

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held by ZOOM
At 7pm on Monday 25th January 2021

21/1 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Clark, Houghton, Rhian Peters, Roberts and White, District Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

21/2 Public participation: None.

21/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

21/4 SLDC and CCC Reports from the elected representatives:

Councillor Brook said that the Unitary Authority bid had been submitted to central government as also had the response to the Planning White Paper. A response is awaited to both.

Councillor Rathbone said that speed limits and signage in Natland are being looked at by SLDC but there are no consultations being made yet, until the view of CCC Highways is known. Proposals for a town-wide Kendal 20mph speed limit were noted.

21/5 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 30th November 2020 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

21/6 Matters arising:

- a. 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 on two occasions as well as by the Clerk.
- b. Parking on Natland Road approaching Kendal, by the warehouses (minute 20/65d refers) is still being monitored. There has been little change but it was noted that some vehicles are parked there overnight.
- c. Following correspondence from a resident, the Clerk has contacted CCC Highways twice regarding the repair of Crowpark bridge and awaits a response.

- d. **Towpath Trail.** Following the November meeting of the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership, partners are being asked to contribute to a feasibility study. Requests for funding have also been made to CCC (£2,500 has been contributed), SLDC, as well as Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council. CCC is tendering for improved drainage between Burton Road and Natland Road, and this Council is keen to see the flooding issues resolved that have persisted for a long time.

21/7 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman:** Councillor David Peters said he had nothing to report,

Councillor Roberts said there had been six inches of floodwater by the 30mph sign at the south end of the village. Councillor David Peters confirmed that the problem there was known and had been reported to CCC a number of times.

- b. **Footpaths:** Councillor Rhian Peters referred to minute 20/65 and said that David Gibson has responded to say he would look into it.

Councillor Clark said the riverbank footpath north of Hawes Lane bridge is difficult for those with restricted mobility to use. One fairly recently reconstructed wall stile is impassable without assistance. Another with a narrow gap is difficult to get through and the track on the steep bank is worn away and potentially dangerous. The path appears heavily used and much of the surface is very muddy, as is the narrow section of the former canal towpath at the Kendal end. Pictures of the stiles and worn away riverside tracks taken this month had been sent to Councillors earlier today. Councillors David and Rhian Peters agreed to inspect the situation.

21/8 Planning:

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

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. Refused.

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. Granted

21/9 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.

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

Mike Trelogan	£60.00	Christmas Tree for Village Green
HMRC	£211.00	PAYE
K M Price	£124.65	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.

- c. It was resolved to contribute £100 each to the following organisations:

North West Air Ambulance
Great North Air Ambulance
Kendal Mountain Rescue Team
Citizens Advice South Lakes

- d. The annual Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Report was noted. The Clerk agreed to circulate Councillors with details of when the money has to be spent and future CIL reports would include such information.
- e. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the two copies of the Clerk's revised Contract of Employment.
- f. A request was considered from Rev Martin Jayne for funding for churchyard maintenance and the possibility of the amount being increased. A proposal to contribute £500 as in previous years was made, followed by an amendment to increase this to £700. Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried, as was the substantive motion.

21/11 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls): None.

21/12 Open Forum:

The next meeting of the South Lakeland District Association of CALC will be on 4th March. The Clerk agreed to send the programme to both the Chair and Councillor Houghton when it is issued.

21/13 Date of the next meeting:

***Monday 15th March 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm
(There will be no meeting in February)***

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: