

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Held by ZOOM**  
**At 7pm on Monday 7th September 2020**

**20/41 Present:**

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Clark, Houghton, Rhian Peters and White, District Councillor Jonathan Brook (for part of the meeting), and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Roberts and received from District Councillors Chris Hogg and Doug Rathbone.

**20/42 Recording of meeting:**

The Council agreed the meeting could be recorded and the recording deleted once the minutes had been composed.

**20/43 Public participation:** None.

**20/44 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**20/45 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 15th June 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**20/46 Matters arising**

(from the minutes of both 24th February 2020 and 15th June 2020 meetings):

The Chair reported as follows:

Due to the pandemic:

- a. The Spring Litter hunt had been cancelled.
- b. No further B4RN developments had taken place.
- c. The Annual Parish Meeting was cancelled.
- d. The Annual Report had been published on both the blogsite and the notice board.
- e. The Parish Council's Annual Meeting had not taken place.

The Clerk said he had spoken to Ruth Leahy regarding the Towpath Trail. She had intimated that a lot of work had been going on during the lockdown and a feasibility study is to be carried out. When there is more to report, she will ask to visit another Parish Council meeting.

### **20/47 Accessibility Regulations:**

It was resolved to adopt the proposed Accessibility Statement (circulated to all Councillors) and to publish this before 23rd September 2020.

### **20/48 Reports:**

- a. **Highwayman:** Cllr David Peters said that the Sedgwick Road footway had now been trimmed. There is much other outstanding highways work.
- b. **Footpaths:** Cllr Rhian Peters reported that the damaged kissing gate between Long Meadow Lane and the railway line has now been replaced with a new gate. The condition of the footpath between Cracalt Farm and Hawes Lane has been reported to David Gibson at CCC.

### **20/49 SLDC and CCC Reports from the elected representatives:**

Cllr Brook mentioned the following:

- a. There are currently a number of road closures in the area, details of which have been notified to residents and Councillors.
- b. The date for submissions to the South Lakeland Local Plan Review has been extended to 18th September.
- c. The date for submissions to the planning White Paper has been extended to 26th October 2020 and details can be found on the government website. Cllr Brook will forward SLDC's view, once it is made known, to the Clerk.
- d. There will be a litter pick in Oxenholme on 19th September 2020 from 11am onwards. The Oxenholme Residents Association is leading on this.

### **20/50 Planning:**

The following comments submitted to the Planning Authority and any decisions notified to the Council, were noted:

SL/2020/0529 12 Abbey Gardens, Natland. Sun room extension to the side west elevation of property (replacement of existing conservatory) Approval recommended.

SL/2020/0015 Greenside, Oxenholme Lane, Natland. Two storey side extension and external alterations. Granted.

SL/2020/0306 9 Park Close, Natland. Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Approval recommended. Granted.

SI/2020/0202 9 Wandales Lane, Natland. Single storey rear extension. Approval recommended. Granted.

## 20/51 Finance:

- a. The following payments, made since the last meeting, were retrospectively agreed:

*(in 2019-20):*

HMRC	£205.13	PAYE
Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall	£30.78	Hire of hall

*(since 1st April 2020):*

K M Price	£213.36	Half-yearly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel.
Cumbria Association of Local Councils	£225.20	Annual subscription
Society of Local Council Clerks	£24.64	Annual subscription (8% of £308)
Information Commissioner's Office	£35.00	Annual subscription
HMRC - PAYE	£205.20	PAYE
BHIB	£624.35	Insurance premium
T Flitcroft	£75.00	Payroll administration (annual payment)
Marion Thornton	£70.00	Internal Audit - honorarium
Continental Landscapes	£720.00	Grasscutting
SLDC	£936.64	Street lighting
Open Spaces Society	£45.00	Annual subscription

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Annual Pay Award for the Clerk, as recommended by NALC/SLCC was agreed - a 2.75% increase backdated to 1st April 2020.
- d. The 'home working' allowance paid to the Clerk was agreed at £6 weekly (HMRC has increased the tax-free amount from £4 weekly to £6 weekly - the first increase for many years) backdated to 1st April 2020).
- e. It was resolved to share the cost of the ZOOM licence (valid until May 2021) with Kirkby Lonsdale Town Council (total ex-VAT cost was £78.40, Natland Parish Council's share is £6.27)

## 20/52 Correspondence:

- a. A communication had been received from a resident of St Mark's Fold, regarding cars being parked on Oxenholme Lane, near the village green and just down from the school. The Clerk had responded and had also passed this on to PCSO Martin Boak, who had agreed to keep an eye on the situation.

- b. The Clerk has requested BT (again) to remove the disused telephone kiosk and had received a reply that the kiosk had been 'adopted' by the Community Heartbeat Trust. The Clerk is continuing to follow this matter up.

**20/53 Open Forum:**

The Chair mentioned the following:

- a. SLDC re-structuring/locality working.
- b. LGA review of the Code of Conduct.
- c. CALC 's interim statement on their position regarding possible Unitary Authorities.
- d. CCC Highway's 'Working Together' programme - nothing further has been heard on this.
- e. B4RN and the 'Borderlands' scheme. The Parish Council has not taken the initiative on this.

**20/54 Date of the next meeting:**

***Monday 30th November 2020 by ZOOM at 7pm.***

*The meeting closed at 7.55pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*