

## NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held in Natland Village Hall

at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 26th February 2007

**07/19 Present:** Cllr Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Bowley, Dickinson, Mansfield, Outhwaite, Parnham, the Clerk, Mrs A Ireland  
Four members of the public were present.

**07/20** The **Minutes of the Parish Council meeting** held on January 29th 2007 (*circulated*) were agreed and signed.

#### **07/21 Matters arising**

- a. Taxi business on Long Meadow Lane - Cllr Dickinson reported that the Jaguar taxi had been taken from the site on a low loader. The bungalow appears to be unoccupied but a car and minibus are still on site.
- b. The inadequate sump causing overflow flooding on Sedgwick Road outside St. Mark's Fold had been replaced by Russell Armer.
- c. Parish Council computer - this was now installed and the Clerk was registering it and checking the programmes.
- d. Bus shelter cleaning. Cllr Bowley had arranged to clean this during her free time - she found it had already been cleaned. It was thought a parishioner could have done this. Cllr Parnham will investigate.
- e. Litter at Dilly Bridge - SLDC has agreed to site a litter bin there (one removed from another site). More information about the Council's inquiry about gating the site would be available when ownership was confirmed.
- f. Sedgwick Road footway - nothing to report.
- g. May 2007 meeting dates - the Chair handed out a suggested draft timetable for producing and delivering the Annual Report in time for the 23rd May Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **07/22 Casual Vacancy**

The Clerk reported that Claire Wheatman, the Electoral Registration Officer, would contact her at the conclusion of the 14 working days (March 2nd) to let her know whether the vacancy could be filled by election or co-option. The Clerk will inform Councillors.

#### **07/23 Implementation of the Parish Plan**

- a. Helm The Chair reported that the Friends of the Lake District had purchased 67 acres of pasture land on the east side of Helm and hoped to purchase an adjacent plot to the south from the same owners. F.O.L.D. aim to manage it for public access and amenity, working closely with Stainton and Natland Parish Councils. The Council welcomed the news.
- b. Natland Community Web Site - The planned meeting of the Management Team has been postponed
- c. Post Office - The Clerk had received a questionnaire and some petition forms ("Save our Post Office") from Tim Farron. Cllr Parnham would speak to Graham Needham

hoping he will agree to house it. Councillors showed a willingness to take petition forms and knock on doors.

#### **07/24 Review of Footway Lighting**

- a. Vegetation obscuring lighting - The Clerk had spoken to Mark Robinson of Cumbria Highways (who was dealing with the Council's letter of inquiry). He was unaware of any contract which included dealing with vegetation.
- b. Mark Robinson also spoke of the re-siting of the Hall View Parish Council light. He was investigating the Council's request for details and would include his findings in his letter of reply.

All lighting maps and documents had been returned to the Clerk.

#### **07/25 Natland Spring Litter Hunt 2007**

A village wide delivery of notices inviting volunteers for this event would take place by March 18th. The Clerk to arrange photocopying - coloured paper. Volunteers for delivering notices gave their names.

#### **07/26 Planning**

- a. No comments were sent to S.L.D.C. since the last meeting.
- b. The following recent planning application were examined:
  - Cracalt Farm - milking parlour and collecting yard - no objection
  - Lowfield, Oxenholme Lane - demolition and rebuild as a four bedroomed dwelling - Cllr Dickinson would do preliminary enquiries and circulate; the plans to be returned to the Clerk. Response by March 22, 2007..
- c. The following decision had been notified by S.L.D.C:
  - Gallowbarrow Mill/Riverside Business Park - removal of operating hours condition on Planning Permission SL/2006/0560 - permission granted.
  - Land at Wayleaves - dwelling - permission granted. (several conditions, mainly pertaining to parking, were imposed)
- d. No further news had been received about the signing for the Natland Mill Beck Ice Cream Parlour or about the alterations to the access at Hall View, Natland.

#### **07/27 Finance**

- a. Monthly Cash and Budget Statements (*circulated*) were noted.
- b. The following payments were agreed:
  - Cllr Peters' expenses (photocopying, printing, stationery, stamps) £46.90
  - St. Mark's School - photocopying £17.10
- c. There were no requests for donations.
- d. The Council had been informed that District Audit would again be the Council's auditors for 2006/07.

#### **07/28 Reports**

- a. Church - Cllr Mansfield announced that the Church Fete at the vicarage was fixed for June 16th.
- b. School - Cllr Outhwaite reported the great success of the St. Mark's swimming teams at the Inter-School Gala - winning all three shields.
- c. Village Hall - Cllr Parnham reported that appointing a contract cleaning firm was being considered. The Fire and Safety Rules have been revised. The Quiz Night had raised over £500 and the Art Exhibition would be on March 10th and 11th.
- d. Footpaths Cllr Dickinson had walked the 'Canal Walk' and reported that all stiles are in good order.
- e. Highways Cllr Mansfield had walked the road over Helm and written a list of defects. The Clerk would send this to Chris Baines (Natland's highways technician, Joanne Parker, is on maternity leave).
- f. Crime No Police report had been received. The Clerk reported that a suspicious company had been calling on houses in the village. She had phoned numbers on the Neighbourhood Watch list. Some confusion about the way this scheme works was expressed.

### **07/29 Correspondence**

A letter had been received from an Endmoor resident asking for the Council's support for changing the speed limits on the A65 between Crooklands and Oxenholme. This to be circulated in the blue bag, for Councillors to decide whether it should be an Agenda item in March. The Clerk to contact other local Councils to ascertain how they were dealing with the request.

All other correspondence will be in the blue bag.

### **07/30 Any Other Business**

Cllr Parnham will attend the Kendal and District Bus Users AGM on 5th March.

The Clerk announced her intention to resign; she would remain in post until a replacement could be found (until the Annual Parish meeting would seem logical).

The meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.

**Next meeting : Monday March 26th 2007 - 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall**

Chairman

Date