

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held in Natland Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. on Monday October 30th 2006

06/103 Present: Cllr Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Bowley, Dickinson, Duff, Mansfield, Outhwaite, Parnham and the Clerk, Mrs A Ireland.

Six members of the public were present and District Councillor Brenda Gray

06/104 Public Participation

The Clerk answered Colleen Harrison's query giving details of the size of extensions which were permitted. A detailed booklet about Planning would circulate in the blue bag and would then be shown to Colleen.

06/105 The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on 11th September 2006 (*circulated*) were agreed and, with two minor amendments, signed

06/106 Matters arising (not covered by the agenda)

- a. Taxi business on Long Meadow Lane - Cllr Dickinson reported that Mark Balderson was now dealing with this and would report on an October 19th meeting.
- b. C.A.L.C. Roadshow will be held on Wednesday November 1st at 7 pm - it was agreed that no refreshment break was needed.
- c. Sedgwick Road footway - The Clerk had not heard from Nick Raymond (on holiday) about the requested site meeting of all parties concerned. She had also reported the faulty lighting to Andrew Taylor of Russell Armer Ltd, who were still responsible for the unadopted lighting on the Sedgwick footway.
- d. Yew Tree Lodge - Chris Baines of County Highways had written to Wilson, the contractors, to ensure that the alteration to the grass verge on Little Helm (common land) was reinstated when works were completed. The Clerk had spoken to Fiona Clark from Planning who had confirmed that the wall, now demolished to allow contractors' traffic, should be rebuilt and the original entrance used. If this does not happen, planning permission would be needed for a new access and driveway.

06/107 Implementation of the Parish Plan

- a. No reports from Working Groups had been received.
- b. Natland Community Web Site: Don Shore had sent a note:
 - (i) reporting twice as many visits as last month - 1296 from 798 different sites.
 - (ii) requesting guidance on items such as the website photo of a parked car next to a 'No Parking on the Village Green' notice and the comment attributed to the Clerk.

The Council agreed to leave such 'naming and shaming' to the discretion of Don or the WMT for the time being, on condition that any attribution should be agreed with that person beforehand.

The Chair will e-mail Don about this.

06/108 Review of proposed Natland Road footway/cycleway

(including the question of a 40 mph speed limit)

The Clerk reported correspondence from Martin Elson confirming that the Police would support a 50 mph speed limit but not 40 mph. No statistics were available as to the effectiveness of a 40 mph speed in other areas. The Council agreed to drop this item from any future Agenda.

Cllr Peters's paper (*circulated with a letter from Neil Robinson*) was discussed and the Council agreed unanimously to notify the Highway Authority:

- a. that the Council wishes to modify its request for a footway/cycleway along Natland Road to one for a footway only;
- b. that as much as possible of the footway should be located in the field behind the highway boundary wall/hedge;
- c. that the Council would accept the loss or diversion of footpath 557003 in order to achieve this;
- d. that the above alternative route has not yet gained the support of the respective farmers/landowners.

The Clerk to write (all correspondence to be copied to the relevant farmers).

06/109 Review of footway lighting

Cllr Peters's paper (*circulated*) was received. It was agreed to point out to the Highway Authority that the Council's agreement should have been sought for moving the light from a telegraph pole to a new lighting column outside the Post Office. The Clerk to write.

Several lights are obscured by foliage from adjacent gardens - a personal approach, rather than a mail shot or web site announcement, was deemed appropriate; how to go about this to be discussed at a future meeting.

06/110 Proposed footway lights on Oxenholme Lane

Cllr Duff had met on site with Eric Harper of Amey Mouchel who has suggested a new lighting column close to the wicket gate into Helm Lodge (shared poles are no longer acceptable). The guide price is almost £2,000. Mr Harper had also suggested the Highway Authority might fund an additional 'road' (i.e. yellow) light at the Oxenholme Lane junction with Long Meadow Lane. Cllr Duff would check the views of those who would be affected by either of the two lights and report to the next meeting. The Clerk to ascertain the working of lighting costs on the Precept Form.

06/111 Planning

- a. The following comments sent to SLDC since the last meeting were confirmed:
 - 10 Long Meadow Lane - single storey extension - no objection.
 - 41 Long Meadow Lane - siting of summer house - no objection.
- b. The following recent planning application was examined:
 - Little Lound, Oxenholme Lane - pitched roof on existing garage - it was agreed to make no objection.
 - Land at Wayleaves - new dwelling. The new owner and developer of the Wayleaves bungalow and garden plot is John Ingham of Lindale Developments (Westmorland) Ltd. His letter to S.L.D.C. was paraphrased, declaring his intention to re-furbish the Wayleaves bungalow and provide a more visually acceptable, traditional dwelling on the Wayleaves plot.

He made reference to the Parish Council's concern about parking, each dwelling would now have a garage and two parking spaces. It was agreed to make no objection.

- c. The following decisions had been notified by S.L.D.C:
- Kingswood House - rear conservatory - permission granted.
 - 36 Long Meadow Lane - rear conservatory - permission granted.

d. Wayleaves: recent conditions in Wayleaves 'new build' planning consent were explained. The Permitted Development Order exemptions had been removed and planning permission would be needed for future proposals on that site for Class A (extensions to the dwelling) and Class E (the siting of a summer house, shed or garage in the grounds) developments.

An agreement by Lindale Developments to re-instate any damage to the newly surfaced Village Hall car park would include a joint assessment with the Parish Council of the original surface condition. Mr Ingham hopes to begin work on the Wayleaves bungalow in a couple of week's time.

06/112 Finance

- a. Monthly Cash and Budget Statements (*circulated*) were noted.
- b. The following payment was agreed:
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| J R Nelson - grass cutting No. 7 | £105.00 |
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- c. Precept 2007/8 would be agreed at the November 27th meeting.

06/113 Reports

a. Church Cllr Mansfield reported that a meeting (of the Kendal Deanery) would be held on Saturday November 4th at the school when the Revd Steven Croft, the Archbishops' Missioner for Fresh Expressions of Church, would speak about 'Mission Shaped Church'. The faculty for the establishment of a Memorial Garden for cremated remains had now been received, which meant work could go ahead.

b. School - Cllr Duff reported that a new sheltered outdoor play and work area was to be constructed for the Reception Class.

c. Village Hall Cllr Parnham asked for care to be taken when stacking chairs and adjusting radiators. The Hall was re-valued at £15,050 for rating purposes. A grant has been applied for to provide new chairs, tables and trolleys. An A-level Art student from Kirkbie Kendal School has offered to design a new more visible Hall sign. A key holder was still needed.

- Craft Fair - November 4th - all day.

d. Footpaths Cllr Dickinson reported on two footpaths. The 'railway cattle creep' footpath was, as always, very muddy under the underpass. The Helm Lane 'St Mark's School' footpath has a damaged stile.

e. Highways Cllr Mansfield: potholes require attention at the junction of Helm Lane and the A65, opposite the farm entrance on Helm Lane and at the junction of the Village Green and Helm Lane. It was again noted that the road markings were worn and needed replacement where roadworks had taken place. Areas re-surfaced after roadworks are deteriorating. The Clerk to report to Highways.

06/114 Correspondence

- a. A Waste Recycling Scheme Meeting (including Natland) on Monday November 6th in the Town Hall would be attended by Cllr Parnham and the Clerk.
- b. The Lancaster Canal Steering Committee Meeting, November 20th at the Longlands Hotel, Tewitfield, would be attended by Cllr Dickinson and the Chair.
- c. A letter from Tim Farron MP asking whether the Council received Public Appointment information would be answered in the negative, but the Council would like to do so. The rest of the contents, seeking candidates for Committees, would be circulated.

The meeting closed at 9.40 p.m.

Next meeting : Monday November 27th 2006 - 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall

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