

**NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting**  
**Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.**  
**On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**24/83 Present:** Councillors Smith (Chairman), Ball, Clark and Ibbs, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Jonathan Brook, one member of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Harkness and Kelly and received from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Doug Rathbone.

**24/84 Public participation:** None.

**24/85 Declarations of Interest:**

Councillor Smith declared a personal interest, as a member of the Village Hall committee, should anything be discussed regarding the Hall.

**24/86 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**24/87 Planning:**

*The following application was considered:*

2024/1160/FPA 1 St Marks Fold Natland. Roof mounted adjustable inclination angle triangle solar panels to shed roof (Retrospective)

The Council is aware that there have been objections from residents and it was resolved to ask that Westmorland & Furness Council planners take these into consideration when making their decision.

**24/88 Westmorland & Furness Councillor:**

*Councillor Brook mentioned the following:*

- a. Proposed 20mph speed limit - the Westmorland & Furness Council consultation is awaited. He volunteered to share with the Council the proposal for the A65 between Barrows Green and Oxenholme.
- b. Various Utility Companies have arranged road closures in recent weeks and the Council has no power to prevent this. He agreed to send some details of such closures on Oxenholme Lane and Helm Lane to the Clerk.
- c. A review of 'highways' and their functions is scheduled for later in the year.
- d. The Westmorland & Furness Local Plan Consultation is now underway and the Council is urged to submit responses.
- e. A meeting has been arranged with Cumbria Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner to consider ways of keeping the public better informed as to Police activity.

#### **24/89 Pavement in front of Church/Notice Boards:**

Councillor Ibbs reported that the request to resurface the pavement is with Westmorland and Furness for action. It was agreed to consider resiting the notice board in the wider context of Council communications. In the meantime no further action is proposed.

#### **24/90 Westmorland & Furness Local Plan Consultation:**

There are three parts to this; a consultation containing 19 questions, a design Code survey, and a 'call for sites'. The Chairman agreed to complete the questions in draft and circulate to Councillors for their input before submission. Councillor Ibbs noted the importance of maintaining the green gap between The Beeches and the village centre.

#### **24/91 Parking on Natland Road by Natland Mill Beck:**

Councillor Ibbs had drawn the Council's attention to the problem of vehicles parking between the K Shoes Factory and the end of the nearby properties. He suggested that double-yellow lines would be the answer to this. The Clerk will contact Helen Karasslan at Westmorland & Furness highways, copying the correspondence to Councillor Ibbs and the Chairman. It was emphasised by Councillor Brook that a Traffic Regulation Order would be required and this is not a quick process.

#### **24/92 Finance:**

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

Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall		
	£55.44	Hire of hall
Dave Sharpe	£672.00	Taking down and removal of bus shelter
Continental Landscapes		
	£735.00	Grasscutting
Lakes and Dales Window Cleaning Ltd		
	£96.00	Bus shelter window cleaning x 2
ZOOM licence renewal (shared by Clerk's other Councils)		
	£12.47	
K M Price	£149.75	Quarterly expenses to 30 <sup>th</sup> June, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk had received some further forms to sign for the new bank account with Lloyds. They will be signed and posted this week, after which it is hoped the new account will be up and running.
- d. The Clerk reported that HMRC payments for PAYE have now been set up by Direct Debit. He will, however, report on amounts paid through the usual channel of the monthly cash and budget statements.

**24/93 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):** None.

**24/94 Date and place of the next meeting:**

***Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.***

**24/95 Agenda items for the next meeting:**

- a. Parish Council Calendar for 2024-25 (up to and including the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Council Meeting)
- b. Council priorities for the future.

(Any additional items may be sent to the Clerk no later than 16<sup>th</sup> September)

*The meeting closed at 7.45pm*

*Signed:*

*Dated:*