

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 1st March 2021. The meeting started after the completion of the Parish Assembly which started 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), Jen Scrogam (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Jim Robson, Peter Hill, and Mr Paul Blackburn (Clerk). C Cllr Pete McSweeney and D Cllr Rupert Audland were also in attendance. No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – None.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2021** - 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**

Cllr Hurst declared an interest in item 7.2

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

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

Awaiting date to start fitting of lights and camera

5.2 Footpaths (5.2)

Gate still awaited, C Cllr McSweeney to chase

5.3 Speed Limit on B6384/B6385 (5.3)

Speed panel upgraded to enable more retained charge during duller days

To be removed from agenda until Crash team has met

5.4 Vehicles using the square during the Friday Market (5.4)

All work on footpath completed. To be removed from agenda

5.5 Marsh Sluice Gates (5.5)

EA have installed devices to check the level of seepage, this will be monitored over 3 months.

To be removed from agenda until feedback is received

5.6 Disabled Parking Spaces (5.6)

Floor markings created, sign received and to be fitted. Thanks to Cllrs Hurst and Robson for their work. Cllr Bingham asked that the larger existing space is more clearly marked as a disabled space. Other cars often use the remaining space when the disabled marking is obscured by a legitimate user.

5.7 Bus Shelter Update (7.1)

Awaited

5.8 Faster Internet Connection (7.3)

Awaiting response from B4RN about how Milnthorpe residents can register an interest given that Milnthorpe does not appear on the list of areas on the website. There was interest from certain parts of the village for faster Broadband. Clerk to continue to chase B4RN

6. **Public Participation**

6.1 County Council - Cllr McSweeney

- The Milnthorpe Matters survey has been delayed until early April because of the census that will be completed on March 21st
- Electric Chargers were discussed and viability for positioning on The Square is to be investigated

6.2 District Council - D Cllr Audland

- District Elections will next be held in 2022
- Provided an update on the Unitary Council proposals
- Has kindly donated some of his Councillor allowance to MPC and has requested that this is spent on such things as lighting and facilities for young people. Part of the allowance is to be used for the costs of printing the Milnthorpe Matters survey

6.3 Electors

- A resident has been in touch about the possibility of creating a MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) in the village. This was considered worthy of an agenda item. The biggest obstacle is considered to be the location. The Clerk will communicate with the resident about the next step and will suggest that the Milnthorpe Matters survey is used to make the request known. At the same time the needs of the young people was discussed and this is also to be included on the agenda for the next meeting. Councillors are to consider potential sites and try to ascertain what our young people really want

7. New Matters for Consideration

7.1 Motion to agree colour scheme for redecoration of cricket pavilion – Motion proposed by Cllr Hurst was unanimously approved

7.2 Motion to correct a minute from December 2020 – Motion proposed by Cllr Scrogam was unanimously approved (Cllr Hurst has declared an interest)

7.3 Elections – They will take place on 6th May 2021

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received

SL/2021/0117 – No objections

8.2 Any Related Matters - None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances

Receipts – February

Market Trader Rent - £285.10

Parking Discs - £25.00

SLDC Discretionary Grant - £2,001.00

Total - £2,311.10

Payments – February

Market Electricity, E.ON, £61.23 (VAT £2.92)

Market Electricity, E.ON, £24.78 (VAT £1.18)

Market Electricity, E.ON, £17.88 (VAT £0.85)

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

Toilet water, Waterplus, £37.51

Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £1.80 (VAT £0.30)

Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,240.94

Toilet Electricity, Npower, £20.31 (VAT £0.97)

Disabled sign, The Sign Man, £45.00

Playground Tools, Wicksteed, £70.20 (VAT £11.70)

Speed Sign Panel, Pandora, £570.00 (VAT £95.00)

Disabled Space Lines, S Hurst Tarmacing, £120.00 (VAT £20.00)

Square footpath installation, S Hurst Tarmacing, £840.00 (VAT £140.00)

Market Rates, SLDC, £116.00

Total - £3,765.65 (VAT £372.92)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £41,638.15

Deposit Account - £22,045.59

All payments were **APPROVED**

Any Related Matters – None

10. Market Report

- Rent Received of £285.10, with a further £77.00 for parking discs (£52.00 not yet banked)
- A number of traders are unable to attend as they are not considered 'essential'
- A discretionary grant of £2001.00 has been received from SLDC
- Cllr Capasso mentioned that Kirkby Lonsdale market is now run by an independent company and appears to be flourishing. The Clerk is to investigate the option

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

12. To consider matters from around the Parish

- Cllrs Adair and Robson brought up the damage done at the cemetery. It has been reported to the police, but no action will be taken due to lack of witnesses or CCTV.
- Cllr Robson also stated that flooding on Cemetery Lane still causes a problem and make the lane impassable for pedestrians visiting the cemetery. He was also concerned the 'Heater' stones that had been broken off the wall at the entrance by Main Street are not lost. Clerk is to investigate who has responsibility for the upkeep of the wall
- Cllr Bingham stated that the road on the junction at the north end of Smithy Lane is in an awful condition. This has been reported on the appropriate website, but no response has been received. Highways are to be contacted for an update.
- Cllr Baverstock mentioned that the ivy had started to grow on the boundaries of the recreation ground. The Parish Council has responsibility for maintenance of the boundaries. Cllr Capasso will investigate and determine if it can be done by members of the Council or whether it requires more professional work
- Cllr Lachman mentioned that dog fouling was a major problem on the Green at the end of Firs Road. The Clerk will contact the Dog Warden.
- Cllr Scroggham requested an update on the new seat at Grisley mires. The Clerk is to order.
- Cllr Hurst, along with Cllr Baverstock, have located the boundary marker on Libby's Level. The area has been cleared and the marker cleaned and painted. Thanks were given to Neil Townley who carried out the work

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

- Young People requirements, to include a meeting shelter, Multi use games Area and Youth Club

16. Date of next scheduled meeting – confirmed as Monday 12th April 2021. This has been delayed from the 1st Monday of the month as that is Easter Monday. This will be via virtual technology. The meeting will be preceded by the annual meeting of the Market Traders. As always members of the public are welcome to attend, please contact the Parish Clerk for joining details

Paul Blackburn

**Parish Clerk
3rd February 2021**

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 for details on how to join the meeting

- Following the Parish Council meeting a confidential, Part B, meeting was held to discuss a staffing matter. The proposed change was approved by all.

Motions for Item 7 of agenda for March PC Meeting

- 1) Under the terms of their tenancy any redecoration of the Cricket Club pavilion must obtain agreement from the landlord (Milnthorpe Parish Council) that the colour scheme is acceptable. The pavilion is to be redecorated using the same colours as currently used. It is proposed that this is acceptable to the Council. (Proposer Cllr Hurst)
- 2) Regarding the new footpath on the Square, the December meeting minutes stated that 'Cllr Hurst proposed that the quote (£700) be accepted and that work could commence. This was APPROVED'. This minute was incorrect and should have read that 'A quote has been received from Steve Hurst Tarmacing Ltd and Cllr Scrogham proposed that the quote (£700) be accepted and that work could commence. This was APPROVED'. It is proposed by Cllr Scrogham that this clarification is accepted and minuted as stated

24th February 2021