

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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

18/52 Present:

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

18/53 Public participation: None.

18/54 Declarations of Interest:

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

18/55 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representative: None.

18/56 Police Report:

PCSO Marion Jeffery had indicated that there was not a lot to report at present. A report had been made of young people hanging around the ice-cream parlour, drinking and causing a nuisance in the car park with customers, but these had been spoken to and their names requested. Councillors noted that there had been some 'joy-riding' over the Village Green recently.

18/57 Minutes:

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

18/58 Matters arising:

- a. Parish Elections (minute 18/45 refers). SLDC Electoral Services had confirmed that numbers 1 to 7 Rochester Gardens are in Kendal Town and numbers 9 to 17 are in Natland parish. Number 8 is apparently split by the boundary and not yet determined which parish it will be in.
- b. Cllr David Peters reported that the Clerk's Appraisal had taken place on 18th April and was perfectly satisfactory.

18/59 Casual Vacancies:

There had been no expressions of interest in the two Casual Vacancies. Only four of the present Councillors were standing for election on 3rd May, so there will then be three vacancies.

18/60 Annual Report 2017-18 and Annual Parish Meeting 10th May 2018:

The Clerk agreed to produce 35 copies of the agenda and the draft minutes of last year's Annual Parish Meeting. He will arrange for copies of last year's group reports and the Annual Report for 2017-18 to be posted to the website

The hall will be available from 7pm and assistance with setting out chairs, etc, will be appreciated.

18/61 No Cold Calling Zones:

Cllr Fisher had circulated some information regarding the possible introduction of a 'No Cold Calling Zone' in Natland. He had surveyed Abbey Drive, where 15 residents were in favour and only one against. Help had also been offered by PCSO Marion Jeffery in setting this up. After discussion it was resolved to bring a Motion to the Annual Parish Meeting on 10th May, that 'this meeting would support a No Cold Calling Zone covering the whole of the village'.

18/62 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman.** Cllr David Peters commented on the ongoing work to create a cycleway on the A65 at Burton Road. He also mentioned the numerous potholes on Helm Lane, which had been sprayed with paint following a recent cycle event.
- b. **Footpaths.** Cllr David Peters had reported the dangerous state of the river footpath to the Countryside Access team.
- c. **LAP.** There is no meeting until June. Cllr David Peters said that CALC are asking Councils to appoint a Councillor to represent them at the CALC area meetings and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

18/63 Planning:

- a. The following application was considered and approval recommended:

SL/2018/0279 Natland Mill Beck Farm. Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans, specifically the boundary wall to the east of the Emergency Vehicle Access) attached to planning permission SL/2014/1101 (Construction of new farmhouse and self contained apartment)
- b. It was noted that no decision had been published yet in respect of 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). Planning Committee had authorised officers to approve subject to conditions and satisfactory negotiation of a Section 106 agreement.

- c. Cllr David Peters had been in touch with Fiona Clark at SLDC regard planning application SL/2017/0318 (Land to the east of Longmeadow Lane Natland. Residential development for 55 dwellinghouses) and the ongoing Appeal, due to be heard in June. The comments from CCC Highways had been amended and a SOCG (Statement of Common Ground) is expected to appear on the SLDC website.

18/64 Finance:

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

KADBUS	£10.00	Annual subscription
CALC	£225.00	Annual subscription
K M Price	£110.30	Quarterly expenses to 31st March. including use of home office and travel

- b. The provisional accounts for 2017-18 (circulated with the Annual Report) were noted.
- c. It was noted that a CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) payment of £1,134.64 had recently been received and the Clerk agreed to ask SLDC how this has been calculated.
- d. The new salary scales for Clerks were noted (there is an increase of 2% agreed nationally). The Clerk is currently on SCP27 and is contracted to work 23 and a half hours each month. The Contract of Employment will be updated to reflect last year's increase to SCP27 and presented at the next meeting.
- e. The Chair agreed to speak to the Council's Internal Auditor, Marion Thornton and suggest the Council would be willing to increase the honorarium paid to her from the present £50, which has been the rate for several years.

18/65 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls): None.

18/66 Open Forum:

- a. Cllr Roberts has found a volunteer to look after the plants on the Village Green.
- b. Cllr Roberts informed the Council that Kendal Fell Walkers are addressing the problem of Himalayan Balsam on various dates, which will be advertised on the website.
- c. The Chair thanked, on behalf of the Council, Cllr Bateson for his four years of service in the Council and the local community, as he is not standing in the forthcoming elections.

18/67 Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 29th May 2018 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall (this will be the Annual Meeting of the Council).