

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

21/83 Present:

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

The Chair said the meeting was being recorded and this would be deleted once the minutes had been written up.

21/84 Public participation: None.

21/85 Declarations of Interest:

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

21/86 SLDC and CCC reports from the elected representatives:

Councillor Rathbone reported as follows:

- a. SLDC Local Plan Review - this would be discussed later in the meeting.
- b. No decision had been made by SLDC yet in respect of Planning Application SL/2021/0383 for development on the Home Field. The application is expected to come to the planning committee on 26th August.
- c. The closure announced of the Post Office at Natland comes soon after the closure of the Oxenholme Post Office.
- d. The Council was updated on the HIAMS system for reporting highway faults.
- e. 'The Bay' option for the new Unitary Authority had not been accepted by the government and an 'East/West' split had been favoured instead, meaning that South Lakeland would join with Barrow in Furness and Eden in the new Authority in 2023.

21/87 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 28th June 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

21/88 Matters arising:

- a. (minute 21/77b refers). The Clerk had contacted CADENT the day after the last meeting but received no response. He would make contact again after this meeting.
- b. (minute 21/81c refers). The Clerk had requested a replacement salt bin for the bottom of Helm Lane and this request had been logged by CCC Highways.

21/89 SLDC Local Plan Review: Issues and Options Consultation:

The Chair had emailed all Councillors on 18th July suggesting that, because of the volume of the consultation, comments should be formulated with local issues in mind. These views will be finalised for submission at the next meeting.

In the meantime, SLDC has invited Councillors to join them remotely for discussion of the issues involved. The Clerk will respond, suggesting that Natland could usefully be grouped with Kendal and possibly Burneside, where issues are likely to be similar, eg the 'service centre' issue, the 'green gap'. the direction of future growth and the actual sites identified.

21/90 Natland Post Office:

James Harkness had notified the Council that the Post Office will not be re-opening and that the premises will be wholly residential in future. (It is not known if there will be a planning application for change of use).

The Council is sorry and disappointed to receive this news, especially so soon after the closure of the Oxenholme Post Office.

The notice board and the post box will need to be moved in due course. Councillor Roberts agreed to ask the Village Hall committee if the Hall would be a suitable site for either or both of these.

The Clerk will ask regarding the post box (Royal Mail) and the future of Post Office services in Natland (Post Office).

21/91 Reports:

Highwayman: Councillor David Peters reported as follows:

- a. The HIAMS system for reporting faults on the highway seems reasonable to use.
- b. The work being carried out by CADENT is causing concern, and many footways have been dig up. The Clerk will contact CADENT again as agreed at the last meeting and also CCC Highways to ask what is the specification for highways reinstatement.
- c. Concern was raised regarding two flights of concrete steps installed at Helm Lane by Network Rail for their workers safety; it was felt that the guard rail at the foot of the steps is rather close to the carriageway. This was noted and will be monitored.

Footpaths: Councillor Rhian Peters reported as follows:

- a. The overgrown footpath, reported at the last meeting, from Long Meadow Lane to the A65, which was badly overgrown, has now been cut.
- b. The Sedgwick Road footway is overgrown and the Clerk will remind CCC Highways to say that the cutting is overdue.

21/92 Planning:

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

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

21/93 Finance:

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

HMRC	£211.00	PAYE
SLDC	£985.37	Street lighting
K M Price	£139.28	Quarterly expenses to 30th June 2021

- b. It was resolved to contribute towards the cost of the ZOOM licence renewal- Natland PC's share is £9.59

21/94 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. 'Listening to Land Pilgrimage in Natland'. A request had been received to use the Village Green by this group for one night on Sunday 3rd October for 20 people. The Council did not feel this was an appropriate activity for the Village Green. The Clerk will communicate with the organiser.
- b. The Council had been officially informed of the rejection of 'The Bay' proposal for the new Unitary Authority and that South Lakeland would be grouped with Barrow in Furness and Eden in a new Authority from 2023.

21/95 October 2021 Parish Council meeting:

At the Clerk's request, it was resolved to change the date of the October 2021 meeting, which will now be held on Monday 18th October instead of 25th October.

21/96 Open Forum: None.

21/97 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 27th September 2021 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed:

Dated: