

# MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm. The meeting was open to members of the public.**

**Because this meeting was held remotely it does not constitute a formal Council meeting and no decisions can lawfully be made. In the spirit of openness, these meeting minutes will be made public, but must be read with the knowledge that the meeting has no legal substance. The minutes are produced to evidence that the Council will always operate within the relevant legislation, and will continue to serve the Parish during this uncertain time**

**Present:** Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Jim Robson, Peter Hill and Mr Paul Blackburn (Clerk). D Cllr Audland.

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Jen Scrogam (Vice Chair), Cllr Clare Lachmann. C Cllr Pete McSweeney was also unable to attend

- 2. Announcements by the Chair**

At the extraordinary meeting preceding this meeting Julie Mulinga was co-opted onto the Parish Council. Cllr Hurst welcomed Julie to the meeting.

At the extraordinary meeting it was agreed that the s101 Scheme of Delegation be extended until the 1<sup>st</sup> of October under the same terms as the existing scheme

- 3. Public Participation**

- 3.1 County Council – C** Cllr McSweeney sent a report in his absence

Local Govt Reorganisation – We are expecting the decision from MHCLG during the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> July. Various rumours are going around at the moment, but none of them have any substance as far as we know.

Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Changes – parish councils are encouraged to respond to the Boundary Commission's consultation

A new reporting system is in place for Highways matters – HIAMS. Unfortunately it does not include existing faults that have been logged via the old system

- 3.2 District Council - D** Cllr Audland

- 3.3 Electors** – None

- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.**

- 4.1 CCTV coverage for Milnthorpe (including lights) (6.1)**

CCTV paid for and should be live w/c 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

- 4.2 Return to Face to Face Meetings (6.2)**

Face to Face to recommence in September

- 4.3 Laking Steps (7.5)** – Landowner has agreed access via gate to north of steps. Cllr Hurst to inform Black Sheep that work can commence. Black Sheep have said that the original figure quoted for the work is still valid

- 4.4 Village Plaques** – 2 need some repair work – The Memorial Hall and the Old Bridge, though Cllr Capasso is going to have a go a cleaning the second one

- 5. New matters for consideration**

- 5.1 August Meeting** – It was agreed that the proposed meeting in August is cancelled to fall in line with historic years. The decision was made by the Clerk in line with the scheme of delegation

**5.2 Christmas** – In line with the Scheme of Delegation the Clerk had agreed that a Christmas event can take place on The Green. This is on the last Friday in November. The Christmas Group had requested that the Square is free from traffic, but after discovering that a Traffic Order would need to be put in place, the request was withdrawn

**5.3 Lighting on the Square** – One resident has complained about the brightness of the lights. This is to be investigated. CCC will be asked to put a blanking plate at the rear of one of the lights and the toilet lights will be looked at. It was pointed out that one of the reasons for the new lights was that the quality of the lighting was not suitable for the CCTV camera operation

**5.4 Untidy border near Booths** – Cllr Bingham is to ask the lady who looks after the border to address the situation

**5.5 Tree Report** – We have received feedback from a resident that a couple of the Council trees are affecting their property. It is 3 years since a tree survey has been carried out. All members agreed that a review was due and under the scheme of delegation the Clerk will instruct the tree report company.

## **6. Planning Matters:**

### **6.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received**

– None

### **6.2 Any Related Matters - None**

## **7. Financial Matters**

### **7.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances**

#### **Receipts – April**

Market Trader Rent - £277.10

Parking Discs - £48.00

Interest - £0.55

Total - £325.65

#### **Payments – April**

Market Electricity Pillar 3, E.ON, £8.17 (£0.39)

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £600.00 (VAT £100.00)

Toilet water, Waterplus, £37.80

Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £19.36 (£1.74)

Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,660.10

Clerk Expenses, £85.25

CCTV, Tellemachus, £6,606.80 (£1,101.13)

Insurance, BHB £1,008

Speed Gun Calibration, £255.60 (£42.60)

Speed Gun Postage, £12.15

Web Domain Registration, A2A £30.00 (£5.00)

Market Rates, SLDC, £70.00

Total - £10,393.23 (£1,250.68)

### **Bank Balances at Month end**

Current Account - £43,166.38  
Deposit Account - £22,046.69  
Total - £65,213.07

All payments were **APPROVED** by the Clerk in line with the Scheme of Delegation

#### **8. Market Report**

- Rent received - £277.10

#### **9. To consider matters from around the Parish**

Cllr Capasso mentioned that a manhole cover on the A6 needs to be looked at, he will use the new system to report

Cllr Bingham asked for someone to take on the Jubilee celebrations, he will write a book and asked for any pictures to be sent to him. He also mentioned that the north end of Smithy Lane is in an awful state. He will make a phone call to the 'top man'

Cllr Hurst mentioned that the Allotment show might not go ahead. He also mentioned that Atkinson Bros had done an excellent job at the entrance to Owlet Ash. This is not Parish Council land

Cllr Robson stated that the Art Exhibition has been cancelled

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

- Jubilee
- Invite new PCSO

#### **11. Date of next scheduled meeting –Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Venue to be decided**

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