

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting
Held in Natland Village Hall
At 7.30pm on Monday 25th June 2007.**

07/75 Present:

Cllr Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Bowley, Dickinson, Jackson, Mansfield, Outhwaite and Parnham, District Councillor Brenda Gray, two members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price..

07/76 Public participation:

Colleen Harrison expressed concern about the behaviour of children from Appletree. Problems were being experienced frequently, and the last week was especially bad. It was reported that children are sometimes out at night and the age range seems to be higher than that originally indicated.

It was resolved:

- a. To ask the Police for an update on the level of problems being reported.
- b. To enquire of the regulatory authority if the current staffing level is adequate.
- c. To ask the Principal for clarification of the age range being catered for.

07/77 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 28th May 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

07/78 Matters arising:

There is no response yet from SLDC to the request for a litter bin on the road over Helm. (Minutes 07/51 and 07/64)

07/79 Implementation of Parish Plan:

Nothing to report.

07/80 Sedgwick Road Footway:

Nothing has been heard yet from SLDC and a reply from Nick Raymond is awaited. The cost of maintaining the hedge is not known, and in the meantime volunteers led by Cllr Parnham are trimming it.

07/81 Review of Annual Parish Meeting – 23rd May 2007:

The draft minutes have been circulated, discussion being deferred until the next meeting, as they will not be agreed until next year. Councillors are requested to submit any alterations to the Chair, who will produce a final copy, within a week. It was agreed to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

07/82 Appointment of New Clerk:

- a. The Chair welcomed Kevin M Price as the new Clerk, from 1st June 2007.
- b. The disposal of the computer equipment was discussed, an approximate valuation having been obtained. It was resolved to offer the equipment to Mrs A Ireland, former Clerk, for £180.
- c. As Mrs Ireland had been involved in the handing over to the new Clerk, she had worked beyond the date previously agreed. It was resolved to discuss at the next meeting what remuneration might be appropriate.
- d. The draft Contract of Employment is being drawn up by the Chair and the Clerk.
- e. As the Clerk is on holiday on the date of the September meeting, it was agreed to hold this meeting on Monday 10th September instead, the Clerk to make arrangements for the use of the Hall.

07/83 Housing Needs Survey by Cumbria Rural Housing Trust:

It was unanimously resolved to support this survey. The envelopes would need to be delivered by 9th July. The Chair agreed to confirm this arrangement with Judith Derbyshire. District Councillor Brenda Gray spoke briefly about Affordable Housing.

07/84 New Code of Conduct for Parish Councils:

- a. It was resolved to adopt the new Code of Conduct, including paragraph 12(2), the Clerk to notify the Standards Board.
- b. Councillors then signed the Declaration of Interest forms.

07/85 Planning:

- a. The following comments made to SLDC since the last meeting were confirmed:
SL/2007/0633 Town End Cottage, Natland. Two storey extension. No objection.
SL/2007/0597 8 Shanny Lane, Natland. Single storey extension. No objection.
- b. Comment was made on the following applications:
SL/2007/0669 The Orchard, Natland. Two single storey side extensions. No objection.
SL/2007/0677 1 Highfield Hall, Barrows Green. Single storey extension. No objection.

07/86 Finance:

- a. The monthly cash and budget statements were not available.
- b. The following payment was agreed:
J R Nelson – grass cutting No 4 £105.00
- c. The Internal Audit is to be discussed between the Chair and the Clerk.

07/87 Reports:

- a. Church: Councillor Mansfield reported a pleasing level of support for the recent Songs of Praise on the Village Green. There is to be a photographic exhibition in the Church from 9th to 23rd September.
- b. School: Councillor Outhwaite reported that the BWTS might be moving forward but whether it will have any effect on road improvements remains to be seen.
- c. Village Hall: Councillor Parnham reported there is to be a Flower/Produce show on 21st July.
- d. Footpaths: Councillor Dickinson expressed concern about the wall on the top of Helm. There are several places where it is falling down. Discussion followed on the ownership of the wall.
- e. Highwayman: Councillor Mansfield reported on potholes between Robby Lea Drive and Helm Lane. She is still awaiting contact from Martin Taylor to arrange a site visit and the Clerk agreed to follow this up.

07/88 Correspondence:

- a. Network Rail, in response to the letter reporting water leaking from Natland bridge. This is being investigated.
- b. CALC re; Election of Parish Representatives for South Lakeland Standards Committee (no vote was made), and the Cumbria County Council South Lakeland Local Committee (David Willacy of Sedgwick received our vote).

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 30th July 2007 in the Village Hall.

Signed _____ Chair

Dated: