

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

**22/108 Present:**

Councillors Ellison (Chair), Clark, Gleave, Houghton and Roberts, District Councillor Doug Rathbone, Kathryn Smith (Press Reporter), two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

**22/109 Public participation:**

The Chair brought item 6 'Jones Housing on the Home Field' forward to allow full public participation:

Mr Paul Want addressed the Council with his concerns regarding the Jones Homes housing development on the Home Field.

After much discussion, involving members of the public, Parish Councillors and Councillor Rathbone, it was resolved that:

*"Councillor Rathbone be requested to facilitate a meeting between SLDC and other interested parties, including Jones Housing and Eddisons, to discuss the concerns of Natland residents regarding particular aspects of the planning permission granted, that will have adverse effects on the village, particularly road safety and associated hazard to life".*

Three Councillors voted in favour, one against and one abstention.

**22/110 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**22/111 SLDC and CCC Reports from the elected representatives:**

Councillor Rathbone said, in answer to a question, that the funding (£120,000) promised for the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Project (Towpath Trail) is still ring-fenced and will be confirmed by Cabinet in due course.

**22/112 Minutes:**

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

### **22/113 Proposed seat by the bus stop - the 'Taylor' seat:**

The Agreement has now been signed by Councillors Ellison and Houghton and copies have been sent for each of them plus the Clerk. The Clerk had clarified with CALC that the Council could not pay for the seat and reclaim the VAT, and he had passed this on to Mr Taylor.

### **22/114 Resilience Plan:**

Councillor Clark had circulated an information sheet to all Councillors, together with an amended version of the Burneside Plan (although it was agreed that many of the issues in Burneside would not apply in Natland). The information sheet would therefore be sufficient at present. Councillor Clark will remain the contact for this project.

### **22/115 Outstanding matters:**

The Clerk had produced a list of outstanding matters. Some of these have now been dealt with but he will follow up on the following:

- a. Crowpark Bridge repair - the coping stones have not been re-fixed yet.
- b. Faded 30mph signs.
- c. Request the removal of the salt bin at the bottom of Helm Lane by the railway bridge.
- d. Street Naming for the development on the Home Field.
- e. Community Asset Register - re-registering the Village Green.

### **22/116 Launch of the Carlisle, Barrow in Furness and Kendal Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs):**

This initiative is acknowledged and welcomed. The Council has previously identified matters of interest and the Clerk will locate the original response.

### **22/117 SLDC Community Fund - to alleviate poverty:**

Councillor Houghton reported that he had been in touch with SLDC Councillor Suzie Pye, who had outlined various ways SLDC can help in the present 'cost of living' crisis, including the 'handy person' scheme where work is carried out free of charge for residents over 60 years of age.

### **22/118 Reports:**

**Highways:** Nothing to report.

**Footpaths:** Councillor Ellison reported as follows:

- a. The owner of the overgrown hedge on Oxenholme Lane has been contacted regarding this.
- b. He had been told that the Sedgwick Road footway was not due for cutting yet.

- c. Most of the footpaths are in a seasonal condition and issues have been addressed at Little Cracalt, The Beeches and the footpath by the railway line.
- d. The tarmacking at Robby Lea Drive had been carried out on a very hot day and was not satisfactory.

**22/119 Planning** - there were no planning matters.

**22/120 Finance:**

The cash and budget statements were noted.

**22/121 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):**

A letter had been received from Carolyn Kevan, giving notice of the Kendal AAC - Kendal 10K due to take place on 3rd May 2023 with a 7.30pm start. Noted.

**22/122 Open Forum:**

- a. The Chair has produced a list of village issues (appended to these minutes) that the Council is/has been involved with, so that there is increased awareness of the Council's role.
- b. There has been a number burglaries in the parish in recent weeks and residents are asked to be vigilant.

**22/123 Date of place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 10th October 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.  
(Please note change of date - due to holiday arrangements etc)***

*The meeting closed at 8.55pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*