

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

**19/36 Present:**

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Houghton, Rhian Peters, and Roberts, District Councillor Jonathan Brook, two members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price.

**19/37 Public participation:** None.

**19/38 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**19/39 Casual Vacancies:**

Two expressions of interest had been received. Michael Clark and Richard White were duly co-opted to the Council. They both then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Chair welcomed them as Parish Councillors.

The Clerk will circulate all Councillors so that all are aware of each other's email addresses and will also order some additional copies of 'The Good Councillor's Guide'.

**19/40 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:**

Cllr Brook said that the Kendal Flood Relief Scheme had been approved but since then it had been the subject of a call-in request and a decision from the Secretary of State is now awaited. He also commented on the second stage of the Community Governance Review consultation and the recent refusal of the planning application SL/2018/1032 at Natland Mill Beck Lane.

**19/41 Police Report:** None.

**19/42 Minutes:**

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

**19/43 Matters arising:**

- a. Accessibility Regulations (minute 19/34c refers). The Clerk had been advised by CALC that these regulations, now in force, would be unlikely to affect smaller Councils at the present time.
- b. Clerk's annual appraisal (minute 19/34d refers). This has now been arranged for 11th April and will be conducted by the Chair and Cllr Houghton.

#### **19/44 Annual Report 2018-19 and Annual Parish Meeting 16th May 2019:**

Several volunteers were forthcoming to deliver the Annual Report which will be ready in time for the next Council meeting. Possible topics for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting are the Community Governance Review, Care for the Community of Natland and Policing in Natland. These, and other, suggestions will be considered at the next meeting.

#### **19/45 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 23rd March 2019:**

The Chair reported that this event had been attended by 21 volunteers and all areas had been covered. The Council's thanks are recorded to them and to SLDC for the provision of equipment. He will draft a report for the website and notice board. The Clerk had received acknowledgements from both Asda and B & Q, as these stores are notified each year of this event.

#### **19/46 Care for the Community of Natland:**

There has been no significant development since the last meeting but it was felt that further discussion could take place at the Annual Parish Meeting. A more formal system of helping in the community would be a possible outcome in due course.

#### **19/47 Community Governance Review for South Lakeland:**

The Chair said he would now request publication on the website of the Council's response to the first stage of the consultation. An insert, giving information about the Review, will be delivered to affected areas of the parish with the Annual Report.

This will no doubt be discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting. A Motion from the residents would be preferable, failing which the Council could put one forward.

The deadline for submissions is 26th May but, as the May Council meeting is on 28th May, the Clerk will ask SLDC if a two day extension would be granted. Any response will be on similar lines to the earlier one but embellished somewhat.

Cllr Brook said that he would ask SLDC to give consideration to notifying affected people in the parish of the consultation.

#### **19/48 Reports:**

- a. **Highwayman:** Cllr David Peters reported as follows:
  - i. A blocked gulley on Long Meadow Lane has been reported.
  - ii. Emails from Rob Huck (CCC) had been circulated to Councillors today. CCC is making an effort to improve the drainage on Helm Lane and the Village Green and their intention is to make a 'super soakaway' on the Green. It is planned to carry out infiltration testing and the Council is agreeable to this taking place as soon as possible, as also is the Lord of the Manor.

The Chair will respond to Rob Huck, asking that the Green is reinstated following the work, and the Clerk will advise Continental Landscapes of it. Dates to be avoided were suggested - 24th May to 3rd June and 8th June.

- b. **Footpaths:** Cllr Rhian Peters said that the footpath sign at Watercreek has been reported to the Countryside Access Team. It appeared that there was no further news on the Towpath Trail at present. Cllr Brook said that Helen Moriarty is now on maternity leave and he would email the Clerk with news about the organisation.

**19/49 Planning:**

- a. The following application was considered and approval recommended:

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).

- b. The following comments, submitted by the Clerk on his delegated authority, since the last meeting, were noted:

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. Approval recommended.

- c. The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, 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. Refused.

**19/50 Finance:**

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

HMRC	£200.00	PAYE
Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall	£30.78	Hire of hall
Kendal Mountain Rescue Team	£100.00	Donation
North West Air Ambulance	£100.00	Donation

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

**19/51 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):**

It was noted that Barclays Bank in Grange over Sands is closing in May.

**19/52 Open Forum:**

Cllr White asked a number of questions regarding the work of the Council and current and past issues. These were answered by the Chair and other Councillors.

Cllr Clark asked for 'Road Safety in Natland' to be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**19/53 Date of the next meeting:**

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

*The meeting closed at 9.15pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*