

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.**  
**On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

**22/144 Present:**

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

**22/145 Public participation:** None.

**22/146 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**22/147 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:**

Councillor Rathbone expressed a willingness to assist in any discussions later in the meeting but reported the following at this stage:

SLDC's costs have increased significantly, following the quarterly financial review and the present cost of living crisis. The Council is 'winding down' but the usual actions are ongoing. He had heard nothing further on the Home Field development.

**22/148 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**22/149 Proposed seat by the bus stop – the 'Taylor' seat:**

It was reported by the Chair that this seat is now in place.

**22/150 SLDC Local Development Plan:**

In the light of the impending deadline for comments on the Plan, after discussion it was decided that the Chair, on behalf of the current Council, would endorse and reinforce his predecessor's earlier submission.

**22/151 Outstanding matters:**

*The Clerk reported as follows:*

- a. Village Green; re-registering as a Community Asset. Councillor Gleave had supplied a map of the Village Green and the Clerk will now proceed with the application.

- b. Faded 30mph signs; CCC Highways said they had now attended to these. Councillors also said there were other faded signs in the village; if these are reported to the Clerk he will pass them on.
- c. Hawes Bridge. CCC Highways will not be taking any further action at present but will monitor the situation as part of their regular Bridges and Structures inspection programme.
- d. Salt bin on Helm Lane; CCC Highways do not propose to remove the bin at this stage as the gritting routes will be reviewed when the new Westmorland Furness Authority comes into being on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023.

#### **22/152 Home Field Development:**

The Chair said he had been speaking to the site manager, who was friendly and co-operative, recently. All three entrances to the site have now been opened up. He had discussed the likelihood of an accident taking place on the bend by the development and a recent incident where a lawn had been driven over by one of the works vehicles. The Clerk agreed to contact SLDC again regarding the street names and ask why no reply was received to the Council's suggestions.

#### **22/153 Traffic calming:**

The batteries for the SIDs (Speed Indicator Devices) have been charged and are in the care of Guy Weller. A meeting has been arranged between CCC Highways, the Chair and Councillor Rathbone later this week to discuss possible SID sites.

#### **22/154 Provision of Post Office Services in Natland:**

Councillor Roberts reported that, in September, the Village Hall had been approached regarding the possibility of providing outreach Post Office services at the hall, should the ongoing negotiations regarding the provision at Oxenholme fall through. The Oxenholme development is to go ahead, with opening to the public on 14<sup>th</sup> November. If this proves to be worthwhile, the Post Office may then consider the provision of similar services in Natland, but there is nothing specific in sight at present.

#### **22/155 Reports:**

- a. **Highways**; an update from Councillor Clark had already been circulated.
- b. **Footpaths**; the Chair confirmed these are in a seasonal condition.

#### **22/156 Planning:**

*The following application was considered and approval recommended:*

SL/2022/0912 3 Smithy Close, Natland. Erection of timber garden shed and aluminium framed greenhouse.

**22/157 Finance:**

a. *It was resolved to pay the following account:*

Continental Landscapes £720.00 Grasscutting.  
*(when the final invoice for the year is received, the dates for each cutting will be checked)*

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. Parish Asset Register – this was deferred until a future meeting.

d. A quotation for £40 plus VAT was accepted for the cleaning of the two bus shelters. This will be carried out twice each year.

**22/158 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):**

a. There had been a number of burglaries in the village recently and Police are investigating.

b. CALC AGM – Councillor Houghton suggested that, in future, the agenda for this meeting should be discussed by the Council so that any Council representative is briefed to pass on the Council's view on any topics.

**22/159 Open Forum:** None.

**22/160 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm.*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*