

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held by ZOOM
At 7pm on Monday 30th November 2020

20/55 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Clark, Houghton, Rhian Peters, Roberts and White, District Councillor Doug Rathbone, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

20/56 Recording of meeting:

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

20/57 Public participation:

Don Shore addressed the meeting, requesting permission to site a skip on the Village Green while building work (Planning application SL/2020/0657 Lea Green, Natland) is in progress. He undertakes to restore the Green to its previous state when the work is finished and will also inform the Lord of the Manor. The Council agreed to this request.

20/58 Declarations of Interest:

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

20/59 SLDC and CCC Reports from the elected representatives:

The Clerk confirmed to Councillor Rathbone that the Council had received the District Council's view on the Planning White Paper, but no formal response had been made.

20/60 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 7th September 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

20/61 Matters arising:

20/52b The Clerk continues to action the removal of the disused telephone kiosk. Both BT and the Community Heartbeat Trust have also been contacted by residents in the village. It was unsure if a promise received by email that it would be removed 'very soon' referred to the broken glass or the kiosk itself.

20/62 Local Government Reorganisation - Unitary Proposals:

The 'Bay' option is being recommended to government by SLDC and the following was resolved:

"That South Lakeland District Council be advised that, if the Government insists on pressing ahead with local government reorganisation in Cumbria, Natland Parish Council supports the creation of a new Bay Authority, combining the administrative areas of South Lakeland District Council, Barrow Borough Council and Lancaster City Council, and that the Parish Council's expression of support be included in the submission being made to central government".

20/63 Annual Report 2020-21:

The Chair will produce the Annual Report 2020-21 together with the accounts but, for the time being, no other plans are being made.

20/64 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 2021:

It was resolved that no plans for the Natland Spring Litter Hunt will be made for the time being. It was reported that a local couple are currently carrying out weekly 'litter picks' in the Natland Road/Hawes Lane area.

20/65 Reports:

Highwayman: Councillor David Peters reported as follows:

- a. The remainder of Helm Lane was resurfaced on 24th/25th November, including extensive work at the mouth of Robby Lea Drive and Abbey Gardens.
- b. He agreed to express the Council's wish that the next resurfacing work should be on Oxenholme Lane, where it is believed the water pipe requires replacing.
- c. Footway lighting in the ginnel to Wandales Lane had been reported to CCC and two days later the faulty lamp was replaced with an LED lantern.
- d. Councillor White mentioned the increased parking activity on Natland Road, entering into Kendal by the warehouses, with sometimes six to eight vehicles parking on a bend. It was agreed to keep an eye on this situation.

Footpaths: Councillor Rhian Peters reported that there is a broken stile on the canal footpath between Larkrigg and Crowpark Bridge. This has been reported to David Gibson at the Countryside Access Team with a request that it be replaced by a gate.

20/66 Planning:

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

SL/2020/0800 Natland Hall Farm, Natland. Internal works to attic joists and two staircases that lead up from the ground floor.

- b. The following comments submitted to the Planning Authority, since the last meeting, were noted:

SL/2020/0657 Lea Green, Natland. Demolition of rear extensions and garage, construction of a single storey rear and side extension and a rear conservatory, internal alterations and widening of gateway. Approval recommended, with a condition (if SLDC Planning is able to impose such a condition) controlling construction vehicles which should not obstruct the road (obviously) or park on the Green (which includes the verge) because driving onto a village green is a punishable offence (this application has now been granted).

SL/2020/0689 5 Mill Yard, Natland Mill Beck Lane. Installation of new front balcony at 1st floor with glazed balustrade, removal of existing timber window at first floor, removal of stone work under window and installation of new timber double doors. Approval recommended. (this application has now been refused).

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

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

- d. South Lakeland Local Plan Review - the Chair will complete the online survey about the draft Settlement Facilities and Services Assessment by the 18th December closing date and any Councillor wishing to comment further may contact him.

It was noted that the A65 verge opposite the Helm layby had become a beaten path during the long spell of dry weather. It was agreed that the need for a surfaced footway here should be added to the Council's response, although the proposed Natland Road footway is still the Council's first choice for future work in the parish.

20/67 Dates of 2021 meetings:

The following provisional dates for meetings during 2021 were agreed:

(all at 7pm)

Monday 25th January

Monday 22nd February

Monday 29th March

Monday 26th April

Thursday 13th May

Monday 24th May

Monday 28th June

Monday 26th July

Annual Parish Meeting (if this does not clash with Kendal Town Council's Mayor-Making.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 27th September
Monday 25th October
Monday 29th November

20/68 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted and the following payments were retrospectively agreed:

Continental Landscapes		
	£480.00	Grasscutting
HMRC	£216.80	PAYE
K M Price	£144.73	Quarterly expenses to 30th September, including use of home office and travel.

- b. The Clerk's Leave Entitlement was reviewed and it was resolved to increase his this from 5.6 weeks to 7 weeks per annum. This will be backdated to 1st April 2020.
- c. The Clerk had circulated details of his quarterly expenses to 30th September and it was noted that the increase was due to the home office allowance being increased and backdated to 31st March 2020.
- d. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council for the financial year 2021-22 in the sum of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds), which is the same as the current year.

20/69 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

The Chair reported on a conversation he had recently had with a resident who has an interest in Helm Common, and has recently obtained the records of the Commoners. He has agreed to keep in touch with a view to ensuring that this important local amenity is preserved.

20/70 Open Forum:

- a. An application for funding for a Christmas Tree on the Village Green is expected. The Council has already made provision for this in the current Precept.
- b. The Clerk will produce an up to date CIL Report at the next meeting.

20/71 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 25th January 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: