

NATLAND PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting Held in Natland Village Hall At 7.30pm on Monday 30th June 2008

08/70 Present:

Cllr Peters in the Chair, Cllrs Bowley, Chandler, Jackson, Outhwaite and Parnham, three members of the public and the Clerk Mr K M Price. District Cllr Brenda Gray arrived later during the meeting. Cllr Mansfield's apologies had been tendered at the previous meeting.

08/71 Public participation:

None.

08/72 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of 19th May 2008 were agreed and signed by the Chair.

08/73 Matters arising:

- a. 08/11, 08/17, 08/31, 08/45, and 08/61 Dog-biting incident. The Police had replied that no police prosecution had taken place and they had no further information to give the Council. It was agreed to be vigilant in case this animal is still around.
- b. 08/45 and 08/61 Appletree School. A reply had been received to our enquiry from Ofsted, confirming that the ages catered for at Appletree have not changed.
- c. There was some doubt at SLDC as to which Councillors had returned their Declaration of Financial and Other Interests. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries and submit any that were outstanding.

08/74 Sedgwick Road footway:

The Clerk reported that he had finally received a reply from Nick Raymond at CCC Highways, who are accepting responsibility for the hedge. Their intention is to provide an annual cut, although they indicate that should more frequent cuts become necessary then they will address the problem. A single payment is being made to CCC by Russell Armer to cover future maintenance.

It was resolved that the Council is of the opinion that the hedge is in need of cutting now, and suggests two cuts annually, one in both July and October. It is the duty of the highway authority to provide a safe passageway. The Clerk will communicate this to CCC Highways.

08/75 Allotments in Natland:

Cllr Jackson has arranged a meeting for interested parties at the Village Hall on Monday 7th July. Details of the meeting have been circulated to Councillors and others. The Council resolved to be responsible for the cost of the Hall booking. The Chair thanked Cllr Jackson for his work.

08/76 Review of Annual Parish Meeting 29th April 2008:

- a. Organisation: It was felt the organisation was satisfactory. In future, a specific invitation should be sent to St Mark's School to be represented.
- b. Draft minutes: Corrections were passed to the Clerk who agreed to produce a final copy.
- c. Actions arising: No specific actions were necessary.

08/77 'Welcome to Natland' leaflet:

It was resolved to accept the kind offer from Don Shore, whereby the leaflet will be available on Natland.info. This will enable the publication to be kept up to date.

08/78 Maintenance of village green bus shelter:

It was resolved that this should be repainted, the Chair and Cllr Parnham agreeing to be responsible for it between now and the next Council meeting. The Council will re-imburse the costs involved.

08/79 Planning:

- a. *The following comments sent to SLDC since the last meeting were confirmed:*
SL/2008/0548 Village Hall, Natland. Storage shed. No objection.
- b. There were no current planning applications requiring consideration.
- c. *The following decisions notified to the Council by SLDC were noted:*
SL/2008/0173 Millennium House, Natland. Retention of building as a separate dwelling. Refused.
SL/2008/0392 Helme Park, Helm Lane, Natland. Single storey extension. Granted.
- d. New storage shed behind village hall – work on this is now underway.
- e. Taxi business operating on Long Meadow Lane. There is nothing further to report at present.
- f. SLDC Core Strategy Preferred Options. The chair reported that the Council's response had been submitted.

- g. It was reported that Yew Lodge, at the top of Helm Lane, is now complete and is for sale. It was resolved to contact CCC Highways and ask for the carriageway and verge to be reinstated, as there is an encroachment upon common land.

08/80 Finance:

- a. The monthly cash and budget statements were noted.
- b. *It was resolved to pay the following accounts:*
 St Mark's C of E Primary School £17.10 for photocopying (replacement cheque)
 J R Nelson – £315.00 for grasscutting (3, 4, and 5)
 Cllr J Chandler £15.00 for CALC Training course.
 SLDC £810.00 for street lighting
 Broken Windows £88.13 for website hosting
 Marion Thornton £50.00 for Internal Audit

08/81 Reports:

- a. Church. The Garden Fete is to be held on 5th July and the Songs of Praise Service on 6th July.
- b. School. Cllr Outhwaite reported that, despite the rain, the school fete had been successful. Year 5 had a monastic experience at Carlisle Cathedral, and Year 2 visited Hill Top. The cricket team won South Kendal Currys, one of the top two in the group at Cumbria Finals, and the coming Friday will be at the North Regional Finals at Carlisle.
- c. Village Hall. Cllr Parnham reported that the Flower Show is to be held on 19th July; schedules are available from the village shop, Oxenholme Post Office, the Ice Cream Parlour and Holmes'.
- d. Footpaths: Cllr Jackson has details of the Rights of Way in the parish.
- e. Highways: It was reported that the concrete approaches to the cattle grid at the north end of the road over Helm were breaking up and it was resolved to bring this to the attention of the CCC Highways. It was reported that three street lights are out at St Marks Fold and the Clerk agreed to bring this to the attention of the highways authority. The 30mph sign opposite Long Meadow Lane has gone. District Cllr Gray agreed to take up with SLDC the matter of the litter bin at the highest point of the Helm which was requested by the Parish Council some considerable time ago.

08/82 Correspondence:

- a. Housing Needs Survey – it was agreed to circulate this in the 'Blue Bag'.
- b. CCC. A grant of £3,700 is available towards the cost of the proposed bus shelter opposite the top of Oxenholme Lane on the A65. A site meeting with Mr Martin Elson is to be arranged, the Chair and Cllrs Bowley and Chandler to attend. The Chair will liaise with Mr Elson.

08/83 Any other business:

None.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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

Signed _____ Chair

Dated: