

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.
On Monday 23rd October 2023.

23/83 Present: Councillors Smith (Chair), Ball, Clark, Ellison and Ibbs, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mike Harkness and Jenny Kelly, and Westmorland & Furness Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone.

23/84 Public participation: None.

23/85 Declarations of Interest:

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

23/86 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 25th September 2023 (circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair.

23/87 Westmorland & Furness Councillors:

An email from Councillor Rathbone had been circulated today, giving details of changes to the waste collection service. This was noted.

23/88 20mph Speed Limit:

Westmorland & Furness Council had acknowledged the Council's expression of interest in a 20mph speed limit and they will include the Council in any further information as and when things progress.

After discussion it was agreed that all present 30mph areas should be come 20mph.

Public consultation will be conducted via the blogsite and personal contact; those wishing to comment are invited to the next Council meeting.

The difficulties of enforcement were again noted.

23/89 Other traffic issues:

The Councils requests that a lower speed limit is imposed on the section of the A65, where it is still 50mph, just before Helm Lane. The Clerk will ask W&F Council about the possibility of a SID being used on the A65 just south of the Helm Lane junction.

The number of road closures continues to give cause for concern.

23/90 Defibrillator:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

23/91 D-Day 80 – 6th June 2024:

After some discussion, it was resolved that the Council did not wish to organise an event to mark this occasion. The Chair agreed, however, to pass the information on to the Church, WI, and the School.

23/92 Annual Parish Meeting 2023:

The draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 22nd May 2023 had been circulated to all Councillors and it was agreed that they are a true record of that meeting. These will be 'officially' signed at the Annual Parish Meeting in 2024.

23/93 Planning:

There were no Planning matters.

23/94 Finance:

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

K M Price	£18.80	Back pay September (the bank has still not adjusted the Standing Order)
K M Price	£159.50	Quarterly expenses to 30 th September, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted. A few questions were asked concerning the projected end of year balance. The Clerk clarified the situation and said he would be sending out a full Budget Report prior to the January meeting.
- c. The Clerk updated the Council on the transfer of banking arrangements from Barclays to Lloyds. The proposed signatories to the account had all been verified earlier today and so progress is being made.

23/95 Reports

Highwayman: There was nothing further to report.

Footpaths Officer: Councillor Kelly (by email) reported the hedge and undergrowth has been cut beside the footpath on the Sedgwick Road, adjacent to the Jones Homes development.

It was noted that the footpath by the Church/bus shelter is in a poor state of repair and the Clerk will report this.

Councillor Ellison will check progress on his report of road signs blocking the visibility at the junction of Abbey Drive and Helm Lane.

Village Hall: Councillor Ball said he had resigned from the Village Hall committee. The Clerk will notify Sarah Roberts of this and that the Chair will be the new representative.

CALC: Nothing to report.

Common Land: The Chair thanked Councillor Ellison for volunteering to report on Common Land - as and when necessary.

23/96 Correspondence:

The Chair read through a list of correspondence that had been received by the Council over the past month. These included:

The Community Emergency Plan – Councillor Clark will check on the files for when these were last discussed and bring forward any proposed changes to a future agenda.

The Clerk reported that Elspeth Jayne is compiling an up to date list of Councillors with contact details. All Councillors present agreed to have their full contact details published on the blogsite. The Chair will check with Councillors Harkness and Kelly that they are also willing for this.

23/97 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 27th November 2023 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: