

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.
On Monday 30th September 2024

24/96 Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Ball, Clark, Harkness, Ibbs and Kelly,, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Doug Rathbone, two members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Ellison and Westmorland & Furness Councillor Jonathan Brook.

24/97 Public participation:

Water is running down Helm Lane and is flooding driveways there. This appears to be a long-standing drainage problem. Councillor Rathbone will be asked for help.

24/98 Declarations of Interest:

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

24/99 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th July 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

24/100 Westmorland & Furness Councillors:

Councillor Rathbone said there was little to report at this time, but the following matters were mentioned:

Oxenholme Lane – is in need of re-surfacing and it is felt that pressure should be brought to bear on United Utilities. It was also noted that the surface at the top of the lane, by the A65 is in a very poor condition. He asked that as many residents as possible should report this.

20mph Consultation – he offered to put some of the consultation leaflets through resident's letter boxes and this was gratefully accepted by the Council.

24/101 Planning:

The following application was considered and it was resolved to make no objections to it:

2024/1660/FPA Yaffles, Barrows Green. Change of Use of existing agricultural building and adjoining land to Mixed Use (Agricultural and Equestrian) (Retrospective)

The appearing of a tree application at The Beeches in today's list was noted.

24/102 Finance:

- a. There were no outstanding accounts to pay.
- b. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- c. The Clerk updated the Council on the application to transfer the Council's banking arrangements to Lloyds Bank. It appeared that a further set of papers would be sent to the Clerk for signing and these need to be taken to the local branch to be uploaded on to their system. The Clerk will expedite this as soon as the papers are received.

24/103 20mph Speed Limit:

The Consultation is still open and the area has been widely covered with the flyers being delivered.

24/104 Reports from Councillors:

- a. Highwayman: Councillor Clark said he had attended the online meeting arranged by CALC, which had been attended by 43 representatives of local Parish Councils.
- b. Footpath Officer: There was nothing significant to report as Councillor Kelly had been away.
- c. Village Hall: Councillor Smith said that meetings of the Hall committee had been held. The disabled parking facility will be advertised by a portable sign when the need arises. There is no one able to manage the 'toilets' project at present and, due to the high cost, this is on hold just now.

24/105 Council priorities for the future:

The following were identified as priorities:

- a. Natland Road footpath – this has been a long-term project for around 20 years.
- b. Street lighting in the village, especially opposite the Village Hall.
- c. Flooding on Sedgwick Road just south of the entrance to Cracalt – both Councillor Rathbone and the Clerk will follow this up now.
- d. Water on Helm Lane and flooding at the Green.
- e. Parking of vehicles on Natland Road by the former K Shoes building – this had been discussed at the last meeting (minute 24/91 refers). Councillor Ibbs will send a photograph of the problem to Councillor Rathbone.
- f. Parking in the village.

24/106 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls):

A letter from Barclays Bank had been received, stating that a payment on the Council's account had been made in error (no details were given but it is assumed that it relates to many years ago) and the Council will be receiving a refund of this payment, together with interest, making a total of £146.68

24/107 Acknowledgement:

The Council formally acknowledged the contribution made by the Reverend Canon Angela Whittaker to the community during her incumbency. It was unanimously resolved that the Chairman should write to her to thank her for her service to the community.

24/108 Parish Council Calendar for 2024-25:

The following dates were agreed:

Monday 28th October Parish Council

Monday 25th November Parish Council

No meeting in December

Monday 13th January Parish Council – Precept Meeting

Monday 24th February Parish Council

Monday 31st March Parish Council

Thursday 10th April Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 12th May Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 30th June Parish Council

24/109 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. The Clerk will obtain a quotation for repairing the potholes (around four in number) in front of the Village Hall.
- b. Tree on the Village Green. Councillor Ibbs agreed to ask a tree specialist for advice on how to deal with this tree, which is now very large.
- c. There is a lot of graffiti on the bus shelters at the top of Oxenholme Lane. Councillors are requested to view this, following which it will be considered at the next meeting as to how it might be dealt with, possibly by the use of advertising panels etc.

24/110 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 28th October 2024 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: