

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.**  
**On Monday 10th October 2022**

**22/124 Present:**

Councillors Ellison (Chair), Clark, Gleave, Houghton and Roberts, Kathryn Smith (Press Reporter), two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone.

**22/125 Public participation:** None.

**22/126 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**22/127 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:**

District Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone had sent a report which had been circulated to all Councillors (and will be attached to these minutes in the file).

**22/128 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 25th July 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**22/129 Proposed seat by the bus stop - the 'Taylor' seat:**

The seat has been received and two concrete slabs have been prepared ready for its installation. This will remain an agenda item until the project is satisfactorily completed.

**22/130 Resilience Plan:**

Councillor Clark is monitoring this matter and has responded to emails that have arrived. Resources are limited to assist Councils in preparing such plans.

**22/131 Outstanding matters:**

The Clerk said he had reported all the outstanding matters again to CCC and had received acknowledgements and job numbers. He had also received details of the new rules pertaining to the registration of Community Assets. He is completing this application.

**22/132 Forward project planning:**

The Council agreed there was no need to revise the Parish Plan but rather to deal with issues as and when they arise.

### **22/133 Royal Events:**

The Chair has represented the Council at the event to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II, held in Kendal Town Hall and also the national moment of reflection held on the Village Green. The next Royal Event would be the Coronation of King Charles III in 2023 and the Council will discuss this when the date is known. The Chair has made tentative approaches to potential event organisers.

### **22/134 Dog fouling on The Helm.**

A resident had expressed concerns about dog fouling on The Helm. The Council is not in a position to do much about this, but the owner of The Helm, Henry Hornyold-Strickland has been informed about it. All users of The Helm are advised to look out for instances of dog fouling and to report them, if possible with photographic proof to SLDC. It was pointed out that there is an online form for making such reports <https://www.southlakeland.gov.uk/your-environment/dogs/dog-fouling/>  
A closing response has been sent to the resident concerned.

### **22/135 Home Field development:**

Councillor Rathbone had reported that he had not received a positive response from Jones Homes following the last Council Meeting. There is presently a digger on the site and the southern end of the site has been opened up. The Chair is conducting an almost daily dialogue with Jones' Homes on-site management representatives.

### **22/136 Traffic calming:**

The SID previously used is now ready to use again; Guy Weller has agreed to run and operate it as well as changing the batteries. The Council does still have permission in place to use it at the original locations but new authority is required before a SID can be used at the Appletree end of the village. CCC Highways is presently considering if that location is acceptable.

### **22/137 Reports:**

- a. **Highways:** Overhanging branches at Hawes Lane had been cut and not removed afterwards but more recently the situation had improved.
- b. **Footpaths:** The footpaths are in a seasonal condition. Concerns had been expressed about the footpath and stone stile at Cracalt.

### **22/138 Planning:** None.

### **22/139 Financial business:**

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

T Flitcroft	£90.00	Payroll administration - annual payment
HMRC	£220.00	PAYE

K M Price     £128.04     Quarterly expenses to 30th September,  
including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The conditions for the re-claiming of VAT by the Council were discussed and the Clerk clarified this. VAT may be re-claimed as long as the order is made in the name of the Council, invoiced to the Council, paid for by the Council and owned by the Council.
- d. Churchyard maintenance: In response to an enquiry to CALC, it had been brought to the Council's attention that a Parish Council is not permitted to contribute to a Church or churchyard or any religious building or organisation. The Chair will meet with the Incumbent of St Mark's Church to discuss the issues involved. (After note - this has now been done).
- e. Parish Asset Register: the Clerk had emailed Councillors a copy of the Council's insurance policy order to clarify what cover is held. Councillor Roberts had listed items that she was aware of to be included. Some revision is necessary and it was agreed that an asset list will be produced for adoption at the next meeting.

**22/140 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):**

A request from the Great North Air Ambulance for funding will be an agenda item when the Budget is set for 2023-24.

**22/141 Open Forum:** None.

**22/142 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

SLDC Development Plan.

**22/143 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 31st October 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 8.50pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*

