

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING held in Natland Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 25th July 2005

The Council rose to observe a minute's silence in memory of Barbara Richardson, once Parish Clerk, who died recently.

05/83 Present: Cllr Peters in the Chair, Cllrs. Duff, Mansfield, Outhwaite, Parnham, and the Clerk, Mrs A Ireland.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bowley.

Three members of the public were present.

05/84 Public Participation Mike Ellis spoke about Parking on Park Close and answered councillors' questions (Minute 05/90 below refers).

05/85 The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on 27th June 2005 (*circulated*) were agreed and signed.

05/86 Matters arising (not covered by the agenda)

a. Kerbing A letter from Joanne Parker (formerly Powley) of Cumbria Highways, confirmed that she would make a site visit to look at proposed kerbing between The Bield and the corner of the Green, and at the uneven paving stones by the school. The Clerk to check that we are informed of the date, to ensure a Councillor attends.

b. Natland Road Footway/cycleway No further information Nick Raymond on holiday.

c. Leaning wall near cattle grid on Helm . The Chairman of Commoners had been informed. The wall has now fallen over - a temporary barrier has been erected

d. Sedgwick Road footway . Mr Dauncy of The Children's Society intends to hold a site meeting to clarify responsibility for maintenance. He would invite Planning and Highways and inform the Parish Council of the proposed date. The footway is again overgrown. The Clerk to contact Steve Gibson (as requested) who would contact The Children's Society.

e. Further to Minute 05/69(h), Cllr Duff reported his discussions with Mrs. Lawson, who would contact the Governors should any further problems occur.

05/87 Implementation of the Parish Plan

a. The Clerk had received no reports from Working Groups.

b. 'Support your Post Office' Week Because of the holidays Cllr Parnham reported that the group had been unable to meet. A flier was still on the cards.

c. Updating the web site is presently suspended whilst a new provider is established.

05/88 Maintenance of seats and bus shelters owned by the Parish Council

Cllr Parnham reported that Algon had been applied to the Sam Inglefield seat and Village Green bus shelter. The shelter will be painted with preservative soon. She had had an offer of help with the painting.

The Clerk had ascertained from Christine Moore that the memorial seat on the grass verge on the A65 had been provided by her family with permission from S.L.D.C. in 1995. Since then, S.L.D.C. had twice removed it for maintenance. The seat in the

banking was still unaccounted for: The Clerk will check with S.L.D.C. and report in September. Cllr Duff will clear vegetation and Cllrs Parnham and Peters will treat the latter seat with Algon, all without prejudice to its future ownership/maintenance.

05/89 Taxi Business, Park Close

The Clerk reported her conversation with S.L.D.C. Development Control. The taxi business at 3 Park Close does not require planning permission if customers do not come to the premises in person.

05/90 Parking on Park Close

The Council considered a letter from Mrs. Rachel Ellis of 4 Park Close about the difficulty of parking on Park Close and suggesting that parking spaces be provided on the small area of grass outside Nos. 1, 2 and 3. The Clerk reported that, if money is available, S.L.D.C. is keen to provide parking for council houses which have none. The Council sympathised with Mrs Ellis but noted that some residents might wish to construct their own access across the grass. It was agreed to write asking S.L.D.C. to consider the matter.

05/91 Suggested 40 mph Speed Limit on the C5071 between Kendal and Sedgwick

The letters to Nick Raymond asking advice on feasibility, signage, etc. had received no reply - he was on holiday. A letter from Neil Robinson (*circulated*) strongly supported a 40 mph application. It was agreed to defer the matter.

05/92 Councillor Allowances and Expenses

It was decided not to ask the Parish Remuneration Panel to make recommendations for 2006/7.

05/93 Planning

a. Comments to S.L.D.C. since our last meeting were confirmed:

SL/2005/0648 7 Watercrock Farm - conservatory - recommend refusal

SL/2005/0547 Quetta, Newlands - conversion of outbuildings - recommend

refusal -
(revised
plans do not
meet
neighbours'
wishes).

b. Comments on recent planning applications were agreed:

SL/2005/0703 12 Abbey Gardens, conservatory - no objection.

SL/2005/0809 13 Robby Lea Drive - side porch - no objection.

c. Decisions notified by S.L.D.C. were noted:

SL/2005/0620 Appletree Treatment Centre - full permission given

SL/2005/0648 7 Watercrock Farm conservatory - permission refused.

05/94 Finance

a. Monthly Cash and Budget Statements (*circulated*) were noted.

b. The following payments were agreed:

J Nelson - grass cutting £105.00
D Peters - expenses (including paint) £19.40
Natland Village Hall (4 meetings) £28.00
A Parnham - for Algon (Petty Cash) £5.99

05/95 Reports

- a. Church Cllr Mansfield reported that the churchyard site for the new memorial garden for cremated remains is now being actively considered. The 20 year old loop system in church is to be replaced at a cost of £5000. Martin Dew's ordination is at Holy Trinity at 6.30 pm on September 25, 2005. She expressed the thanks of the PCC for the Council's website which allows for Church links.
- b. School Cllr Duff reported that the Headteacher's retirement had been marked by a church service, concert, afternoon tea, and a dinner with the Staff and Governors
- c. Village Hall Cllr Parnham reported that a new cleaner had been appointed; there were several on-going repairs. The Playgroup would provide a new door bell. Decisions about the new kitchen are still being made; extra fund raising is needed for some equipment. Planned events include an Apple Day (October 1), Craft Fair (October 29), Slide Show (November 23), Photo Exhibition (November 26), Annual Quiz Night (January). Any other fund raising ideas would be welcome.
- d. Highways Chris Baines had written confirming that all our requests, pot holes and salt bin on Helm, damaged footways and resurfacing the C5071 outside Charnley Fold will be dealt with.
- e. Footpaths Cllr Outhwaite reported that she had spoken to Guy Timperley (Capita) who put her in touch with Paul Holroyd, the sub-contractor who would be dealing with repair work in Natland. She had offered to attend a site meeting but had no reply. She has been informed that all footpath signs will be wooden.
6. Police Report PC Jane McInerney had emailed a comprehensive crime report which will be displayed on the Parish Council Notice Board.

05/96 Correspondence

- a. Wellingtonia. A letter from Mr & Mrs Gaulton advised that Mrs Hornyold Strickland had given them permission to fell the Wellingtonia outside Green Tree House. She is also selling them the grass area on which it stands. Mr Gaulton had since informed the Chair that the tree would come down on Monday 8th August.
The Chair made it clear that this transfer of title in no way affected the Parish Council's control of that area as part of the Village Green. A letter will be sent thanking Mr and Mrs Gaulton for resolving the problem of the tree, but making clear the Council's intention to continue mowing the area of grass and its wish to agree the selection of a replacement tree.
- b. A letter from Holmes Gardens requesting approval of a nursery garden sign on the three direction road sign opposite the shop will be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk to write to John Bell requesting an official approach from the Highway Authority.
- c. An e-mail from Ingrid Beattie about (east) verge maintenance along Natland Road will be circulated and considered at the next meeting.
- d. Neil Robinson had sent a list of flora on Helm Lane; this is in the blue bag. Letter of thanks to Neil.
- e. The Chair drew attention to a recent notice opposite the shop advising of a road closure (October) for drainage work. The entrance to the village from Natland Road would be closed to vehicles and the signed diversion route will be via Oxenholme

Lane. The Clerk to check that Holmes and Larkrigg are aware. She would also attempt to find out more details, including whether the 6'6" width restriction on Oxenholme Lane would be suspended.

The meeting closed at 10.03 p.m.

Next meeting : Monday September 26, 2005 - 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall