

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.
On Monday 4th July 2022

22/91 Present:

Councillors Ellison (Chair), Clark, Gleave, Houghton and Roberts, District Councillor Jonathan Brook and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Doug Rathbone and Kathryn Smith (Press reporter).

22/92 Public participation: None.

22/93 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/94 SLDC and CCC Reports from the elected representatives:

Councillor Brook gave an update on the Local Government Re-organisation; he and Councillor Rathbone will be Councillors for the new Westmorland and Furness Authority which comes into being on 1st April 2023.

22/95 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2022 were agreed for signature by the Chair.

22/96 Jones Housing on Home Field:

There is nothing to report at present - Mr Paul Want is in touch with the Council regarding this.

22/97 Helm Common:

Councillor Gleave reported on his recent attendance at the meeting of the Helm Commoners. Six people were in attendance and a possible management plan for the Helm was discussed. Mr Hornyold Strickland is to discuss with various parties how the Helm could be managed but it is unlikely that any money will be available. It was confirmed that Councillor Gleave will continue as the Council's contact with the Commoners and the Council will keep a watching brief on the situation.

22/98 Proposed seat by the bus stop - the 'Taylor' seat:

The documentation from CCC is now ready to be issued for the seat. It was resolved that Councillors Ellison and Houghton will sign the Agreement.

Mr Taylor had asked a question regarding the payment of VAT and wondered if the Council could reclaim this, if he paid the VAT-exclusive amount to the Council. Opinion was divided on this and the Clerk agreed to ask CALC for advice the following day.

22/99 Fairer South Lakeland - Community Fund:

Councillor Houghton introduced the subject; there is a fund of £25,000 established by SLDC and applications can be made for grants from it to address cases of poverty and hardship in the district. Councillor Houghton agreed to contact District Councillor Suzie Pye, who is leading on this, to assess if this might be appropriate for Natland and he will report back to the next meeting.

22/100 Resilience Plan:

Councillor Clark had circulated some information to all Councillor prior to the meeting and he agreed to be the Council's point of contact regarding any future Resilience Plan. The Clerk agree to send him a copy of Burneside's Plan.

22/101 Outstanding matters:

The Clerk is compiling a list of issues that have been reported but not addressed during the past 12 months and will report back to the next meeting.

22/102 Reports:

Highways: Councillor Clark reported as follows:

- a. There is major re-surfacing work in progress on Hawes Lane.
- b. Flooding on the road towards Sedgwick
- c. The overgrown hedge on Oxenholme Lane has been reported.
- d. Flooding just before the Beeches.
- e. Graffiti on Hawes Bridge - now cleaned off..

Footpaths: Councillor Ellison reported as follows:

- a. He has enlisted the help of others to check on all footpaths in the parish.
- b. The condition of the footpath by the railway line has been reported, as have the paths at the Beeches and Little Cracalt.

22/103 Planning:

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

SL/2022/0332 Garden of Castle Mount, Burton Road. Application for Outline Planning Permission (with All Matters Reserved) for the erection of a Self-Build Dwelling. Refused.

22/104 Finance:

- a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

HMRC	£219.80	PAYE
K M Price	£148.77	Quarterly expenses to 30th June, including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk tendered a cheque to the Council for £39.22, to cover a bank (salary) overpayment, PAYE on holiday pay and an adjustment on the last quarterly expenses.

22/105 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

The May cutting of the Village Green was not completed, although it was done in June. The Clerk agreed to query the invoice, when received, and Councillor Roberts will send him details of the relevant dates.

22/106 Open Forum:

- a. Councillor Houghton indicated he would be happy to chair a meeting should the Chair be absent, but without creating the office of Vice-Chair.
- b. Councillor Ellison had spoken to the Police Commissioner and was hopeful that there would be a greater Police presence in the village.
- c. Subjects for consideration in the future could be Climate Change, Sustainability and Electric Vehicle charging points.

22/107 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 25th July 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed:

Dated: