

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held by ZOOM
At 7pm on Monday 24th May 2021

21/44 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Clark, Rhian Peters, Roberts and White, District Councillor Doug Rathbone and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor John Houghton and received from District Councillor Jonathan Brook.

21/45 Election of Chair:

Councillor David Peters was elected Chair for 2021-22

21/46 Public participation: None.

21/47 Declarations of Interest:

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

21/48 Appointment of Vice-Chair:

It was resolved not to appoint a Vice-Chair for the time being, but to continue as at present. Should the Chair not be present at any meeting, the remaining Councillors would appoint one of their number to chair the meeting.

21/49 Appointment of Officers, Reporters and Representatives:

- a. Highwayman: Councillor David Peters
- b. Footpaths Officer: Councillor Rhian Peters
- c. Village Hall Representative: Councillor Sarah Roberts
- d. Kendal and District Bus Users Group Representative: Councillor Sarah Roberts
- e. CALC Representative: Councillor John Houghton.

21/50 SLDC and CCC Reports from the elected representatives:

Councillor Rathbone mentioned the following matters:

- a. Councillor Jonathan Brook is now the Leader of SLDC.
- b. A recent 'live' meeting of SLDC was held with approximately half the number of Councillors in attendance, due to the coronavirus restrictions still in place.

21/51 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 26th April 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

21/52 Matters arising:

- a. WI Centenary planter (minute 21/37 refers). The Chair said that the WI are no longer pursuing this idea but are looking at other possibilities to mark their centenary.
- b. The Annual Report had been publicised on both the notice board and the blogsite.

21/53 St Mark's Churchyard maintenance:

The Council had received a copy of the PCC's response to the resident who had raised biodiversity issues regarding the churchyard maintenance. It was felt this was an excellent response and no further action is required.

21/54 Cycle tracks on The Helm:

- a. Attempts to have clearer wording on the signage at either end of The Helm had failed, due to financial constraints. The Chair will approach David Gibson to ask what the cost might be and Councillor Rathbone said he could contribute towards this from his budget.
- b. The Chair had attended a site meeting with two representatives of the Friends of the Lake District.
- c. Councillor Rathbone said he would bring these issues to the attention of the Oxenholme Residents Association.
- d. A meeting of the commoners is also to be arranged.

21/55 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans Public Consultation (LCWIP) - Carlisle, Barrow-in-Furness and Kendal:

It was resolved to use the Chair's response to this consultation as the Council's official response, with the additional request for a pedestrian crossing at Helmside Road. The Chair will forward the suggested response to the Clerk.

21/56 Reports:

Highwayman: Councillor David Peters reported as follows:

- a. There had been surface dressing on the road over the Helm and at the back of the Helm. He had reported two blocked gullies to CCC, where the road over Helm meets Burton Road.
- b. There have been a number of road closures recently, due to water leaks.
- c. Gas pipe work, dating back to the 1970s, is being replaced in the village.

Footpaths: Councillor Rhian Peters reported as follows:

- a. She thanked Councillor Clark for the excellent research on accessibility standards for footpaths, including examples of good practice in the design of stiles, etc.
- b. A faulty spring had been reported on a gate but the gate itself was in fact in working order.

- c. The canal footpath north of Crowpark Bridge was closed, then partly re-opened in order to comply with the legal Order.

21/57 Planning:

- a. Approval had been recommended for the following two applications, on the Clerk's delegated authority, since the last meeting:

SL/20921/0376 High Wells, Natland. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0922 (Conversion of stable into single dwelling, including new package treatment plant, foul water system & ancillary works)

SL/2021/0482 High Wells, Natland. Alterations to include a single storey side extension, side & rear dormer extensions and detached double garage

- b. An additional meeting of the Council is being arranged on 7th June 2021, in order to consider the following application:

SL/2021/0383 for 29 dwellings (and associated infrastructure) on land west of Sedgwick Road.

There will also be a site meeting for Parish Councillors later this week.

The 'Natland Fact File', of May 2015 and September 2016 is on the blogsite but does not appear on the SLDC website. The Clerk will investigate.

It was noted that both the Chair and the Clerk have received a number of representations from residents regarding this application. Some are also published on the blogsite and on the SLDC website.

21/58 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- b. The report from the Internal Auditor was noted.
- c. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement.

21/59 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

Adam Bunce, who is the Director of 2020 Consultancy has been commissioned by the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership to carry out a feasibility study into the potential for a multi-user trail along the Lancaster Canal from Kendal to Lancaster. This is a study that is focusing on how achievable the proposal is and the main constraints that would need to be resolved.

It was agreed that the Chair should also respond on behalf of the Council, broadly reserving the Council's position. The Chair suggested that individual Councillors may wish to respond to this, the details of which have been already circulated by the Clerk.

21/60 Open Forum: None.

21/61 Date and place of next meetings:

- a. Additional meeting to be held on **Monday 7th June 2021** at 7pm at Natland Village Hall to consider planning application SL/2021/0383 (details above). Councillor Roberts will send the Clerk details of the regulations for users of the Village Hall.

Post meeting note: *after considering further information, and consultation with Councillors, the Chair decided to change the meeting to a remote one, using ZOOM, with public participation by prior arrangement with the Clerk.*

The Chair emphasised that this is a Council meeting (public participation rules apply) and not a Public Meeting.

- b. **Provisionally Monday 28th June 2021** at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: