

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7.30pm on Monday 26th November 2007

07/131 Present:

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

07/132 Public participation:

None

07/133 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 29th October 2007 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

07/134 Matters arising:

- a. (*from previous minutes 07/48*). The taxi business operating from a residence on Longmeadow Lane is causing concern. There are two minibuses on the drive and a further vehicle in the road. It seems to represent a change to business use and the premises are being used as a depot. It was resolved to bring this to the attention of SLDC planning, who originally requested that this Council informs them of any change in circumstances.
- b. 07/130 (c). Bus shelter at the top of Oxenholme Lane. The Clerk reported on the information he had received from CCC. Their budget for this year's grants is already fully committed but it was anticipated that there will be a budget for the grants again next year. An application form and a list of manufacturers has been received. It was resolved that this information will be circulated to Councillors and that, in the meantime, Cllr Outhwaite will make enquiries to ascertain how many children would be likely to use such a facility. It was further resolved that if this project goes ahead, Kendal Town Council will be informed of it. This matter will be an Agenda item for the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- c. 07/121 (and 07/51, 07/64, 07/78, 07/92 and 07/108). Litter bin on the road over Helm. There is nothing further to report yet.
- d. 07/121 (b) (and 07/87, 07/92 and 07/108). The Council still awaits a reply from Nick Raymond.
- e. 07/124 Dog fouling on footways and bridleways. The Chair reported that he has not taken any action yet but will do so in due course.

07/135 Highways Response Team – Replacement Trial:

A letter from CCC Highways was considered, although two Councillors had not yet received their copies. The Highwayman scheme is currently on hold and an ongoing programme of service improvements aimed at increasing the amount of work that is carried out on the ground is being instigated. The team will now be working in a parish or group of parishes for several days at a time and it is necessary for the Parish Council to inform the authority of all highways matters requiring attention. Cllr Mansfield agreed to pass on this information to them.

The Chair gave a brief report of the recent highways meeting he had attended at New Hutton on 7th November. This included the following:

- a. The Parish Charter, which promises a response time of no more than 10 days for correspondence between principal authorities and parish councils, is being worked towards.
- b. Nick Raymond had described Natland as an ideal candidate for a community travel plan (a system for identifying local highway schemes by involving the community).
- c. The ‘highwayman’ scheme will continue at present in communities where it already exists (such as Natland), but further expansion of the scheme is on hold until the Highways Response Team trial has been evaluated.

07/136 Helm Open Day:

The FOLD event at the Helm had been held on the previous Saturday, despite the poor weather conditions. This Council had not been officially informed. The Chair had attended and there were around 25 people present.

07/137 Planning:

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

SL/2007/1185 Pentlands, Oxenholme Lane. Extension to form double garage. No objection.
- b. There were no recent planning applications to consider.
- c. There were no decisions notified by SLDC to report.
- d. The Chair had recently examined the plans for Yew Lodge, Helm Lane (SL/2006/0122). The Parish Council had been informed that the wall would be re-instated but it appears that a new access has now been made and the Council is concerned that this development may be heading for a more extensive boundary than the original application. It was resolved to communicate this to SLDC planning.

07/138 Finance:

- a. The monthly cash and budget statements were received.
- b. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*
 K M Price £29.67 expenses 1st June to 31st October 2007
 Mrs A Ireland £10.22 2007/8 pay award back pay
 K M Price £29.52 pay award back pay
 Misc. admin £28.02 (from Petty Cash)
- c. *It was resolved to make donations as follows:*
 North West Air Ambulance £100.00
 Great North Air Ambulance £100.00
- d. A request for financial assistance had been received from Citizens Advice South Lakeland. However, as the Council had already made a grant to this organisation during the current financial year, it was resolved that no further contribution will be made until next year.
- e. After consideration of the budget report, it was resolved that this Council makes a Precept upon South Lakeland District Council in the sum of £5,500 for the financial year 2008/9.

07/139 Meeting dates for 2008:

The following dates for meetings of the Parish Council during 2008 were agreed:

28th January
 25th February
 17th March
 28th April
 29th April (Tuesday) Annual Parish Meeting
 19th May Annual Parish Council Meeting
 30th June
 28th July
 15th September
 10th November
 8th December

07/140 Reports:

- a. Church. Cllr Mansfield reported that the Church Memorial Garden has now been completed. A Christmas card, produced by the Church, will be distributed around the village.
- b. School. Cllr Outhwaite reported on recent changes in after-school provision, the Walk for Diabetes on 14th November, and gave notice that the Christmas Fayre will be on Thursday 13th December at 6.30pm.
- c. Village Hall. Cllr Parnham reported that the Craft Fair was a great success and raised over £668. The next major fund-raising events are a Quiz Night on 2nd February and the Art Exhibition on 8/9th March.
- d. Footpaths. Cllr Dickinson reported he had recently walked the bridleway behind High Wells. Railtrack would be clearing the brambles from the footpath by the railway.
- e. Highways. Cllr Mansfield would incorporate her report in that being made directly to the Highways authority. (07/135).

07/141 Correspondence:

- a. CCC. There will be a road closure for one day on Monday 17th December on the C5071 Natland Road, from the junction with the U5625 Hawes Lane to the junction with the U5626 Oxenholme Lane.
- b. CALC. Amanda McCleery introducing herself as the new Parish Liaison Officer. The next meeting of the South Lakeland District Association of CALC will be on Thursday 29th November at the Newby Bridge Hotel at 7.15pm.

07/142 Any other business:

The Chair reported that he had opened correspondence with United Utilities concerning the plot of land in the village hall access area originally dedicated for a sub-station. This had become an eyesore and the intentions of the company are not known.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Monday 28th January 2008 in the Village Hall.

Signed _____ Chair

Dated: