

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 7th June 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 Scroggum (Vice Chair), Cllr Clare Lachmann. C Cllr Pete McSweeney was also unable to attend
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2021** - had been circulated by email and have been made public. The Clerk will obtain the signature of the Chair on the formal Annual Meeting minutes
3. **Announcements by the Chair**
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda**
 - Cllrs Hurst and Bingham item 7.3
 - Cllr Robson item 7.4

5. Public Participation

5.1 County Council – C Cllr McSweeney sent a report in his absence

Unitary Authorities – both Lancaster City Council & SLDC have elected new council leaders at their AMs in May. They have written to the Secretary of State's office to confirm their support for The Bay bid. The chief exec of Cumbria CC has said again this week that she expects a decision on the way forward in late July.

The CCC chief exec, Katherine Fairclough, has resigned. She is taking the role of chief exec at Liverpool Combined Authority from August. CCC have identified a replacement, Gill Steward, who is based in London. She has experience of building a new unitary in Cornwall. Her appointment will be debated at the CCC full council meeting on 24th June.

5.2 District Council - D Cllr Audland

5.3 Electors – None

At this point The Chair congratulated C Cllr McSweeney on his appointment as Chair of Cumbria County Council

The Chair also offered his thanks to C Cllr McSweeney and D Cllr Audland for their help and efforts over the last 12 months. They have been much appreciated. The other Council members echoed the comment

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 1st February 2021.

6.1 CCTV coverage for Milnthorpe (including lights) (5.1)

Camera ready to be installed w/c 14th June

Email from C Cllr McSweeney re further camera in village (e.g. on the recreation ground):

“The camera for The Square was one of 25 available cameras on the Cumbria Police CCTV system. All those cameras have now been allocated. Cumbria Police will need new funding for an additional server farm for any more cameras. That money should come from a Safer Streets fund that should be available in the coming months. I will keep you updated as and when I hear more about that funding source.”

6.2 Return to Face to Face Meetings (7.6)

Discussed by Council and agreement was made to hold the July meeting on a face to face basis, subject to satisfaction at the decision to be made on 21st June re easing of restrictions

6.3 Councillor Vacancy – Does not need to be advertised. One nomination has been received and will be discussed, and concluded, at the July meeting

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Brass band – It was agreed that the Songs of Praise event, to include a brass band, could take place on the Green on the 11th of July. The decision was made by the Clerk in accordance with the agreed Scheme of Delegation

7.2 Village Plaques – Cllr Capasso will investigation further

7.3 Milnthorpe Allotment Show – It was agreed that the Allotment Association could hold its annual show on the Green on 4th September. The decision was made by the Clerk in accordance with the agreed Scheme of Delegation

7.4 Milnthorpe Art Exhibition – It was agreed that St Thomas Church could use the Green as part of the annual Art Exhibition. This will be for a craft fair and will take place on the last weekend in August. The decision was made by the Clerk in accordance with the agreed Scheme of Delegation

7.5 Laking Steps, next step – Cllr Hurst to obtain formal quote from Black Sheep. Cllr Bingham to speak to landowner to arrange access

7.6 Zoom renewal (expires 23rd June) – Agreement to renew the licence for a further 12 months. The decision was made by the Clerk in accordance with the agreed Scheme of Delegation

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received

– No objections on the one planning application that had been received

8.2 Any Related Matters - None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances

Receipts – April

Market Trader Rent - £383.30

Total - £383.30

Payments – April

Market Electricity Pillar 3, E.ON, £7.91 (VAT £0.38)
Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £600.00 (VAT £100.00)
Toilet water, Waterplus, £35.91
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £15.03 (VAT £1.74)
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1642.28
Clerk Finance Programme, Scribe, £420.00 (VAT £70.00)
Market Electricity Pillar 2, E.ON, £24.23 (VAT £1.15)
Market Electricity Pillar 1, E.ON, £64.02 (VAT £3.05)
Recreation Ground Rent, Dallam, £2.50
Bench at Grisleymires, Glasdons, £450.00 (VAT £75.00)
Market Rates, SLDC, £70.00
Total - £3,331.88 (VAT £251.32)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £53,281.64
Deposit Account - £22,046.14
Total - £75,327.78

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

10. Market Report

- Rent received - £383.30
- One new trader starting at the market in June
- Excellent feedback from Christian Aid, who attended a market day in May. Their fundraising raised over £1,000. We received a nice letter of thanks
- Nat West have resumed attendance at the market

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

12. To consider matters from around the Parish

Cllr Adair mentioned that lambs had appeared in the 'Pony' Field. D Cllr Audland to chat with the tenant. The drain outside D Cllr Audland house had been repaired badly. Highways had been contacted

Cllr Bingham stated that the Jubilee celebrations were on the 2nd to the 4th of June 2022. A village committee should be set up.

Cllr Hill mentioned the Unitary Council and d Cllr Audland mentioned that the decision has been delayed for a short time

Cllr Hurst mentioned that he had collected the poopy wreaths and asked if there was a way of recycling them. Cllr Capasso said that he would 'give it a go' with one of them and report back. It is hoped that the wreaths could be re-used and funds (saved) donated to RBL

It was noted that a large number of Estate Agent signs (predominately Poole Townsend) had appeared at the entrance to Owlett Ash. They do not relate to specific properties. This is to be investigated

13. General Correspondence – Continue to be sent out via email

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

- Co-Option
- Invite Highways to discuss vehicle calming options
- August meeting required?

16. Date of next scheduled meeting –Monday 5th July 2021. Venue to be decided

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10th June 2021

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