

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in Natland Village Hall
At 7pm on Wednesday 24th April 2019

19/54 Present:

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

19/55 Public participation: None.

19/56 Declarations of Interest:

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

19/57 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:

Cllr Brook said that SLDC would be engaging with Oxenholme residents as part of the Community Governance Review and he agreed to check on whether affected residents of The Beeches and Natland Mill Beck Lane were also being contacted.

19/58 Police Report: None.

19/59 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 25th March 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

19/60 Matters arising:

- a. Clerk's annual appraisal (minute 19/43b refers). The Chair said that the appraisal had taken place on 12th April, with the Chair and Cllr Houghton present. This was satisfactory and there were no issues to report.
- b. Drainage work on the Village Green (minute 19/48a refers). The Clerk had been in touch with Ed Nelson of Continental Landscapes who had indicated they would be flexible around any works being carried out.

19/61 Annual Report 2018-19 and Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2019:

The Clerk will produce 40 copies of the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of last year's meeting. He will forward the minutes to Cllr Roberts to see if these can be edited to fit on one double-sided sheet. The Chair will have around 40 copies of the Annual Report and Accounts available.

The Clerk has asked CCC Highways for an update on the Council's request for both a 40mph speed limit on Natland Road and the 20mph limit in the village.

Possible topics for the Annual Parish Meeting include the Community Governance Review, the Towpath Trail, and "Care for the Community of Natland".

Cllr Houghton agreed to give a short presentation on Care in the Community at the meeting.

19/62 Community Governance Review for South Lakeland:

It was resolved to await the outcome of the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May, before finalising the Council's response, which can then be agreed at the next meeting, in time for the submission deadline of 26th May.

The wording on the insert to be delivered with the Annual Report, to affected properties, was agreed.

19/63 Road safety in Natland:

Cllr Clark introduced this topic and produced a document which will be circulated to Councillors. Road safety issues were discussed generally and of course these will be influenced by the CCC Highways response to the Council's requests (see 19/61 above). This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

19/64 Kendal - Lancaster Towpath Trail:

In response to an email from Ruth Leahy, it was agreed to invite a representative to provide an update by attending either the Annual Parish Meeting or one of the Council meetings on 24th May or 24th June.

19/65 Reports:

a. Highwayman: Cllr David Peters reported as follows:

- i. The trial filtration tests on the Village Green were carried out the previous day.
- ii. A blocked gulley on Natland Road has been reported.
- iii. One side of the Sedgwick Road footway has been trimmed.
- iv. A triple gulley by Appletree has been cleared.
- v. A sunken manhole cover by the Abbey Drive to Wandales Lane path has been reported. The removal of the light at the southern end of the footway outside St Mark's School on Oxenholme Lane, opposite the Vicarage, was noted. The light was SLDC-owned Lamp No 108, attached to BT pole DP77, which it is thought was removed when BT installed a taller replacement pole. It was agreed this lamp is an important element of Natland's footway lighting system and the Clerk will write to SLDC (copied to three District Councillors and the Head Teacher) asking for it to be replaced before the Autumn. It is a matter of concern that SLDC doesn't routinely inform the Council when changes are made to Natland's footway lighting.

- b. Footpaths: Cllr Rhian Peters said the signpost at Crowpark Bridge is pointing the wrong way and has been reported.

19/66 Planning: None.

19/67 Finance:

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

CALC	£213.65	Annual subscriptions
BHIB Ltd	£617.65	Annual insurance premium
Society of Local Council Clerks		
	£23.92	Annual subscription (8% of £299)
K M Price	£104.67	Quarterly expenses, including use of home office and travel

- b. The provisional accounts for 2018-19 were noted. These will now proceed to audit.
- c. It was agreed to amend the bank standing orders to reflect the nationally recommended 2.5% increase in Clerk's salaries this month.

19/68 Correspondence.

- a. Letters of thanks had been received from Great North Air Ambulance, North West Air Ambulance and Kendal Mountain Rescue Team, following the Council's recent contributions.
- b. Dave Rayner, working for Scope, asking about the possibility of establishing textile banks in Natland. It was agreed that, as there is already one as close as at Asda, a further facility in Natland is not necessary.

19/69 Open Forum: None.

19/70 Date of the next meeting:

***Friday 24th May 2019 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall
(This will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council)***

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: