

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in Natland Village Hall
At 7pm on Monday 23rd September 2019

19/121 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Clark, Rhian Peters, Roberts and White, District Councillor Chris Hogg, one member of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Houghton and received from District Councillors Jonathan Brook and Douglas Rathbone.

19/122 Public participation:

The Council agreed to bring Agenda item 9 forward and discuss this at this stage in the meeting:

Bus Service 552: Arnside to Kendal via Hincaster:

Representations were made against the proposed withdrawal of the bus service 552 between Arnside and Kendal, via Natland. This is a valuable service for a number of Natland residents who need to get into Kendal for shopping, appointments and hospital visits, as well as providing social contact and cohesion for residents meeting each other on a regular basis.

Tim Farron MP has also become involved in making representations.

It was resolved that the Clerk will respond, objecting to the proposals for the same reasons, with copies to Mark Hodgkiss, Cllr Brenda Gray, all three SLDC Councillors, Tim Farron MP, and KADBUS.

It was wondered if some of the journeys on service 41/41A could be diverted through Natland village, although it is the Council's wish that the 552 service is retained but that it should not be withdrawn without an alternative being provided.

A letter was read from David and Joan Ratcliffe, which had been sent to the Chair, expressing similar concerns. The Chair agreed to respond.

19/123 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Hogg declared an interest in any matters relating to the Towpath Trail.

19/124 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:

Cllr Hogg reported as follows:

- a. The 'Kendal Vision', which involves a number of adjacent communities, was mentioned. The Clerk was not aware of this and agreed to make enquiries.

- b. 'There but not there' - Cllr Hogg has a number of 'size 9' footprints available in respect of the Anniversary of D Day. He has also offered these to St Mark's Church.
- c. A SLDC Councillor will lay a wreath at the war memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

19/125 Police Report: .

PCSO Jenna Egglestone had emailed the Clerk to say that there was nothing significant to report at present but, as there has been an increase with house and vehicle break-ins in some of the villages around Kendal recently, residents are reminded to keep their valuables and vehicles secure.

19/126 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 29th July 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

19/127 Matters arising:

Grasscutting at the Village Green (minute 19/116d refers). The Clerk had again requested the cutting of the small triangular area of registered land.

19/128 Towpath Trail:

Discussion took place to form a view on whether the Council supports the proposed section from Crowpark Bridge to Natland Road but it was agreed to defer a decision until more detailed information is available. In the meantime, the Council will be pleased to receive further news of the proposed consultation.

19/129 Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall:

The Council re-confirmed its annual acceptance of hall hire conditions, which had been circulated to all Councillors.

19/130 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman:** Cllr David Peters reported as follows:
 - 1. He had responded to the 'Working Together' document from CCC Highways (minute 19/114a (6) refers) and had received a 'will come back to you' reply.
 - 2. There had been a collision with the parapet at Crowpark Bridge. The Council feels that as this is a listed historic structure it should be returned to its original state. The Clerk will draw the attention of CCC Highways to this and also copy in the Towpath Trail and Cllr Brenda Gray.
 - 3. The full width of the verge on Natland Road had recently been cut. This had revealed litter which has now been picked.

4. Flooding near the entrance to The Beeches. The farmer had opened the corner of his field, so that the water could drain away. This has alleviated the problem to some extent and the thanks for the Council are recorded to Roger Gardner for this.

b. **Footpaths:** Cllr Rhian Peters said that the footpath (557003) in the vicinity of Natland Park Farm, which re-joins Natland Road just short of The Beeches is impassable, the stiles being covered with brambles. They will be cleared.

19/131 Planning:

a. The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, was noted:

SL/2019/0518 New House, Natland. Erection of detached garage/workshop (now 'detached garden store and workshop'). Granted..

b. The decision, following the Informal Hearing 23rd to 25th July 2019 regarding the Planning Appeal by Oakmere Homes (NW) Ltd against refusal of Planning Application SL/2018/1032 had been notified to the Council. The Appeal was dismissed. The Council's thanks to Cllr Rathbone and the residents involved, was noted.

c. The following comments, submitted under the Clerk's delegated authority, since the last meeting, were noted:

SL/2019/0385 OS Field 6510, south of Fell Close, off Burton Road. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2017/0620 (Erection of extra care residential development - 80 apartments with communal facilities and 24 bungalows with vehicular access and landscaped garden). Approval recommended.

19/132 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

KADBUS	£10.00	Annual subscription
T Flitcroft	£75.00	Payroll administration (annual payment)
HMRC	£205.40	PAYE

b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.

19/133 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. The Clerk had completed, on behalf of the Council, the re-declaration of compliance with the Pensions Regulator, which is required every three years.
- b. The annual subscription to the Information Commissioner's Office has been paid and the Certificate received.

19/134 Open Forum:

- a. 'Grasscutting' in 2020 will be an agenda item for the next meeting - to consider likely costs.
- b. The Chair reported that he and Councillor White had attended the Code of Conduct/Good Councillor session organised by SLDC.

19/135 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 21st October 2019 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed:

Dated: