

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Held by ZOOM**  
**At 7pm on Monday 28th June 2021**

**21/69 Present:**

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

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

**21/70 Public participation:** None.

**21/71 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**21/72 SLDC and CCC reports from the elected representatives:**

Councillor Rathbone reported as follows:

- a. Information and training will be available for Parish Councils on the new HIAMS system for reporting highways defects.
- b. SLDC Planning committee has not met for two months, so it is likely that planning application SL/2021/0383 will be considered at their 29th July meeting. A request has been made that the application should go to the full committee.

**21/73 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 7th June 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**21/74 Matters arising:**

Cllr Roberts raised the issue of the churchyard maintenance and the correspondence from St Mark's PCC and Ian Brodie (minute 21/53 refers). Whilst Mr Brodie had responded to the PCC letter and had also emailed the Council after the correspondence, it was felt that no further action was required.

**21/75 Cycle tracks on The Helm:**

The Chair had been in touch with David Gibson of the Countryside Access Team, who had said that the Parish Council could erect signs on the land but it was generally felt that this was not the way forward, and the matter is closed for the time being.

## **21/76 Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries:**

The Council is invited to consider commenting on the proposed significant changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries, including crossing the county boundary into Lancashire. CALC would like to hear from Member Councils whose area will be divided by one of the proposed parliamentary boundaries and whether the Council would welcome or oppose such a move.

The Council felt it did not need to make a formal response.

## **21/77 Reports:**

**Highwayman:** Councillor David Peters reported as follows:

- a. The new HIAMS reporting system for highway defects is easy to use and will come into use at the end of this month.
- b. The renewing of gas pipes in the village by Cadent is causing consternation and disturbance to residents, especially as there had been no formal approach made to this Council. It was agreed to contact Cadent and enquire regarding the proposed dates of road closures and the future planned work in the village.

**Footpaths:** Councillor Rhian Peters reported that footpath 557004 (from Long Meadow Lane to Burton Road on the A65) is very overgrown. It has been reported and is on the CCC list for attention.

## **21/78 Planning:**

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

SL/2021/0376 High Wells, Natland. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans), condition 6 (parking layout), condition 9 (materials) & condition 14 (obscure glazing) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0922 (Conversion of stable into single dwelling, including new package treatment plant, foul water system & ancillary works). Granted.

## **21/79 Finance:**

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

BHIB	£631.05	Insurance premium
Marion Thornton	£70.00	Internal Audit (honorary)
CALC	£231.23	Annual subscription
Society of Local Council Clerks	£27.68	Annual subscription (8% of £346.00)

### **21/80 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):**

- a. Mr David Ratcliffe, asking that the Council request SLDC to remove the Home Field from the Local Development Plan. Given that a review of the Local Plan is currently taking place, and all land allocations can be reviewed, the Council did not feel this was an appropriate request to make at this stage of the review. The Clerk will respond accordingly.
- b. Jenny Kelly had written to the Chair about her serious injury accident on 18th May 2021 when she tripped over stones placed on paving flags behind the seat on the Village Green opposite the Church. The letter had been circulated to Councillors together with other information about the incident. It was noted that the stones were removed on 25th May. .

It was agreed that anyone wishing to use the Village Green for future events should be informed that it is their responsibility to put in place a Risk Assessment first.

### **21/81 Open Forum:**

- a. It was resolved that discussion of the SLDC Local Plan will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. Road sweeping in the village was discussed and it was agreed to monitor the situation.
- c. It was agreed to ask CCC for the salt bin at the bottom of Helm Lane, near to the railway bridge, to be renewed, as it is in a poor condition.
- d. The Council is concerned that the Post Office has been closed for much of this year and it was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

### **21/82 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 26th July 2021 by ZOOM at 7pm.***

(It is hoped that face to face meetings will be resumed in September - there is no meeting in August)

*The meeting closed at 8.40pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*