

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 7pm.
On Monday 13th January 2025

25/1 Present: Councillors Smith (Chairman), Ball, Clark and Harkness, Westmorland & Furness Councillor Jonathan Brook, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors Ibbs and Kelly and received from Westmorland & Furness Councillor Dougl Rathbone.

25/2 Public participation:

John Chandler spoke about the condition of the Village War Memorial. It would be appropriate to have any missing names added to it and cleaning is required. Over the years no one has offered to help with its maintenance and the last time it was renovated was in 1959. The cost is likely to be between £2,000 and £3,000. It was agreed that this should be an agenda item for the next meeting, so the Council can consider either contributing towards the cost or paying the whole amount. In the meantime, alternative quotations will be explored.

25/3 Declarations of Interest:

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

25/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

25/5 Westmorland & Furness Councillors:

Councillor Brook mentioned the following:

- a. Parish lighting; Westmorland & Furness Council is to take responsibility for this and the system will be simplified.
- b. Proposed 20mph speed limit. This has gone through the first stage and there will now be a formal consultation.
- c. Flooding on Sedgwick Road. Councillor Rathbone has referred this to the Locality Board.
- d. Parking on Natland Road. Councillor Rathbone still awaits a response.
- e. United Utilities following up on Oxenholme Lane; a request has been made for the pipe to be renewed.
- f. Devolution. Westmorland & Furness Council has joined the government devolution programme.

25/6 Planning:

The following application was considered and there were no objections.

2024/2381/FPA Natland Caravan Park Natland. Variation of condition 6 (number of caravans on site) attached to planning permission 2024/1054/FPA (Removal of condition 2 (seasonal occupancy) attached to planning permission 5/96/1291 (Relaxation of planning condition no. 7 on 5/78/1191 & condition no 6 on 5/92/1800 re numbers of caravans))

25/7 Finance:

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

A W Houghton Contracting Ltd	£2,604.00	Tarmacing at Village Hall
Natland & Oxenholme Village Hall		
	£37.80	Hire of hall
Mike Trelogan	£80.00	Christmas tree
K M Price	£141.41	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, Including use of home office and travel.

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

c. The Budget Report was considered and it was resolved to make a Precept upon Westmorland & Furness Council in the sum of £12,000 for the financial year 2025-26.

25/8 Tree maintenance:

A quotation of £495 has been received for a tree survey. The Chairman will speak to Councillor Ibbs to discuss whether this is necessary or not.

25/9 Potholes:

Councillor Clark and others continue to report the many potholes in the parish.

25/10 Pedestrian safety on Natland Road:

Councillor Clark agreed to draft a formal request to Westmorland & Furness Council, bring to their attention the issues involved. The draft letter will be circulated to Councillors first.

25/11 Reports from Councillors:

- a. Highwayman: The Westmorland & Furness Council gritting map indicates that the road from Sedgwick to the A590 is not gritted. This is an important link road and it was requested that it be gritted as part of the network. The Clerk will follow this up.
- b. Footpaths: Councillor Kelly had indicated there was nothing to report.

- c. Village Hall: Nothing to report, but it was noted that the Village Hall has contributed £1,000 to the recent tarmacking.
- d. CALC: Nothing to report.

25/12 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls:

- a. The Kendal 10K. this is an annual event and the details were noted. This year's date is 7th May and it commences at 7.30pm.
- b. A letter had been received from a resident regarding inconsiderate driving outside the school. The letter will be forwarded to the Headmistress.
- c. Ian Brodie regarding The Helm. A management plan for The Helm has been proposed. It was resolved that this Council does nothing at present unless there is contact from the owner or Mr Studholme.

25/13 Agenda items for the next meeting:

- a. War Memorial – grant
- b. Annual charitable grants
- c. Cumbria Foundation grant application.

25/14 Date and place of the next meeting:

Monday 24th February 2025 at 7pm at Natland Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Signed:

Dated: