

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7pm on Monday 15th January 2018

18/1 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Bateson, Ellison, Fisher, Rhian Peters, and Roberts, PCSO Marion Jeffery, 12 members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. County and District Councillor Brenda Gray arrived at 7.30pm.

18/2 Public participation:

A number of members of the public spoke and asked questions regarding the Appeal made 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) (minute 18/13a below refers).

18/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/4 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representative:

Cllr Gray said she did not at present support the Parish Council's request for the stopping up on the road over Helm to through motor vehicles.

The Chair said this could possibly be an item for public consideration at the Annual Parish Meeting.

18/5 Police Report:

PCSO Marion Jeffery said a 'drop-in' event is to be held again in the Natland Post Office on Thursday 18th January from 9.30 to 11am and all are welcome. It is hoped this will now be a monthly event - 'cuppa with a copper'.

18/6 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 27th November 2017 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

18/7 Matters arising:

- a. General Data Protection Regulation (minute 17/163 refers). CALC is arranging training during March and the Clerk will keep Councillors advised of the date and arrangements.

- b. Future management of Helm Common (minute 17/158a refers). A note had been circulated by Kendal Town Council, summarising the present position. It was felt by this Council that a further meeting should be arranged with their representatives and the Clerk agreed to ask their Clerk to suggest possible dates in February or March. The Clerk also agreed to send a copy of the original letter to Mr Lawrence Conway at SLDC.

18/8 Casual Vacancy:

There had been no expressions of interest yet.

18/9 Annual Report 2017-18:

The timetable for the production of the Annual Report was agreed and this, and other preparations for the Annual Parish Meeting, will be a standing agenda item for each meeting.

18/10 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 2018:

It was agreed to hold the Spring Litter Hunt on Saturday 24th March, with the usual publicity. This will be a standing agenda item for each meeting.

18/11 SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel Report 2018-19:

The Report and supporting documentation will be circulated to Councillors and will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18/12 Reports:

- a. Highways. Cllr David Peters said a large number of potholes have appeared in the parish. There had also been a burst water main which has now been repaired.
- b. Footpaths. Cllr Ellison said he had walked most of the footpaths and they were still in an extremely muddy condition.
- c. LAP. The next meeting is on 8th February.

18/13 Planning:

- a. The Appeal made 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) was discussed and the Council resolved:
 - i. To leave its earlier comments on SL/2017/0318 unchanged.
 - ii. To submit additional comments by 8th February 2018 with particular focus on road access and viability because of documents made public after the 29th June 2017 Planning Committee.
 - iii. To attend and participate in the Appeal Inquiry, although no decision was taken at this stage to seek "Rule 6 status".

- iv. To seek a meeting with SLDC to discuss how the Council's involvement might best support and complement SLDC's efforts to defeat the Appeal.
- b. The following comments, submitted to the Planning Authority by the Clerk, under his delegated authority, were 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. No objection.

18/14 Finance:

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

HMRC	£196.20	PAYE (noted)
St Mark's PCC	£500.00	Churchyard maintenance
Mike Trelogan	£66.00	Christmas tree for Village Green
Arc Electrical	£302.40	Defibrillator electrical work
K M Price	£100.34	Quarterly expenses to 31st December including use of home office and travel

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. After consideration of the Budget Report, it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £10,000 for the financial year 2018-19. It was agreed to include in the budget the sum of £500 for churchyard maintenance but Cllr Ellison asked that it be recorded in the minutes that he had voted against this proposal.
- d. It was resolved to make 'donations to outside bodies' an agenda item for the next meeting.
- e. The Clerk agreed to ask the defibrillator group if the agreed contribution of £100 from the Council was required yet, and for the group's bank details (minute 17/110 refers). This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

18/15 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls): None.

18/16 Open Forum:

Cllr Roberts reported that the new bus timetable has been placed in the bus shelter as agreed.

18/17 Date of the next meeting:

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

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: