

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm**  
**On Monday 28th February 2022**

**22/20 Present:**

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

**22/21 Public participation:** None.

**22/22 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**22/23 SLDC and CC Report from the elected representatives:**

Councillor Rathbone reported as follows:

- a. Local Government re-organisation. This is progressing and Councillors will all be receiving the updates via the Clerk.
- b. Royal Mail has indicated that the village post box is expected to be replaced in around 12-16 weeks time.
- c. There is a meeting later this week for the Towpath Trail, in order to plan future strategy.
- d. Consultation of the land allocations for the SLDC Local Plan should begin in around two months time
- e. A meeting is to be held with CCC Highways to discuss the requested footway on the A65 on Burton Road; it is hoped this will be a priority for tarmacing with the safety of residents of the extra-care housing in mind.

**22/24 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 11th January 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair, after two small amendments had been made.

**22/25 Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):**

- a. Replacement of post box (minutes 21/121 and 22/6a refer): The Chair had contacted Tim Farron MP and will share the response with all Councillors. It could be 12 to 16 weeks before the post box is replaced.
- b. Notice board (minutes 21/122 and 22/6b refer): The deposit had been paid to The Sign Man and the work is in hand.
- c. The Post Office is conducting a review of Post Office services in the area but the Council has not been officially notified of this.

- d. Freedom of Information Request (minute 22/15c refers): The Clerk confirmed that this request had been dealt with, additional questions answered, and the matter is presumed closed.

**22/26 Taylor Memorial seat:**

The Clerk is in contact with CCC Highways and Mick Taylor, who is producing a site plan as required, and the matter is progressing, albeit slowly. The forms for the agreement between the Council and CCC Highways are awaited.

**22/27 Inglesfield Memorial seat:**

The seat is now on order, and will be delivered fully assembled. Delivery may take several weeks. Glasdon will send the Clerk a picture of the memorial plaque for approval before the order is finalised.

**22/28 Parish Elections 2022:**

The Chair reported that the flyers are read for distribution, in order to encourage prospective Councillors to come forward. The Clerk has received a copy of the current Electoral Register.

**22/29 Annual Report 2021-22:**

The Chair is working on the Annual Report, the deadline for which is tight. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 28th April at 7pm and will follow the usual arrangements, details to be finalised at the March meeting.

**22/30 Councillor Training:**

Councillors are encouraged to attend the training courses arranged by CALC, most of which are now held online. New Councillors will be offered training.

**22/31 Traffic exiting from the Village Hall access area:**

A resident wished to install a mirror to assist traffic exiting from the Village Hall access area. This request was identical to one made to the Village Hall committee and the Council agrees with the committee's decision, that the request should be declined.

**22/32 Reports:**

- a. **Highwayman:** Councillor David Peters continues to report highways defects. It was noted that there is a road closure, for resurfacing, on Natland Road on both 7th and 14th March from 0000 to 1800 and from 8<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> March from 0800 to 1800. There have also been unplanned closures for emergencies at various locations.

- b. Footpaths: Councillor Rhian Peters reported that the fallen beech tree reported at the last meeting (minute 22/12b refers) has been removed. It was noted that some tarmac had appeared on the canal footpath.

**22/33 Planning:**

- a. The following application was considered and approval recommended:

SL/2022/0107 Elgarth, Helm Lane, Natland. Erection of detached games/hobbies room.

- b. The following application had arrived too late to be included on the agenda and the Clerk will comment, under his delegated authority:

SL/2022/0164 Land west of Sedgwick Road, Natland. Various signs & flagpoles for new residential development

**22/34 Finance:**

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

St Mark's C of E School Natland		
	£17.50	Photocopying
Mike Trelogan	£85.00	Christmas tree - Village Green

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk had circulated details of the CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money being held by the Council and the dates by which certain amounts should be spent.

**22/35 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):** None.

**22/36 Open Forum:**

- a. The Clerk agreed to ask SLDC why the charge for street lighting in 2022-23 had increased significantly.
- b. Playground facilities in Natland were mentioned and it was thought that a future project for the Council to assist in might be the provision or replacement of play facilities.
- c. The Chair mentioned the future management of The Helm and reported on a meeting of the Commoners he had been invited to.
- d. A holly tree in Helm Lane, in the verge at the junction of Robby Lea Drive, is in a poor condition and should be removed.

**22/37 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 28th March 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 9pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*