

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting**  
**Held in Natland Village Hall**  
**At 7pm on Friday 24th May 2019**

**19/71 Present:**

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

**19/72 Public participation:** None.

**19/73 Election of chair:**

Cllr David Peters was elected Chair for 2019-20. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**19/74 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**19/75 Appointment of Vice-Chair:**

It was resolved to leave this position vacant at present.

**19/76 Appointment of Officers:**

- a. Highwayman - Cllr David Peters.
- b. Footpaths Officer - Cllr Rhian Peters
- c. Village Hall Representative - Cllr David Peters
- d. Kendal and District Bus Users Group representative - Cllr Roberts.
- e. CALC Representative - Cllr Houghton.

**19/77 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:**

Cllr Brook said that, since engaging with residents in Oxenholme as well as on Natland Mill Beck Lane and at The Beeches, a large number of response had been received by SLDC on the Community Governance Review. The consultation closes on 26th May and SLDC should make the final decisions at a Full Council Meeting in July.

**19/78 Police Report:** None.

**19/79 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 24th April 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### **19/80 Matters arising:**

Towpath Trail (minute 19/64 refers). Ruth Leahy had agreed, with two others, to attend the next Council meeting. It was agreed to ask them to give a brief presentation on the progress of the project, in particular its impact on this parish and its Electors.

### **19/81 Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2019:**

The meeting had not been quite as well attended as previous years but there did not seem to be any reason why the format or arrangements needed to be changed, although it could be reviewed at the start of next year. The draft minutes of the meeting have only just been produced and will be considered at the next meeting.

### **19/82 Community Governance Review:**

The Council's draft response to Stage 3 of the Review had been circulated and was agreed, after a small amendment had been made. The Clerk will submit this the following morning.

### **19/83 Road safety in Natland:**

Issues relating to footway lighting and traffic calming had been raised at the Annual Parish Meeting. 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 and is still awaiting a reply (minute 19/61 refers).

The Chair agreed to send the notes from meetings of the former 'Traffic & Highways Working Group' to interested Councillors, so all were aware of previous discussions and actions.

### **19/84 Reports:**

#### **a. Highwayman:**

Cllr David Peters had been in touch with Rob Huck of CCC Highways regarding the reinstatement of the Village Green following recent work carried out there (minute 19/65ai refers). He had been assured that loose stones were to be raked off but nothing had happened yet. It was felt that any rain might improve the situation.

The Clerk had followed up the matter of the removal of the light at the southern end of the footway outside St Mark's School on Oxenholme Lane, opposite the Vicarage (minute 19/65avi) and received a reply from Andrew Vickers of SLDC. An order has been placed for a new lighting column to be installed, which will be an LED light. He can also arrange for the playground warning sign to be taken off the stand-alone pole nearby and placed on the lighting column, which would reduce the street furniture and the sign should be more visible. The Council resolved to agree to these proposals.

The railway bridge on Helm Lane is still causing flooding on the lane, despite many attempts to have this dealt with. The Clerk is to extract previous correspondence from the files and take the matter up again with Network Rail, copying Councillor Gray and CCC Highways in to the correspondence.

**b. Footpaths:**

Cllr Rhian Peters has reported an obstruction on the footpath from Long Meadow Lane to the railway bridge, where a temporary stile has been erected and barbed wire on the footpath side of the fence.

**19/85 Planning:**

- a. The following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:

SL/2019/0178 Lunesdale Cottages, Natland Road. Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2014/1243 (Two semi-detached dwellings, installation of package treatment plant and alterations to vehicular access). Granted.

SL/2019/0122 Cherry Trees, Natland. Extend the existing annex into the existing double garage to provide additional living space, installation of dormer to rear and rooflight to western roof plane. Refused.

- b. The following Planning Appeal by Oakmere Homes (NW) Ltd was noted:

SL/2018/1032 Land adjacent to the north side of Natland Mill Beck Lane. Erection of 26 dwellings including vehicular and pedestrian access (resubmission of SL/2016/1090).

It was resolved not to submit any further comments and not to take a leading role in the Public Inquiry (23rd to 26th July), although Councillors would be attending as members of the public.

**19/86 Finance:**

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

CALC	£24.00	Good Councillor booklets
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- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.

**19/87 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls): None.**

**19/88 Open Forum:**

- a. It was reported there has been damage to the Coronation oak tree (planted in 1953 from Windsor Great Park) on the Village Green. Wooden steps have been nailed into it to facilitate climbing the tree and a rope swing attached. It was agreed to remove anything affixed to the trunk of the tree and enquiries will be made locally, on health and safety grounds, as to who has been damaging the tree.
- b. It was agreed to make 'Tree Preservation Orders' an agenda item for the next meeting.

**19/89 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 24th June at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 9.05pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*