

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in Natland Village Hall
At 7pm on Monday 25th February 2019

19/17 Present:

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

19/18 Public participation:

None, but the Chair said he would bring members of the public into discussion where appropriate.

19/19 Declarations of Interest:

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

19/20 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives: None.

19/21 Police Report:

PCSO Jenna Egglestone had sent an email, stating that there was nothing to report at present.

19/22 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 8th January 2019 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

19/23 Matters arising:

- a. CIL (minutes 19/7a, 18/78a, 19/94a, 18/109a, 18/124a, 18/140a and 18/156a refer). SLDC had responded to the Council's request and clarified the situation somewhat. It was resolved to leave the matter there.
- b. Community Governance Review (minute 19/7b refers). The Chair had decided not to post the Council's response on the website but to await until further consultation begins in March.

19/24 Casual Vacancies:

There had been some expressions of interest following the recent advertising and delivery of flyers. The Chair welcomed those who were attending this meeting as observers as a result.

19/25 Appointment of Representative on the Village Hall committee:

Cllr David Peters was appointed as the Council's Representative on the Village Hall committee.

19/26 SLDC Parish Remuneration Panel Report 2019-20:

The Panel's Report having been circulated it was resolved that the Council adopts the recommendations therein, but does not wish to request Councillor Allowances.

19/27 Annual Report 2018-19 and Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2019:

Discussion will take place at the next meeting regarding a possible speaker or topic suitable for this meeting. The Community Governance Review was suggested.

19/28 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 23rd March 2019:

All Councillors volunteered to distribute the flyers, which will be taken to the village, Natland Mill Beck Lane and The Beeches. The Clerk agreed to notify Asda and B & Q as usual.

19/29 Care for the Community of Natland:

Cllr Houghton had circulated a paper to all Councillors and spoke to it. It was agreed that the Council is not in a position to set up any new initiatives, yet wishes to be aware of issues associated with health and well being in the community, such as dementia and loneliness. Discussion will continue to take place between interested parties, including St Mark's Church, and will be an agenda item at future meetings.

19/30 Reports:

- a. Highwayman. Cllr David Peters said that there was no further news yet regarding the Helm Lane/Village Green drainage. Two blocked gullies near Appletree had not been cleared and he will report these again. He mentioned the new initiative, 'Working Together', details of which will be coming before the Council in due course. He will circulate the information he has to Councillors.
- b. **Footpaths.** Cllr Rhian Peters said there was little to report at present. Not a lot seems to be happening regarding the Towpath Trail and it is understood that a new member of staff has been appointed to replace Helen Moriarty.
- c. **LAP.** There are no LAP meetings at present but the next South Lakeland District Association CALC meeting is on 7th March, when the Chair and Cllr Houghton plan to attend.

19/31 Planning:

- a. The following applications were considered:

SL/2018/0925 Land adjacent to Rivers Mint and Kent extending from adjacent to Lakeland Distribution Centre to Helsington Mills, Kendal. Kendal Flood Risk Management Scheme - Phase 1 Kendal Linear Defences, comprising works along the rivers Kent & Mint through Kendal including new & raised flood walls, new & raised flood embankments, ground raising, pumping station & associated changes to the public realm & landscaping. (Amended plans).

The Council considers this to be an inadequate response to the increased risk facing the Watercrook Farm residents. Greater protection from flooding of the Watercrook Farm properties should be incorporated into the scheme before the application is approved.

SL/2019/0115 Newlands Farm, Natland. Erection of building to form two glamping units, installation of a package treatment plant and erection of toilet/shower block with store (retrospective). The Council supports this application but feels that CCC Highways should have some input. The Council also wonders if the proposed parking is adequate.

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

SL/2018/1017 4 Watercrook Farm, Natland. Front porch extension. Granted.

- c. The following application is to be determined by SLDC Planning Committee on 4th March 2019, with a recommendation for approval:

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

There is no need for further comments to be submitted by this Council.

19/32 Finance:

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

Mike Trelogan	£60.00	Village Christmas Tree (50% share)
Open Spaces Society	£45.00	Annual subscription

- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Bank Reconciliation statement was signed by Councillor Houghton and the Clerk.

19/33 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. NALC. Section 137 Expenditure is now £8.12 per Elector.
- b. The KADBUS AGM is on Wednesday 27th March 2019 at 2.30pm at Castle Street Centre. This is also an EGM, as the future of the organisation is in doubt due to the lack of officers.

19/34 Open Forum:

- a. The Chair said the Standards regime is changing and he is due to attend a meeting in Carlisle regarding next week.
- b. The Clerk agreed to circulate the new Standing Orders released by NALC/CALC.
- c. The Clerk said that the new 'Accessibility Regulations' would affect all Councils by next year. He will ask for further information in time for a future meeting.
- d. The Clerk's Annual Appraisal is usually held during April and a date will be arranged shortly. The Chair and Cllr Houghton will conduct this.

19/35 Date of next meeting:

Monday 25th March 2019 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: