

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.
On Monday 27th February 2023.

23/24 Present: Councillors Ellison (Chair), Clark, Hope, and Roberts, District Councillor Doug Rathbone, eight members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price.

23/25 Public participation: (see minute 23/27 below)

23/26 Declarations of Interest:

Councillors Clark and Ellison declared a personal interest in matters relating to the school and traffic, as close residents.

23/27 Traffic/parking at the school:

Members of the public were present to hear/join in with the 'Traffic issues' item of the agenda.

Mr Tim Ward (Chair of the Governors of St Mark's School) and the Headmaster of the School, Mr Peter Barfoot, both spoke and there was adequate time allowed for questions and discussion.

It was agreed there is no easy answer to the problem, and 'education' of parents and others dropping off and collecting children from the school is needed. Both sides need to get together and pool ideas to improve the situation. The possibility of yellow lines being used was mentioned, but these would be likely to take some time to obtain permission and the cost might be prohibitive.

The Chair thanked both speakers and members of the public for their participation.

23/28 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:

Councillor Rathbone said there was nothing new to report. SLDC and CCC are winding down ready for Vesting Day on 1st April, when the new Westmorland and Furness Authority will take over.

He will be giving £500 from his Locality Budget towards the provision of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS) in the parish.

23/29 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 16th January 2023 were agreed and signed, with the following amendment from Councillor Rathbone:

*23/4 SLDC and CCC Report from the elected representatives:
Councillor Rathbone briefly outlined the progress to Vesting Day for the new unitary Council and anything relevant regarding SLDC. He was informed of a recent incident on The Helm, when a member of the public had been attacked by a dog, and was asked by Cllr Houghton to investigate what action can be taken to prevent this happening again. The Helm is currently being used by professional dog walkers, amongst others.*

Councillor Roberts raised issues concerning both these minutes and those of the November meeting. The Chair and Clerk will discuss these with her.

23/30 Council Vacancies:

The resignation of Councillor John Houghton was noted.

23/31 Home Field Development: Nothing new to report.

23/32 Story Homes Development: Nothing new to report.

23/33 Spring Litter Pick 2023:

It was resolved not to organise a Spring Litter Pick this year. A number of residents are diligent in clearing areas of litter on an informal basis.

It was agreed to make 'litter bins' on the agenda for the next meeting.

23/34 Updates:

- a. Crow Park bridge. This has still not been fully repaired and a resident has been in correspondence with CCC about it again. The Clerk will also write and express concern at the length of time this is taking.
- b. The Clerk is still following up the renewal of the registration of the Village Green as a Community Asset.

23/35 Reports:

Councillors Hope and Roberts indicated that a number of potholes had been repaired recently.

Councillor Ellison said the footpaths are in a seasonal condition; some are muddy but all are passable.

23/36 Planning:

The following applications were considered:

SL/2023/0053 The Ice Cream Parlour, Natland Mill Beck Lane. Erection of new ice cream parlour annexe. Approval was recommended, although the Council has some concern regarding the drainage from the site, whether it is sufficient or not, and the silt which is building up on Natland Mill Beck Lane.

SL/2022/1151 2 Beechnut Road, Kendal. Demolition of existing detached garage, erection of a new two storey annexe extension incorporating garage, stores, utility, day room, shower and plant room. Approval recommended.

23/37 Speed Indicator Devices:

This was deferred until the next meeting.

23/38 Designing out light pollution: Nothing to report at present.

23/39 Finance:

a. It was resolved to pay the following account:

K M Price £37.60 Backpay unpaid by bank.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. SLDC had previously indicated that a letter regarding the CIL monies would be sent to each Parish Council where CIL has been received, in December, but the letter has not yet arrived. The Clerk will make enquiries.

d. The Bank Mandate needs revising and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

23/40 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

Letters of thanks had been received from the North West Air Ambulance, Great North Air Ambulance, Citizens Advice South Lakes and the Kendal Mountain Rescue Team, in respect of recent donations from this Council.

23/41 Date and place of the next meeting:

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

(Since this meeting was held the date of the next meeting has been changed to Monday 24th April 2023 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall).

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

Dated: