

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held at Natland Village Hall at 8.10pm.
On Monday 29th April 2024

24/47 Present: Councillors Smith (Chair), Ball, Clark, Harkness, Ibbs and Kelly, three members of the public and Parish Clerk Kevin Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Ellison and received from Westmorland & Furness Councillors Jonathan Brook and Doug Rathbone (Councillor Brook had been present at the Annual Parish Meeting held earlier in the evening).

24/48 Public participation: None.

24/49 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 and Kelly declared personal interests, should any matters relating to St Mark's Church be discussed.

24/50 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 25th March 2024 (circulated) were agreed and signed by the Chair, with one small amendment:

24/51 Planning: None.

24/52 Pavement in front of Church:

Councillor Ibbs suggested several ways forward, including:

- a. Not undertake any work until the related issues are decided upon.
- b. The bus shelter should be taken down (upon being put to the vote, four were in favour and two against).

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Dave Sharpe and confirm the Council agrees to his quotation for taking the bus shelter down. The Clerk will also ask him if he would be able and willing to fill in the two deep potholes outside the Village Hall (the Council will pay for this work).

The notice board – a visit from the joiner is expected this week, in order to ascertain the work to be done in re-siting the boards, the parish board remaining at the Village Hall and the Council board relocating to the Village Green. Councillor Ibbs will advise the Clerk, following the meeting with the joiner.

The plans will be formally agreed at the next meeting.

24/53 Parish lighting:

Westmorland & Furness Council had asked all parishes if they had any lighting issues. No one was aware of any issues at present so it was agreed to wait and see if any changes were proposed in future.

24/54 School parking:

After discussion, it was agreed that this Council is not in a position to help the school with funding for improved parking facilities.

24/55 Closure of River Kent footbridge:

This bridge is owned by the National Trust. The Clerk will approach Sedwick Parish Council to ask if they require any support in order to get the bridge re-opened.

24/56 Finance:

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

CALC	£301.78	Annual subscription
Clear Insurance Management Ltd		
	£832.22	Insurance premium
K M Price	£150.01	Quarterly expenses to 31 st March, Including use of home office and travel.

- b. The Clerk said the transfer of the Council's banking arrangements to Lloyds Bank is progressing but is slow.
- c. It was agreed that £150 would be a suitable contribution to make to the Endmoor First Responders, in recognition of their help with the Defibrillator training. This will be listed for payment at the next meeting.
- d. It was agreed that £600 would be a suitable contribution to make to the Parochial Church Council for the maintenance of the churchyard at St Mark's Church. It was noted that no contribution was made for 2023-24.

24/57 Reports:

- a. **Highwayman:** Reporting of potholes continues.
- b. **Footpaths:** Nothing to report.
- c. **Village Hall:** The potholes outside the Hall had already been discussed)
- d. **CALC:** Nothing to report.
- e. **Common Land:** nothing to report.

24/58 Correspondence (including emails and phone calls): None.

24/59 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 27th May 2024 at 7pm in Natland Village Hall – this will be the Annual Meeting (please note this is a Bank Holiday).

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed:

Dated: