

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.
On Monday 24th June 2024

24/73 Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Ball and Ibbs, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Clark, Harkness and Kelly and received from Westmorland & Furness Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone.

24/74 Public participation: None.

24/75 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor Smith declared a personal interest, as a member of the Village Hall committee, should anything be discussed regarding the Hall. Councillors Ibbs declared a personal interest, should any matters relating to St Mark's Church be discussed.

24/76 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24/77 Planning: None.

24/78 20mph Speed Limit:

An email had been received from Councillor Rathbone and a further update is expected soon; the process has been delayed by about six weeks, because of the General Election on 4th July.

24/79 Pavement in front of Church/Notice Boards:

The bus shelter has now been removed and it was agreed that this is a big improvement, especially on the view across the Village Green.

It was resolved to leave the notice boards in situ for the present time. The Council was reminded that the present notice board is situated on a private road.

Photographs of the pavement had been taken by Councillor Ibbs, who has sent these to Westmorland & Furness Council. Thanks were expressed to him for his continued work on this project. It was thought that 'please don't park on the footway' notices might help overcome the problem of some people parking on the pavement.

24/80 Finance:

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

HMRC	£505.60	PAYE
Marion Thornton	£70.00	Internal Audit (honorary)

- b. There were no cash and budget statements due to the books being away for audit.
- c. It was agreed that, in future, the PAYE payments to HMRC will be paid by Direct Debit. This will make for easier administration as often the amounts become due between meetings and signatures have to be obtained via the post.
- d. The report from the Internal Auditor was received with thanks. There were no matters to be brought to the Council's attention.
- e. The Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the Certificate of Exemption, the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements.
- f. The Council is in the final stages of transferring its banking arrangements to Lloyds and forms had been sent for each of the signatories to sign; also forms to facilitate the transfer from Barclays. The Clerk is dealing with these.

24/81 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

- a. The Clerk had been supplied with details of the rules pertaining to the Village Green, in response to an enquiry regarding parking there. This was noted with thanks.
- b. Councillor Ibbs reported as follows:
- i. A closure of Oxenholme Road for some Open Reach work had been notified to the Council. This was originally scheduled during the school term time. Councillor Ibbs had asked that the closure be postponed to the school holidays.
 - ii. Fibre is to be laid down from Long Meadow Lane, and this could potentially involve a request to cross the Village Green.
 - iii. White lines around the village (minute 24/71 refers). The Police had been contacted for advice and they interpreted the lines as delineating the boundaries of the carriageway rather than an enforceable parking restriction.

24/82 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 29th July 2024 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed:

Dated: