

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm
On Monday 25th April 2022

22/53 Present:

Cllr David Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Clark, Houghton, Rhian Peters and Roberts, and two members of the public. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Doug Rathbone and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

22/54 Public participation:

The Council agreed to take this after **Matters arising**, followed immediately by the **Planning** item.

Mr and Mrs Meek explained the reasoning behind their planning application SL/2022/0332 and answered questions from councillors.

22/55 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/56 SLDC and CC Report from the elected representatives:

There were no reports.

22/57 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 28th March 2022 were agreed for signature by the Chair.

22/58 Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):

It was noted that the notice boards had not yet been installed on the Village Hall outside wall (minutes 21/122, 22/6a and 22/25b refer).

22/59 Parish Elections 2022:

Only four valid nominations had been received by SLDC (for Ian Ellison and Cllrs Clark, Houghton and Roberts) so they would be elected without a poll and there would be three vacancies which the new Council could fill by co-option.

22/60 Annual Parish Meeting 28th April 2022:

Arrangements were in hand (minute 22/45 refers) and final details were agreed. No motions had been submitted for the Agenda.

22/61 Jones Homes housing on Home Field:

SLDC's Street Naming and Numbering Team had requested the Council's comments on the developer's proposals of Goldfinch Drive and Dunnock Fold for the southern and northern cul-de-sacs respectively. But the procedure being followed was not in accordance with SLDC's published policy which states that the local parish council must support the new street name and requests the developer to liaise directly with the local parish council before submitting its application to SLDC. That had not happened.

The Council declined to agree to the proposed names and expects SLDC to follow the procedure specified in its policy. The Council hopes that names can be identified that better reflect the site's history, location and character. The Council will give further consideration to this which could include seeking ideas from the community.

22/62 Queen's Platinum Jubilee:

Cllr Roberts had attended a meeting of an informal group planning community-wide events mainly focussed on the holiday weekend 2-5 June. The Council expects to be notified of any organised events on the Village Green if only to advise on whether it is a rightful use of the Green.

Other ideas, such as tree planting somewhere, might come forward in due course.

22/63 Reports:

Highwayman: Cllr David Peters reported as follows:

- a. Remedial work had started, then stopped, to Long Meadow Lane footways which had been damaged last year by Cadent's contractor's excavator bucket. Presumably it was required by CCC.
- b. A fly-tipped washing machine by Yew Lodge at the top of Helm Lane had been reported to SLDC.

Footpaths: Cllr Rhian Peters reported there were no problems at present (as far as she knew).

22/64 Planning:

- a. The following application was considered:

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

The following response to SLDC was agreed:

The Council regards this as an 'infill' site and is happy to recommend approval provided that it does not create a precedent for other 'windfall' sites lying wholly outside existing settlement/development boundaries.

District Councillor Doug Rathbone had informed the Council of his request that the application be 'called in' to the SLDC Planning Committee for a decision by members because a decision by officers would be bound by Local Plan policies regarding development outside the settlement boundary.

22/65 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

The Sign Man	£545.00	Balance on new notice board
CALC	£244.79	Annual subscription
St Mark's School	£75.60	Printing Annual Report
K M Price	£151.86	Quarterly expenses to 31st March

b. There were no cash or budget statements so early in the financial year.

c. With regard to the 1.75% Pay Award for Clerks, backdated to 1st April 2021, the Clerk had confirmed that figures reported to the previous meeting (minute 22/49c refers) were gross rather than net so he would refund the Council after checking the amount

22/66 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls): None.

22/67 Open Forum: None

2/68 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 30th May 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall

(This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the first meeting of the new Council)

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed:

Dated: