

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held by ZOOM
At 7pm on Monday 26th April 2021

21/28 Present:

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

21/29 Public participation: None.

21/30 Declarations of Interest:

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

21/31 SLDC and CCC Reports from the elected representatives:

Councillor Brook mentioned the following matters:

- a. There is an overhanging branch on the Natland to Sedgwick Road, near the caravan park. Councillor David Peters said he has reported this to CCC Highways.
- b. Councillor Rathbone is following up with CCC Highways the status of the suggested footpath from Helm Lane, adjacent to the new development in Oxenholme, as this may be common land.
- c. The consultation on the re-organisation of Local Government has now closed and a decision should be announced in late June or early July.

21/32 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 15th March 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

21/33 Matters arising: None.

21/34 Surveys/consultations:

- a. Government consultation on remote meetings:
<http://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-authority-remote-meetings-call-for-evidence>
- b. CALC Members survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QS865HJ>

It was resolved that the Clerk will respond to both these consultations, on behalf of the Council. The Council unanimously support the ability to hold remote Council meetings when required.

21/35 St Mark's churchyard maintenance:

St Mark's PCC had not met since the last Council meeting (minute 21/26 refers) so a response should be received in time for the next meeting.

21/36 Cycle tracks on The Helm:

An email had arrived shortly before the meeting from Henry Hornyold-Strickland but most Councillors had not yet seen it. Councillor White gave a precis of the email. As Lord of the Manor, he does not authorise cycling or horse riding on The Helm. It was felt that signage could be erected to discourage this practice, but there would be a cost involved and it is likely that signs would be ignored.

Councillor Brook agreed to raise the matter of The Helm with SLDC again, but said that the last time this had been discussed they did not wish to become involved.

Councillor David Peters agreed to check the wording on the boards at either end of the road. The Council agreed that the creation of cycle tracks on Helm Common is not acceptable.

This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.

21/37 WI Centenary Planter:

No proposals have been received yet for this but Councillors were asked to look around for a suitable location for the planter as the local WI nears its centenary.

21/38 Reports:

Highwayman: Councillor David Peters reported as follows:

- a. He has reported the faded 30mph signs in the village again.
- b. The road over The Helm has been surface dressed and he will visit to inspect it.
- c. A 30mph sign has been defaced in the village.

Footpaths: Councillor Rhian Peters reported as follows:

- a. The footpath from Crow Park Bridge to Watercreek is closed, for work by United Utilities at the treatment works. A broken spring on the stile has yet to be inspected.
- b. Councillor Clark asked about standards of accessibility for footpaths and agreed to send the Chair any information he finds about this.

21/39 Planning:

- a. The following comment, submitted by the Clerk under his delegated authority, since the last meeting, was noted:

SL/2021/0229 1 Robby Lea Drive, Natland. Removal of existing conservatory, replacement single storey rear garage, replacement windows and doors, re-roofing works with additional roof lights, rear dormer window and addition windows to south-west gable. Approval recommended. (this has now been granted).

- b. The following decision, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, since the last meeting, was noted.

SL/2021/0074 Appleton, Oxenholme Lane, Natland. First floor side extension. Granted.

21/40 Finance:

- a. The cash and budget statements were noted.
b. One retrospective payment listed was approved:

Clerk's quarterly expenses including use of home office and travel £120.39

- c. The Interim Accounts for 2020-21 were noted.
d. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Declaration of Exemption from External Audit.

21/41 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls): None.

21/42 Open Forum:

Following Councillor's comments, the Chair will finalise the Annual Report 2020-21 for electronic circulation and posting on the notice board.

21/43 Date of the next meeting:

***Monday 24th May 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm
(This will be the Annual Council Meeting)***

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: