

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm
On Tuesday 11th January 2022

22/1 Present:

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

22/2 Public participation: None.

22/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/4 SLDC and CCC reports from the elected representatives:

Councillor Brook reported as follows:

- a. Planning application SL/2021/0383 (Land west of Sedgwick Road) has been approved subject to conditions.
- b. Grant money from SLDC Councillors' allowances is still available for Parish Council projects if required.
- c. Local Government Reorganisation is moving on, although the outcome of a Judicial Review is still awaited. The draft Structural Changes Order required to bring the new Authority into place is progressing through the parliamentary process.

(Councillor Brook then left the meeting)

22/5 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 29th November 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chair, with the following amendment:

The first paragraph of minute 21/121 (Natland Post Office) will now read:

"A response had been received from James Harkness (minute 21/106 refers) informing the council that whilst no specific plans for the Post Office have yet been decided, the Council will be kept informed and the necessary planning processes followed".

The Clerk agreed to ask for the revised minutes to be uploaded to the blogsite and he will also inform Mr Harkness of this.

22/6 Matters arising:

- a. Minute 21/121, paragraph three: No further communication has been received from Royal Mail.
- b. Minute 21/122: The Clerk confirmed he had an email on file from Councillor Roberts, to communicate to the Sign Man, when the new notices boards are ready to be installed.
- c. Minute 21/122: It was confirmed that the Parish Council does not currently have a notice board, following the removal of the 'old' one by the owner of the former Post Office.

22/7 Taylor Memorial seat:

Following receipt of further information from the Taylor family and agreement from Mr Ian Gleave (neighbour), it was resolved that this project should go ahead. The Clerk will contact Mr Taylor to confirm that the family will order, purchase, install and maintain the seat. He will then start the process with CCC Highways to obtain their agreement.

22/8 Inglesfield Memorial seat:

It was resolved to accept the quotation from Dave Sharpe of £290 plus VAT and the Clerk will communicate this to him. The Clerk will order the seat (details are given in the 29th November 2021 minutes and Note from Chair to the agenda item) with delivery to Mr Sharpe. The seat must have brown slats. The Clerk will ask Dave Sharpe if the seat is to be delivered assembled or flat packed.

22/9 Parish Elections 2022:

An indication that there will be a Parish Election in May will appear on the natlandnewsblogiste, in the Parish News and before on 'Natland Past and Present', and a flier will be produced for distribution in the parish. Details will be agreed at the next meeting, with distribution taking place early in March.

22/10 Annual Report 2021-22:

The provisional timetable for the production and distribution of the Annual Report 2021-22 was agreed.

22/11 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 2022:

It was resolved not to hold a Spring Litter Hunt this year. Year-round picking by volunteers would be encouraged instead.

22/12 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman:** Councillor David Peters said there had been flooding on the Village green but that the blocked gully had now been cleared. He mentioned the state of the footway adjacent to the A65 Burton Road, near the Helm layby, which has again been reported to the Highway Authority.

- b. Footpaths: Councillor White reported that a fallen tree is blocking the canal footpath near the end of The Beeches estate, opposite Watercreek. Councillor Rhian Peters will investigate.

22/13 Planning:

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

SL/2021/0383 Land west of Sedgwick Road, Natland. 29 dwellings along with associated infrastructure. Approved subject to conditions.

22/14 Finance:

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

St Mark's PCC Natland	£700.00	Grasscutting in churchyard
Great North Air Ambulance	£100.00	Donation
North West Air Ambulance	£100.00	Donation
Kendal Mountain Rescue Team	£100.00	Donation
Citizens Advice South Lakeland	£100.00	Donation
K M Price	£121.82	Quarterly expenses to 31st December, including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk agreed to check the dates by which the various receipts of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) should be spent.
- d. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £10,000 for the financial year 2022-23.

22/15 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. Councillor Richard White had indicated to the Chair that he would be shortly leaving the area and would therefore be resigning from the Council at the close of this meeting.

The Chair thanked him for his work as a Councillor, especially with regards to The Beeches development and wished him well for the future.

- b. Notification had been received of the KENDAL AAC – KENDAL 10K – to take place on 4th May 2022 at 7.30pm.
- c. Councillors discussed a formal Freedom of Information Request from James Harkness for any recorded information held by the Council relating to Natland Post Office or Natland House. The Clerk is complying with the request.

22/16 Open Forum:

- a. 'Councillor Training' will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- b. An email from a resident to the Clerk, which has been 'lost', regarding turning out of the Village Hall car park, in view of the speed of some drivers approaching from the right, will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

22/17 Meetings during 2022:

The following dates were provisionally agreed:

Monday 28th February
Monday 28th March
Monday 25th April
Thursday 28th April Annual Parish Meeting
Monday 30th May Annual Parish Council Meeting
Monday 27th June
Monday 25th July
Monday 26th September
Monday 31st October
Monday 28th November

22/19 Date of place of the next meeting:

Monday 28th February 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: