

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.**  
**On Monday 26th June 2023.**

**23/42 Present:** Councillors Ellison (Chair), Ball, Clark, Harkness, Ibbs and Kelly, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were received from WAF Councillor Doug Rathbone.

The Councillors and Clerk introduced themselves and said a little about their backgrounds. The Chair welcomed the new Councillors – the Council now has just one vacancy.

**23/43 Public participation:** None.

**23/44 Declarations of Interest:**

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

**23/45 Appointment of Vice-Chair:**

Councillor Ellison gave notice that he would be standing down as Chair at the close of this meeting, He would therefore agree to become Vice-Chair in the interregnum, pending the Election of a Chair at the next meeting.

**23/46 Appointment of Officers and Representatives:**

- a. Highwayman – Councillor Clark
- b. Footpaths Officer – Councillor Kelly
- c. Village Hall Representative – Councillor Ball
- d. CALC – vacant until the Election of a Chair

**23/47 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**23/48 Westmorland and Furness Councillors:**

No formal report, but Councillors Brook and Rathbone had indicated their willingness to be contacted regarding any current issues in the parish.

**23/49 Traffic issues:**

Councillor Ball reported on traffic issues relating to Castlesteads Close and Rise. The installation of dropped kerbs, the re-surfacing of pavements and the reduction of the 40mph speed limit to 30mph are suggested. It is understood that both the former County and District Councillors had raised these issues previously.

Councillor Clark agreed to draft a letter for approval by Councillors and for the Clerk to send, to Castlesteads, WAF Council Highways, Councillors Brook and Rathbone, Tim Farron MP and the Police.

**23/50 Parish Notice Boards:**

It has been suggested that the current location of the notice board is not suitable and the disused bus shelter at the Village Green could be better. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**23/51 SID (Speed Indicator Device):**

The possibility of having a SID on the A65, rather than in the village, was discussed. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk will ask WAF Highways for comment.

**23/52 Jones Homes:**

The Chair reported that the undergrowth on the roadside of the footpath has been cut back and the sight lines restored.

**23/53 Planning:**

The following application was considered and approval recommended:

SL/2023/0442 Field north of Yaffles, Barrows Green. Agricultural building for agricultural equipment and livestock.

**23/54 Finance:**

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

Lakes and Dales Window Cleaning Ltd	£48.00	Bus shelters – window cleaning
Open Spaces Society	£45.00	Annual subscription

- b. The Internal Audit is currently being carried out. A short additional meeting will be arranged in order to receive this report and to sign the remaining financial documents. The Clerk will liaise with Councillors and check the Village Hall availability.
- c. The Chair and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption.
- d. The Chair reported that problems are still being experienced with the Council's banking arrangements and Barclays has not yet concluded the change of signatories request. In the meantime, no cheques can be issued. The Chair and Clerk will continue to progress this matter.

- e. The Clerk reported on the receipt of £2,391.15 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) money received from WAF Council. The Council must complete a report each year on 1<sup>st</sup> December, in order to declare the use CIL money has been put to.

**23/55 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):**

- a. Westmorland and Furness Council – formal notice of the Order for temporary appointment of Councillors for Natland Parish Council. This related to Councillors Brook and Rathbone. The notice has been placed on the blogsite and on the notice board.
- b. The Police Report for the Kendal South Lakes area had been circulated to all Councillors.
- c. The Clerk agreed to contact Councillors Brook and Rathbone, expressing concerns over the number of road closures in the parish, the frequency and lack of consultation regarding these. It was felt that the disruption caused by these could be minimised and it is wondered what the legislation for such closures is.

**23/56 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

Possible removal of the bus shelter on the Village Green.

**23/57 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.***

*The meeting closed at 8.30pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*

**ADDENDUM – Natland Parish Council  
(matters in hand/dealt with by the Council recently)**

South Lakeland Area Support.  
Open Spaces Society.  
Barclays bank.  
BHIB Insurance brokers.  
Cumbria Energy Projects.  
Westmorland and Furness Highways.  
Castlesteads.  
CPRE.  
Lakes and Dales Window Cleaning.  
Cumbria Local Authority Climate Update.

CCRG Spring and Summer Hazards Event.

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Community Ownership Fund.

Community Energy Support.

Open Spaces.

Community Energy Support.

Biodiversity.