

# **MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Peter Capasso (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Peter Hill, Steve Hurst, Jim Robson and Jen Scrogham. Also C Cllr P McSweeney (as from item 6.2) & D Cllr R Audland (as from item 5.6), Parish Clerk John Scargill, Market Supervisor James Lowther (for items 1-5.7 and item 10) and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Lachmann..
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Capasso.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – none.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllrs Bingham & Robson re agenda item 5.4, who took no part in the discussion of this item.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**
  - 5.1 **Draft Playing Field user licences (5.1)** – all licenses had now been signed by all parties. Milne Moser's invoice for related legal charges included in March payments (see 9.1 below).
  - 5.2 **Playing field boundary wall (5.2)** – a specification and draft tender document had been prepared and were **approved** by the meeting. Clerk to arrange for the 'Invitation to tender' document to be published in the Westmorland Gazette and Lancaster Guardian and on the MPC website ASAP. Tender submission deadline 30 April 2019, MPC response (choice of contractor) deadline 24 May 2019. Work to be completed by 30 Sept 2019. Any additional capping stones (to replace stones lost in the storm) were likely to cost £140pm excluding fitting.
  - 5.3 **St. Thomas's Church communications mast (5.4)** – no further developments. Ongoing.
  - 5.4 **Renewal of dog fouling signs on playing field (5.5)** – the Clerk had been in contact with SLDC Legal Dept and was awaiting a response. Ongoing.
  - 5.5 **Village Centre signs (7.1)** - all but one sign had now been satisfactorily cleaned. Ongoing.
  - 5.6 **Milnthorpe public toilets (9.2)** – MPC's advice from its District Councillors was that renewal of the SLDC grant might well be possible though on a reduced scale. **Agreed** – that MPC request a new grant of £7,500 for the year 2020/21, reducing to £6,000 in 2021/22, £4,500 in 2022/23 and £3,000pa thereafter. Clerk to write formally to D Cllr Audland with this proposal.
  - 5.7 **Inappropriate parking on The Square (6.3)** – was a continuing problem, much of it in the loading bay in front of Refresh, where CCC had previously accepted responsibility. Clerk to email Cllr McSweeney with supporting details.
6. **Public Participation:**
  - 6.1 **Police Report** – report received, showing 3 crimes recorded for Milnthorpe in the month – two shoplifting offences and one damage to a Dallam Estate wall. See also 6.3 below.
  - 6.2 **County Council** – although the damage to Crooklands bridge had now been repaired, the procedure for achieving this had proved protracted and time consuming, with poor communication between all bodies involved. MPC were happy with existing speed restriction zones on the A6 within the parish. The delay to road surfacing by Highways on Park Road (as a result of BT work) was frustrating to all and an update on the expected start date would be sought. Traffic control measures on the B528 at Sandside, whilst awaiting the repair of bordering wall, were soon to be improved. The cost of any additional zebra crossings in the village might prove a stumbling block for Highways.
  - 6.3 **District Council** – Cumbria Constabulary was impressed with the contribution made by CCTV in reducing and tackling crime and wished to extend coverage in the county. They would be making a presentation to MPC at its next meeting on 8 April 2019.
  - 6.4 **Electors** – The garden along Parkhouse Way, from Booths to Church Street, was looking good. The Morris dancers had agreed to attend the Good Friday market as usual in 2019.



- 10. Market.** Rents for Feb 2019 £390 (Feb 2018 £508), year to date £6,266 (2017/18 £7,703).  
Market Supervisor's monthly report – market ticking along and everyone happy. A number of serious enquiries for new stalls in the pipeline. Inappropriate parking on Fridays and Saturdays continue. Occasional police presence but not helpful in dealing with practical parking problems. Further attention needs to be given to clarifying and interpreting market rules and procedures. Clerk and Cllr Capasso to address.
- 11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.**
- 12. Parish Matters** (for information only):  
**Cllr Bingham** – a good display of daffodils in the village. Remembrance Day poppies needed to be removed – Cllr Capasso to do.  
**Cllr Adair** – hedges in need of trimming at Ackenthwaite House and Crosby House. Also recent unusually large amounts of mud and some verge damage on the B6384 between Ackenthwaite and Whasset due to activity in nearby fields by farm tractors.  
**Cllr Hurst** – risk from speeding by wagons using Main Line Business Park. The Memorial Hall bell could now be repaired and reinstalled.  
**Cllr Baverstock** – Mill Lane remained without street lamps as the old gas lamp (now electric powered) was no longer working. Clerk to advise SLDC Conservation Officer Graham Darlington and supply photograph.
- 13. General correspondence – 25/02/19** – Natwest request for formal MPC permission to park their mobile bank vehicle on The Square on Fridays. Required email sent by Clerk.
- 14. Reading Matter** – Clerks & Councils Direct Issue 122 – March 2019.
- 15. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting, and additional to those referred to above – none.**
- 15. Date of next meeting** – confirmed as Monday 8 April 2019 at 7.30pm in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall, to include a presentation by Cumbria Constabulary on CCTV benefits (under item 6.1).

**The meeting closed at 9.00pm**