

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7pm on Monday 29th May 2018

18/68 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Rhian Peters, and Roberts, District Councillor Douglas Rathbone, three members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Fisher. County Councillor Brenda Gray had also indicated she might not be able to attend.

Cllr David Peters welcomed everyone to this first meeting of the new Council. All Councillors have now signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, except Cllr Fisher who will sign at the next meeting.

18/69 Election of Chair:

Cllr David Peters was elected Chair for 2018-19. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

18/70 Council Vacancies:

John Houghton had expressed an interest in joining the Council and it was resolved to co-opt him. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

It was noted that there are still two vacant seats.

18/71 Public participation:

- a. It was reported that the agenda for this meeting was not on the blogsite. The Clerk said it had been sent six days previously, when Councillors received the agenda too.
- b. The Council was urged to put out further publicity concerning the Appeal in respect of Planning Application SL/2017/0318 (Land to the east of Longmeadow Lane Natland. Residential development for 55 dwellinghouses) to be heard in June. This would be noted later in the meeting.

18/72 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/73 Appointment of Vice-Chair:

It was agreed to defer this until a future meeting.

18/74 Appointment of Officers, Reporters and Representatives:

The following were appointed:

- a. Highwayman - Cllr David Peters
- b. Footpaths Officer - Cllr Rhian Peters
- c. Village Hall Representative - Cllr Fisher
- d. Kendal and District Bus Users Group representative - Cllr Roberts
- e. Local Area Partnership (LAPs) representative - Cllr David Peters/Cllr Houghton.
- f. Broadband Champion. It was agreed this position is not now required.
- g. CALC Representative. Cllr David Peters - but all Councillors are welcome to attend. The Clerk will email details in future.

18/75 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:

The Chair welcomed District Councillor Rathbone, who spoke of the diversity of the very large new Ward of SLDC of which Natland is now a part. He and his two colleagues will cover Natland between them and the Clerk agreed to forward agendas and minutes etc to all three of them.

18/76 Police Report: None.

18/77 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 30th April 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

18/78 Matters arising:

- a. CIL payment (minute 18/64c refers). The Clerk has asked SLDC for details and they have indicated they will supply the details soon.
- b. Clerk's Contract of Employment (minute 18/64d refers). The Contract has now been updated and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign two copies, one for the Clerk and the other for the file.

18/79 Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2018:

There had been a good attendance at this meeting and it was agreed that no further action was required as to the format or arrangements for the meeting. The actions arising from in were in the form of Motions to be considered later on the agenda.

The draft minutes of the meeting will be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk will ask for these to be uploaded to the blog site together with the reports from local groups/organisations attached.

It was also noted that, under the new Transparency requirements, all supporting documents issued with the every agenda should be publicly available too.

18/80 Motions from the Annual Parish Meeting:

The following Motions, from the Parish Meeting, were considered:

- h. ' This meeting request that the Parish Council lobbies for imposition of a continuous 40mph speed limit on Natland Road between the village northern boundary and the start of the 30mph limit in Kendal.*

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Peter Hosking of CCC Highways asking for an initial response as to the likelihood of this being imposed, in terms of feasibility and cost.

- i. ' This meeting request that the Parish Council drop the proposal for a combined cycleway/footpath along Natland Road from their objectives, and replace it by a footway only'.*

It was resolved that the Clerk will ask CCC Highways 'what is the minimum acceptable width for a combined cycleway/footway on Natland Road' and compare it with 'what is the minimum acceptable width for a footway only'. He will also ask

- a. Where does the scheme stands on the Highways Capital Programme, it having been requested as far back as 2003.
- b. Where would funding potentially come from.

He will also point out that a bus is now being provided to take children from The Beeches to St Mark's School and possibly from Natland to Kirkbie Kendal School , thereby involving CCC in expense, which would be relieved by the footway being established.

18/81 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman.** Cllr David Peters had reported a number of potholes and these had been attended to speedily.
- b. **Footpaths.** No report but it was noted that all paths are clear and dry at present.
- c. **LAP.** The next LAP meeting is on 28th June at Crosthwaite Memorial Hall.

18/82 Planning:

- a. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning 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. Granted.

SL/2018/0010 Land adjacent to Underhill, Burton. Discharge of condition 4 (Drainage) attached to planning permission SL/2016/0533 Granted.

- b. The Public Inquiry regarding planning application SL/2017/0318 (Land to the east of Longmeadow Lane Natland. Residential development for 55 dwellinghouses) is to be heard in June. Cllr David Peters intends to be present for some of the time and will consider if any further publicity on the blogsite is required. The Council is not formally involved in the Inquiry.

18/83 Finance:

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

BHIB Insurance Brokers	£611.54	Insurance premium
K M Price	£4.72	Balancing payment

- b. The report from the Internal Auditor was received. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement and the Annual Accounting Statements.
- c. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted. A small adjustment to the budget statement was agreed.
- d. It was resolved to increase the remuneration paid to the Internal Auditor to £70.

18/84 General Data Protection Regulation:

It has now been confirmed by the government that Parish and Town Councils do not need to appoint a Data Protection Officer. The Clerk had produced a Data Protection Policy and a Website Compliance Statement, both of which were adopted as the Council's policies. He had also emailed everyone on his circulation list asking for their permission to continue to contact them with minutes and agendas etc.

The Clerk will make enquiries about registration/notification with the Information Commissioner.

18/85 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. District Councillor Chris Hogg. Correspondence 'there but not there', commemorating those that died in the Great War was noted but no action proposed.
- b. An update was noted from the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership and that the Towpath Trail Roadshow is being held on various dates at different locations in the area.

18/86 Open Forum: None.

18/87 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 25th June 2018 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed:

Dated: