

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in Natland Village Hall
At 7pm on Monday 24th February 2020

20/19 Present:

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

20/20 Public participation:

James Harkness (Natland Postmaster) introduced Tom Hurst, Head of Communications at B4RN, who spoke of the possibility of introducing B4RN to Natland, if there was enough support. After discussion, it was felt that, although the level of interest is not known at present, it would be worth B4RN arranging an event to invite interested members of the public. This is likely to be towards the end of March and publicity will be distributed around the parish.

20/21 Declarations of Interest:

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

20/22 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:

Cllr Brook referred to the recent planning application SL/2019/0925 (Quetta, Natland. Modification local occupancy planning obligation of Section 52 (Town and Country Planning Act 1971)). This has now been granted, due to the fact that the property is an 'open market' property and not an 'affordable home', therefore local occupancy is not an enforceable requirement..

20/23 Police Report:

The report from PCSO Martin Boak had been circulated. There had been a number of incidents reported in the wider area with 12 crimes being recorded. In the wake of recent rural thefts extra patrols are still being deployed in a bid to deter would be thieves from the area.

20/24 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

20/25 Matters arising:

Towpath Trail (minute 20/8 refers). Cllr David Peters said that the minutes of the LCRP referred to at the last meeting had disappeared from their website and had since re-appeared, the motion having been re-worded. Cllr Hogg said the group are looking for a new Chairman.

20/26 Dog fouling:

It was reported that this problem on Helm Lane seems to have abated and the thanks of the Council was expressed to Cllr Houghton and others who put the notices up and monitored the situation. It was agreed to leave these notices in situ for the time being, Cllr Houghton to decide when they can be removed.

20/27 Accessibility Regulations:

The Clerk has been in touch with A2A in Milnthorpe, who are able to make their own websites compliant, but are unsure about those Councils with shared websites or blogsites. It may be possible for this Council to claim that compliance would be a 'disproportionate burden' and the Clerk agreed to prepare a draft accessibility statement', which is a legal requirement, to be considered at a future meeting, in order for this claim to be made.

20/28 Annual Report 2019-20 and Annual Parish Meeting 14th May 2020:

This will continue to be an agenda item at each meeting. Possible topics for the meeting might be B4RN and/or the Towpath Trail.

20/29 Natland Spring Litter Hunt - 28th March 2020:

All Councillors present volunteered to distribute the mini-flyers. The Chair will liaise on the areas to be covered and the dates the flyers will be available on.

20/30 Natland Village Green:

The Clerk reported as follows:

- a. He had been in touch with Peter Hosking at CCC Highways regarding the suggested remedial work to the kerbing at the Village Green, by the litter bin (minute 20/12 refers) and the Council's request had been passed on to the Highways Team for action.
- b. A reply is awaited from The Travellers Choice regarding the issue of encroachment by buses at the Village Green and elsewhere (minute 20/12 refers). He had also been in touch with Peter Barfoot at St Mark's School. Cllr White had notified the Clerk that stones have appeared from an unknown source at The Beeches, in order to alleviate the problem there.
- c. Cllr David Peters reported on recent correspondence with Rob Huck of CCC Highways (circulated to Councillors). CCC cannot afford to fix the drainage problem on the Green caused by water running down from Helm Lane. It was agreed to note this in the minutes of this meeting.

20/31 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman:** Cllr David Peters said there had been two unprecedented events of flooding on the Village Green. There had also been flooding on the A65 at Helm Sink and on Sedgwick Road at St Mark's Fold. He had sent comments on these to CCC Highways. The six-week closure of Helm Lane ended today and the completion of work on the railway bridge was noted. Sweeping of the road has been requested.
- b. **Footpaths:** Cllr Rhian Peters said that David Gibson had agreed to report the badly damaged kissing gate on the footpath between Long Meadow Lane and the A65 at Burton Road (minute 20/13b refers) to Network Rail.

20/32 Planning:

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

SL/2019/0945 38 Long Meadow Lane, Natland. Single storey rear extension. Granted.

SL/2019/0928 Cherry Trees, Natland. Conversion of a garage including a dormer window on the rear elevation to form annexed accommodation. Granted.

SL/2019/0922 High Wells, Natland. Conversion of stable into single dwelling, including new package treatment plant, foul water system & ancillary works. Granted.

SL/2019/0559 Newlands Farm, Natland. Retention of a building to form two bothy type accommodation units, installation of a package treatment unit and erection of a shelter incorporating toilet / shower facilities and store (resubmission of SL/2019/0115). Granted.

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

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

- c. Cllr David Peters was confirmed as the named attendee at Stakeholder Launch of South Lakeland Local Plan Review on 6th March 2020, with Cllr White to be added to the reserve list, in case there is room for an additional representative. This SLDC Review will be an agenda item for future meetings, the closing date for comments on the 'Early Conversations' stage being 15th May 2020. Cllr Clark's observations, following his attendance at the event on 30th January had been circulated to all Councillors, and he was thanked for these.

20/33 Finance:

- a. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- b. The Bank Reconciliation Statement was signed by Cllr Houghton.

20/34 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. Letters of thanks had been received from North West Air Ambulance and Kendal Mountain Rescue Team, in respect of the Council's recent donations.
- b. Cllr David Peters mentioned the correspondence he had received from CCC Highways regarding the 'Working Together' proposals (circulated to Councillors). Nothing appeared definite at present, and future action is awaited in due course.

20/35 Open Forum: None.

20/36 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 30th March 2020 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: