

# MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 at 7pm. The meeting was held remotely via a video conference. A virtual meeting protocol was circulated to all attendees prior to the meeting. The meeting was open to members of the public**

**Present:** Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Jim Robson, C Cllr Pete McSweeney (part), D Cllr Rupert Audland and Mr Paul Blackburn (Clerk). No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Scrogam, Hill and Lachmann sent their apologies. C Cllr McSweeney had to leave part way through the meeting to attend another Parish Council meeting.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020** - had been circulated by email and were **APPROVED**. The Clerk will obtain the signature of the Chair
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – None
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – None
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.**
  - 5.1 **CCTV coverage for Milnthorpe (including lights) (5.1)**

Grant received from Baywind Trust  
Awaiting inventory details to enable further grant application  
Agreement that payment for lights will be in the next financial year
  - 5.2 **Footpaths (5.2)**

Awaiting delivery of kissing gate kit from 3<sup>rd</sup> party. It will then be put in place, timing dependent upon weather
  - 5.3 **Speed Limit on B6384/B6385 (5.4)**

Crash team meeting has not yet taken place
  - 5.4 **Vehicles using the square during the Friday Market (7.1)**

Barriers are working well with no issues. A quote has been obtained to put in a pathway across the corner of the Green. Cllr Hurst proposed that the quote (£700) be accepted and that work could commence. This was **APPROVED** by all Councillors present
  - 5.5 **Marsh Sluice Gates (12)**

Feedback from EA still awaited, to be chased
  - 5.6 **Disabled Parking Spaces (12)**

Cllrs Hurst and Robson have identified that a further disabled space can be added to the Square car park, which complies with regulations. Cllr Hurst is to obtain a price for the work and will propose that the cost is agreed at the next meeting.  
A disabled sign is to be sourced
6. **Public Participation**
  - 6.1 **County Council**
    - C Cllr McSweeney provided an update on the 'Milnthorpe Matters' meeting that had recently taken place. There had been a number of excellent suggestions and further consideration was to be given to options for a better link road from Jn 36 to Mainline. It was also pointed out that there are a number of 'derelict' buildings around the village that are an eyesore and it was hoped that something could be done about them
  - 6.2 **District Council**
    - None
  - 6.3 **Electors**
7. **New Matters for Consideration**
  - None

## 8. Planning Matters:

### 8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received:

#### New Applications

SL/2020/0779 - 17, The Square, change of use, Objection lodged due to potential parking issues  
SL/2020/0774 - 14 Dallam Chase, 2 storey side extension, No objection

#### Decisions

SL/2020/0437 - 50 Church Street, replace rear extension, Granted with Conditions  
SL/2020/0444 – St Anthony’s Close, variation of condition, Granted with Conditions

### 8.2 Any Related Matters - None

## 9. Financial Matters

### 9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances

#### Receipts – November

Market Trader Rent - £474.05  
Parking Discs - £31.50  
Baywind Grant - £500.00  
SLDC CIL - £588.39  
HSBC Complaints - £80.00  
Total - £1,539.94

#### Payments – November

Market Electricity, E.ON, £8.17 (VAT £0.39)  
Market Electricity, E.ON, £50.78 (VAT £2.42)  
Market Electricity, E.ON, £24.78 (VAT £1.18)  
Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £600.00 (VAT £100.00)  
Toilet water, Waterplus, £37.01  
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £33.05 (VAT £1.80)  
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,249.66  
Toilet Electricity, Npower, £224.62, (VAT £1.17)  
Market Rates, SLDC, £116.00  
Christmas Tree payment - £900.00  
Wreath Cost - £40.00  
Half Year Rent for Recreation Ground, Dallam Tower Estate - £2.50  
Total - £3,086.57 (VAT £106.96)

#### Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £47,348.47  
Deposit Account - £22,045.04

All payments were **APPROVED**

#### - **Any Related Matters**

The proposed budget for 2021/22 will be sent to members prior to the January meeting, where it will be discussed and agreed prior to requesting the precept for 2021/22. It is hoped that there will be a minimal increase in the precept request

## 10. Market Report

- Trial period with Dude’s Dough was well received. The Council agreed to extend the offering for 2021. The Clerk will inform the business
- The market will not open on 25<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January
- All traders were able to continue trading during Lockdown 2, as all were on the Gov.uk acceptable list of business

## 11. To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies - None

**12. To consider matters from around the Parish**

Cllr Baverstock mentioned that the leaves on the SLDC car parks had still not been cleared and that we currently hold over 10 tonnes of rock salt for when it is required

Cllr Adair expressed concern that one of the takeaway businesses just off the Square, was not adhering to Covid regulations with minimal wearing of masks, no social distancing and no apparent concern for the regulations. It was agreed that local police officers will be asked to monitor.

Cllr Robson stated that 2 Christmas Church services will be held on The Green. He confirmed that risk assessments were in place and will ask for them to be forwarded to the Clerk. He also stated that the Remembrance service had been 'fantastic' given the current situation (Coronavirus)

Cllr Hurst wished to thank the Village Christmas Committee for the fantastic work they have done. They have made the village very festive.

**13. General Correspondence – None received**

**14. Reading Matter –** Continues to be sent via email on a regular basis. It is generally updates from District and County Councils on the Coronavirus situation. The Clerk will continue to send out appropriate matters that are received

**15. To receive notice of items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting**

- Cllr Bingham asked that we add the Queen's Jubilee (February 2022) to the agenda, this was agreed
- Agreement of budget for 2021/22

**16. Date of next scheduled meeting –** confirmed as Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. This will be via virtual technology. As always members of the public are welcome to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk for joining details

*Paul Blackburn*

**Parish Clerk  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

The next meeting will be a remote, virtual meeting. If members of the General Public wish to attend, please can they contact the Clerk, [milnthorpeparishclerk@gmail.co.uk](mailto:milnthorpeparishclerk@gmail.co.uk) for details on how to join the meeting