

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 8.05pm.
On Monday 22nd May 2023.

23/42 Present: Councillors Clark and Ellison, Westmorland and Furness Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone, 10 members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

23/43 Resignation of Parish Councillors:

The resignation of Councillors Andy Hope and Sarah Roberts was noted.

23/44 Co-option of Westmorland and Furness Councillors to the Parish Council:

As the Parish Council was inquorate, the appointment of Westmorland and Furness Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone as temporary Parish Councillors was confirmed. They both then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

23/45 Election of Chair:

Councillor Ian Ellison was elected Chair for 2023-24. He then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

23/46 Public participation: (these had already been made at the Annual Parish Meeting immediately prior to this meeting)

23/47 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/48 Co-option of new Parish Councillors:

Philip Ball, Michael Harkness, Stuart Ibbs and Jenny Kelly were co-opted to the Parish Council. Philip Ball and Michael Harkness signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office; Stuart Ibbs and Jenny Kelly will sign before the next meeting.

Councillors Brook and Rathbone offered their resignations as Parish Councillors, now that the Council is quorate again.

23/49 Appointment of Vice-Chair:

It was agreed to defer this item until a later meeting.

23/50 Appointment of Officers, Reporters and Representatives:

It was agreed to defer this item until a later meeting.

23/51 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th February 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

23/52 Planning: None.

23/53 Finance:

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

BHIB Ltd	£715.55	Insurance premium
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(as this could not be paid, due to the lack of signatories to the Council's accounts, the Chair agreed to pay this and be reimbursed at the next meeting)

CALC	£264.62	Annual subscription
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Open Spaces Society		
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	£45.00	Annual subscription
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K M Price		
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	£152.64	
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		Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel.
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- b. It was resolved that Councillors Clark, Ellison and Harkness be signatories to the Council's accounts and all former Councillors be removed from the bank mandate. The Chair agreed to visit the bank in order to action this.
- c. It is believed that a payment in respect of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is about to be paid into the Council's accounts; details are not known yet.

23/54 Correspondence (& phone calls): None.

23.55 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 26th June 2023 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: