

## **NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7.30pm on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2007**

#### **07/89 Present:**

Cllr Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Bowley, Dickinson, Mansfield, Outhwaite, and Parnham, two members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Jackson.

#### **07/90 Public participation:**

*None*

#### **07/91 Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

#### **07/92 Matters arising:**

- a. There is still no response yet from SLDC to the request for a litter bin on the road over Helm and it was agreed to contact them again. (Minutes 07/51, 07/64 and 07/78).
- b. Highways. A site visit is still to be arranged with Martin Taylor and the Clerk agreed to follow this up again. (Minute 7/87).
- c. Code of Conduct Training. This is to be held on 31<sup>st</sup> July in Kendal and the Chair indicated his intention to attend. The Clerk agreed to notify SLDC.

#### **07/93 Sedgwick Road Footway:**

There is nothing new to report. The Chair updated the Council on the present situation, and copies of his letters to Fiona Clark at SLDC and Nick Raymond at CCC have been circulated. We are still awaiting a response. In the meantime the hedge is very overgrown and volunteers are needed to trim it.

#### **07/94 Draft Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting:**

The revised minutes, prepared by the Chair, were approved and will be passed on for inclusion on the website.

#### **07/95 Appointment of new Clerk:**

It was resolved that the former Clerk should be paid half a month's salary, in recognition of the extra work carried out during the handing over to the new Clerk.

**07/96 Housing Needs Survey by Cumbria Rural Housing Trust:**

364 forms had been delivered and the deadline for returning them is 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**07/97 Appletree:**

The Clerk reported on recent action taken:

- a. Ofsted had stated that Appletree is registered for 12 young people with behavioural difficulties between the ages of 6 and 12.
- b. PC Hayley Johnson of Milthorpe Police Station had informed the Council that there had been six separate reports of missing children from the school since the start of the year.
- c. Clair Davies, Principal, had offered to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council, if this would be appropriate or helpful.

*(The meeting was then adjourned to allow members of the public present to speak)*

Reports had been received that 13 year old children were also being catered for and concern was expressed that the Police did not seem to welcome any reports they received of missing children, but referred callers to the school instead.

*(The Council meeting was then resumed)*

It was resolved that

- a. Ofsted should be informed that it is believed that 13 year olds are being looked after and that there is an ongoing problem of children absconding from the school.
- b. The Police are asked if they have changed their approach to the way they handle reports from the public. It was also agreed that PC Hayley Johnson be asked to attend a future meeting of the Council.

**07/98 Noise complaint re; 14 Wandales Lane:**

*(The Chair declared a personal interest)*

The Chair had ascertained the opinions of the main complainant and Mr Bourne has put forward a method of working for the future. The neighbours who had written to the Council are both willing to see how matters progress, in the light of this. It was resolved to write to Mr Bourne, accepting his proposals and agreeing to monitor the situation.

**07/99 Theft of planters from the Village Green:**

Between 13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July, two planters were stolen from the Village Green, opposite the 'bus shelter. Mr R Holmes had replaced and replanted these. It was resolved to thank Mr Holmes, and to pay him £20, whereupon the four planters will be transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council.

**07/100 Planning:**

a. *The following decisions from SLDC were read out:*

SL/2007/0633 Town End Cottage, Natland. Two storey extension. Granted.  
 SL/2007/0669 The Orchard, Natland. Two single storey side extensions. Granted.  
 SL/2007/0677 1 Highfield Hall, Barrows Green. Singel storey extension. Granted.  
 SL/2007/0719 Hall View, Natland. To retain and alter vehicular access.  
 (Retrospective). Granted.

b. The Council confirmed comment of ‘no objection’ is respect of SL/2007/0719 (above).

c. *One new application had today been received and this would be circulated:*

SL/2007/0858 Highfield Lodge, Barrows Green. Change of use from office to dwelling.

**07/101 Finance:**

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

J R Nelson – grass cutting No 6 £105.00  
 K M Price – Clerk’s salary for June 2007 £197.08  
 Broken Windows – website hosting £88.13  
 A Ireland – Salary to former Clerk £84.17  
 St Mark’s PCC Natland – Church Memorial Garden £300.00

b. The Annual Audit has been satisfactorily concluded and the Clerk agreed to display a notice to this effect.

c. The cash and budget statements will be available at the next meeting.

d. Independent Auditor. Marion Thornton was appointed and the Clerk agreed to write to her confirming the appointment and offering an Honorarium of £50.

e. Church Memorial Garden (Councillor Mansfield declared an interest). It was resolved the Council contributes £300 towards the provision of this facility.

**07/102 Reports:**

- a. Church. Councillor Mansfield reported on the continued fundraising for the new Memorial Garden.
- b. School: Councillor Outhwaite reported on the school’s recent results and on the excellent leavers service.
- c. Village Hall. Councillor Parnham reported that the recent fault with the boiler had been rectified. The entrance hall refurbishment and the painting is to commence soon.
- d. Footpaths: Nothing to report.
- e. Highways. Outstanding matters are to be followed up.

**07/103 Correspondence:**

CALC informed us that the following elections had been made:

- a. South Lakeland Standards Committee: Councillor Mrs E M Braithwaite MBE of Lakes Parish Council.
- b. Cumbria County Council Local Committee: Councillor D C Willacy of Sedgwick Parish Council.

**07/104 Any other business:**

- a. Councillor Dickinson reported on the recent musical event at Grate Farm, in Helsington parish. It was wondered if permission had been given for this event and whether it was monitored by the Police. This may be an Agenda item at a future meeting.
- b. Councillor Bowley reported that the grass opposite Dalton Lodge had not been cut and the Clerk agreed to speak to Mr Nelson about this.
- c. Councillors Dickinson, Mansfield and Outhwaite gave their apologies for absence at the next Council meeting.
- d. The Clerk reported that Mr Graeme Murray is the new Secretary of the Natland Badminton Club.

*The meeting closed at 9.35pm.*

*The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007 in the Village Hall.*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Chair

Dated: