

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7.30pm on Monday 10th September 2007

07/105 Present:

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

07/106 Public participation:

None.

07/107 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 30th July 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chair, with the correction of minute 07/101 (a) J R Nelson – should read No 5.

07/108 Matters arising:

- a. The Clerk agreed to contact SLDC yet again concerning the litter bin on the road over Helm (Minutes 07/51, 07/64, 07/78 and 07/92).
- b. The Clerk agreed to contact Highways again concerning the site visit (Minute 07/87 and 07/92).

07/109 Parish Plan – achieving Quality Parish Status:

The Clerk outlined the steps necessary in order to apply for Quality Parish Status. One of the requirements is that the Clerk should achieve the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA). The Clerk has attended the course conducted by CALC and hopes to commence putting together his portfolio shortly. It was resolved to apply for Quality Parish Status once this work is completed.

07/110 Sedgwick Road footway:

- The correspondence between the Chair and Nick Raymond has been circulated to all Councillors and was noted. The highway authority had confirmed that the County Council will now adopt the footway, lighting and hedge on Sedgwick Road in its current state, but the future maintenance of the hedge would be confined to a single annual cut. The clerk will write asking whether such a regime will suffice to keep the footway safe and fit for pedestrians at all seasons of the year. In the meantime the farmer has offered to cut the hedge at the same time as the autumn cut to his hedge on the field side. Councillors were grateful for his offer; it is hoped that volunteers will continue to do extra trimming as and when needed. A promised response from SLDC about the original planning intention has not yet arrived; the chair will pursue this.

07/111 Dog fouling on footpaths and bridleways:

It is now possible for fixed penalty notices to be issued for dog fouling. The problem is particularly acute in some areas of the parish and SLDC can supply warning notices. It was felt that more publicity on this matter was required and it was resolved to remind residents of the problem via the website. It was noted that the regulations apply to footpaths and bridleways as well as footways. The Chair agreed to ask SLDC to erect a notice on the footpath ending at Burton Road by the railway line.

07/112 Appletree:

The Clerk reported on recent correspondence. A reply had been received from the Principal and a copy of the Ofsted report. No reply had been received from the Police and the Clerk agreed to contact them again. This will be an Agenda item for the next Council meeting.

07/113 Planning:

- a. *The Council confirmed the following comments made to SLDC on recent planning applications:*

SL/2007/0858 Highfield Lodge, Barrows Green. Change of use from offices to dwelling. No objection.

SL/2007/0855 Larkrigg. Change of use of land to form site for eight static caravans. No objection (subject to conditions).

- b. There were no decisions to report from SLDC.

07/114 Finance:

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

Natland and Oxenholme Village Hall – rent £35.00

Audit Commission – Audit fee £141.00

CALC – subscription £171.00

J R Nelson – grass cutting No 6 and 7 £210.00

Cllr. D Peters – Chair's expenses £57.24

CALC – Code of Conduct advertisement £15.00

- b. A letter of thanks from St Mark's PCC was read, following the Council's recent contribution towards the creation of a memorial garden in St Mark's churchyard.
- c. The Clerk circulated to Councillors a brief financial statement from 1st April to 31st August 2007.

07/115 Reports:

- a. School. Cllr Outhwaite reported in writing that the new term had opened on 4th September. The new outdoor learning area is almost completed and a new member of staff has been appointed.
- b. Church. Nothing to report.
- c. Village Hall. Cllr Parnham reported that the entrance hall has been re-decorated and there is a new floor covering. The next major fund raising event will be a Craft Fair on Saturday 3rd November.
- d. Highways. Cllr Mansfield reported in writing that the 30mph sign on Oxenholme Lane has become detached and is propped against a wall half way down the lane adjacent to Brant Howe. Helm Lane is very badly eroded on the left at the edge of the road going towards the village green just past the farm but before the white cottage. It was resolved the Clerk should deal with these matters.
- e. Footpaths. It was reported that Network Rail have tidied up the footpath by the railway.

07/116 Correspondence:

- a. CCC re; Kendal – Beetham/Silverdale bus service. The new timetable was noted.
- b. Boundary Committee for England. It was resolved to make no further comments on the recent review of South Lakeland.
- c. Mrs Audrey Ireland – thanking the Council for her years as Clerk and completing the purchase of the Council's computer equipment as previously arranged.

07/117 Any other business:

- a. Handy person scheme – details are in the blue bag.
- b. Larkrigg. The Clerk agreed to ask SLDC for an assurance that we shall be consulted on planning applications at this location or to consider a parish boundary change to include it.
- c. It was resolved to supply Don Shore with a key to the notice board, in order that he might post website news there.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 29th October 2007 in the Village Hall.

Signed _____ *Chair*

Dated: