

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

The Chair welcomed Ruth Leahy and Richard Frank to update the Council on the progress of the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership, in particular its impact on this parish and its Electors. A discussion followed on the Towpath Trail and future plans which, medium-term, include its use as a multi-user leisure route for walkers, including those with low-mobility, and cyclists. It is intended to enhance the green corridor around the towpath and to make the surface usable by wheelchairs. Contact is expected to be made with adjacent landowners within the next couple of months. Infrastructure design is still in its development stage, but details of the Crowpark Bridge to Natland Road section would be provided to the Council when available.

The Council agreed that the section from Natland Road to Burton Road should be brought up to the same standard as the rest of the canal route cycle path in Kendal. However, the Council has reservations about the section from Crowpark Bridge to Natland Road and would form a view when details of the design are revealed.

19/90 Present:

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

19/91 Public participation: None.

19/92 Declarations of Interest:

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

19/93 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:

Cllr Rathbone said he had no update on the Community Governance Review, nor the date at which a decision would be made by SLDC. It was pointed out that the published timetable required a decision on the final recommendations by Full Council on 23rd July 2019, in order to meet the statutory deadline for completion of the Review within a 12 month period. It was noted that, unlike planning applications, no responses were being publicly displayed during the consultation periods.

19/94 Police Report: None.

19/95 Minutes:

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

19/96 Matters arising:

- a. Flooding from the railway bridge on Helm Lane (minute 19/84a refers). The Clerk is still following this matter up.
- b. The Clerk is still awaiting an update from CCC Highways on the Council's request for both a 40mph speed limit on Natland Road and a 20mph limit in the village (minutes 19/61 and 19/83 refer).

19/97 Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2019:

The Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2019 had been circulated to Councillors and it was agreed this can now be forwarded for publication on the website.

19/98 Tree Preservation Orders:

As Cllr Clark was not present, there was no formal discussion or proposals made. Cllr Roberts agreed to make enquiries as to the number of TPOs in Natland. Following the discussion at the last meeting regarding damage to the Coronation Oak on the Village Green (minute 19/88a refers) it was agreed this did not require a TPO as it is safe in the present ownership.

19/99 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman:** Cllr David Peters said that the Sedgwick Road footway is in need of its first trim and the Clerk agreed to request this.
- b. **Footpaths:** Cllr Rhian Peters said that the sign on the footpath from Crowpark Bridge to Cracalt has not yet been re-oriented and it is overgrown at the Cracalt end. On the footpath from Long Meadow Lane to the railway bridge (minute 19/84b refers) the farmer has now installed a solid gate and there is no longer an obstruction, although the path is overgrown beside the railway line. She will report both of these issues.

19/100 Planning:

- a. The following Appeal Decision was noted:

SL/2018/0569 New House, Natland. Erection of end terrace dwelling and detached workshop. Dismissed.
- b. The Planning Appeal by Oakmere Homes (NW) Ltd (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) will now be dealt with via an Informal Hearing. The starting date remains the same - 23rd to 25th July 2019.

19/101 Finance:

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

SLDC	£1,231.76	Street lighting, including an amount of £65.00 for SLDC Elections
Marion Thornton	£70.00	Internal Audit - honorarium
David Peters	£32.00	Reimbursement for bus shelter wood preserver.
HMRC	£205.20	PAYE

It was agreed to query an invoice from Continental Landscapes Ltd for £432.00 in respect of grasscutting. Four dates were quoted for cuts being carried out but it was believed that only three had been made and some dates were incorrect.

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The report from the Internal Auditor was received. There were no matters raised to be brought to the Council's attention.
- d. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption from External Audit.
- e. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement.
- f. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Accounting Statements.

19/102 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. SLDC - 'green tips' (advice and comments on 'green' issues) would be circulated weekly if required but it was resolved that Councillors did not wish to be added to this mailing list.

19/103 Open Forum:

The Clerk asked if the October meeting could be held on Monday 21st October instead of Monday 28th October. Cllr Roberts said the Hall is available on either date. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

19/104 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 29th July 2019 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: