

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm
On Monday 30th May 2022

22/69 Present:

Councillors Clark, Ellison, Houghton and Roberts, District Councillor Doug Rathbone, Kathryn Smith (Press), one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Jonathan Brook.

22/70 Election of Chair:

David Peters (as previous Chair) presided. He then left the meeting, having wished the new Council well.

Ian Ellison was elected Chair for 2022-23. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

22/71 Public participation: None.

22/72 Declarations of Interest:

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

22/73 Appointment of Vice-Chair:

It was resolved not to appoint a Vice-Chair at present, until the number of Councillors is increased.

22/74 Appointment of Officers, Reporters and Representatives:

The following were appointed:

- a. Highways Reporter - Councillor Clark
- b. Footpaths Reporter - Councillor Ellison
- c. Village Hall representative - Councillor Roberts
- d. CALC Representative - Councillor Houghton

22/75 SLDC and CC Report from the elected representatives:

Councillor Rathbone reported on the ongoing Local Government Reorganisation. He has now been elected to the Shadow Cabinet and the new Authority, Westmorland Furness Council, will come into being on 1st April 2023. The first meeting of the Shadow Council has now been held and all Councillors will be kept updated with progress during the next few months.

22/76 Co-option of Parish Councillor:

Ian Gleave was unanimously co-opted to the Parish Council. It was agreed he can sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office at his first meeting.

22/77 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 25th April 2022 were agreed for signature by the Chair.

22/78 Matters arising (not covered elsewhere):

- a. The Clerk is still following up the 'Taylor' seat, a site meeting with CCC is to be arranged and an officer will make contact next week to progress this matter.
- b. Street naming (minute 22/61 refers). There is nothing further to report at present.

22/79 Jones Homes housing on Home Field:

The Chair said that a resident had contacted the Local Government Ombudsman regarding this development and an Inspector has been appointed, who will commence work soon to produce a report. This could last for several months.

22/80 Memorial bench request:

A request had been submitted for a memorial bench/seat to be sited on the Village Green. The Clerk had explained to the applicant that the Council had previously discouraged a similar request and felt that to agree to this one would demonstrate a lack of consistency.

It was resolved to communicate this to the applicant, and suggest that (bearing in mind the connection to Appletree) she makes contact with them to discuss the possible provision of either a bench/seat or other suitable memorial there.

22/81 Reports:

There were no formal reports but comments were made in 'Open Forum' below..

22/82 Planning - the following decisions, notified to the Council by the Planning Authority, were noted:

SL/2022/0241 High Wells, Natland. Variation of condition 2 (approved plans), condition 6 (parking layout), condition 9 (materials) & condition 14 (obscure glazing) attached to planning permission SL/2021/0376 (Variation of condition 2 (approved plan) attached to planning permission SL/2019/0922 (Conversion of stable into single dwelling, including new package treatment plant, foul water system and ancillary works). Granted.

SL/2022/0256 South Wells, Natland. Internal and external alterations including new porch, single storey kitchen extension, ground mounted solar PVs (South Wells) and replacement dormers (to High Wells & South Wells). Granted.

22/83 Finance:

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

Glasdon UK Ltd	£770.60	Inglesfield bench
BHIB Ltd	£697.21	Insurance premium
Open Spaces Society	£45.00	Annual subscription

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted. A question arose concerning the Clerk's Quarterly expenses claim and the Clerk will clarify this and notify Councillors this week.
- c. An application from Natland & Oxenholme WI for funding towards events being held in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee was considered. It was resolved to grant £150.

22/85 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

The grasscutting on the Village Green had only been partially completed. The Clerk will make contact with the contractor.

22/86 Open Forum:

- a. A number of potholes have been reported at various locations.
- b. Hawes Lane is to be closed for repairs (notice has appeared in the local press)
- c. The Parish Directory is in need of updating (the version being used is the 2019 one). This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.
- d. The possibility of planting a tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be an agenda item at the next meeting.
- e. The dates for 2023 meetings will be an agenda item at the November meeting.

22/87 Date and place of the next meeting:

**Monday 4th July 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall
(please note change of date)**

The meeting closed at 8.55pm..

Signed:

Dated: