the Parish Meeting and adjust the request to a footway only. The Clerk will clarify the exact resolution from the Parish Meeting with CCC Highways.

18/112 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman.** Cllr David Peters said there was nothing to report at present.
- b. **Footpaths.** Cllr Rhian Peters said she had not yet taken action regarding the path from Long Meadow Lane to the A65.
- c. **LAP.** Neither Cllr David Peters or Cllr Houghton had been available to attend the LAP meeting held on 5th July and the minutes had not yet been issued.

18/113 Planning:

- a. The following application was considered::

SL/2018/0569 New House, Natland. Erection of end terrace dwelling and detached workshop. Refusal is recommended for the following reasons:

It would be detrimental to the appearance and character of this part of the village because of the over-intensive use of the site and the removal of a stone wall to create parking spaces.

Also, because of the over-intensive use of this site, it cannot accommodate the materials and vehicles/plant required during construction.

Provision of off-road parking spaces would be unsightly and detrimental to road safety because of inadequate visibility splays.

There will be a significant loss of convenient on-street parking for the village Post Office/shop/cafe.

- b. It was noted that the Appeal in respect of the refusal of planning permission for SL/2016/1090 and SL/2017/0754 (Land adjacent to north side of Natland Mill Beck Lane, Natland. Erection of up to 26 dwellings, including vehicular and pedestrian access; and the change of use of land to amenity area for the public including training area, hardstanding, teaching area for landscape and ecological enhancement of the site). has been withdrawn.
- c. The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:

SL/2018/0279 Natland Mill Beck Farm, Natland. Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2014/1101 (Construction of new farmhouse and self contained apartment). Granted.

18/114 Finance:

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

T Flitcroft	£75.00	Payroll administration (annual payment)
Oxenholme and Natland Village Hall		
	£45.90	Hire of hall
Society of Local Council Clerks		
	£22.56	Annual subscription (8% of £282)
K M Price	£150.72	Quarterly expenses to 30th June including use of home office and travel

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

18/115 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. Councillor training. It was noted that Cllr Houghton plans to attend the CALC training 'The effective Councillor' and the planning training event in September. The Council will be invoiced for these courses.
- b. SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel It was resolved that this Council does not wish to seek recommendations from the Panel in relation to allowances for 2019/20.
- c. Ann Park, Clerk to Preston Richard Parish Council and now Chair of the South Westmorland LAP. Comments are invited on the usefulness of the LAP etc and the Chair agreed to respond.

18/116 Open Forum:

- a. Cllr Roberts said that a long-standing volunteer had recently moved away from the parish and she had thanked him for his services.
- b. Cllr Rhian Peters had met and welcomed a couple who had recently moved into the village. Further 'Welcome to Natland' leaflets are required.

18/117 Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: