

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 4th January 2021 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). No members of the public were in attendance.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Lachmann sent her apologies which were unanimously accepted. D Cllr was unable to attend and sent apologies. C Cllr McSweeney was attending another Parish Council meeting and hopefully, would be able to attend later.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2020** - had been circulated by email and were **APPROVED**. The Clerk will obtain the signature of the Chair
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – The Chair wished everyone a happy New Year
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – None
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 7th December 2020.**
 - 5.1 **CCTV coverage for Milnthorpe (including lights) (5.1)**
Instruction to commence work to be sent to Tellemachus and Cumbria CC
 - 5.2 **Footpaths (5.2)**
Still awaiting delivery of kissing gate kit from 3rd party. It will then be put in place, timing dependent upon weather
 - 5.3 **Speed Limit on B6384/B6385 (5.3)**
Crash team meeting has not yet taken place
 - 5.4 **Vehicles using the square during the Friday Market (5.4)**
Work to commence on the new footpath
 - 5.5 **Marsh Sluice Gates (5.5)**
Feedback from EA still awaited, to be chased.
 - 5.6 **Disabled Parking Spaces (5.6)**
A disabled sign has been sourced and work is to commence on marking the new disabled bay
6. **Public Participation**
 - 6.1 **County Council**
 - C Cllr McSweeney was unable to attend before the meeting closed. He will be asked for an update and this will be included as an addendum to these minutes
 - 6.2 **District Council**
 - D Cllr Audland was unable to attend however, he stated to the Clerk that he continues to source a bin for Beetham Road
 - 6.3 **Electors**
 - None
7. **New Matters for Consideration**
 - Cllr Bingham stated that he will update the Council on suggestions for celebrating the Queen's Jubilee of 2022. He stated that a commemoration symbol had always been put in place on previous Jubilee celebrations, ideas will be looked at later in the year
8. **Planning Matters:**
 - 8.1 **New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received:**
 - New Applications**
SL/2020/0929 - 6, The Square, variation of conditions, No objections
 - Decisions**
SL/2020/0589 – 6 Beetham Road, erection of balconies, Granted with Conditions

8.2 Any Related Matters - None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances

Receipts – December

Market Trader Rent - £238.05

Bank Interest - £0.55

Total - £1,539.94

Payments – November

Market Electricity, E.ON, £7.91 (VAT £0.38)

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, £1,267.10

Toilet Electricity, Npower, £26.23 (VAT £1.25)

Market Rates, SLDC, £116.00

Clerk Expenses, Paul Blackburn, £64.83 (VAT £5.99)

Clerk Training, CALC, £30.00

Machine servicing, Dennis Barnfield, £603.72 (VAT £100.61)

Machine servicing, Dennis Barnfield, £75.66 (VAT £12.61)

Machine servicing, Dennis Barnfield, £80.05 (VAT £13.34)

Total - £2,910.81 (VAT £234.48)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £44,676.71

Deposit Account - £22,045.59

All payments were **APPROVED**

Any Related Matters

- The proposed budget for 2021/22 was **RESOLVED** unanimously. This budget had been circulated to a Members and will be placed on the website in due course
- The proposed Precept request was **RESOLVED** unanimously

10. Market Report

- Rent Received of £238.05 in December with £111.00 unpaid
- No market took place on 25th December 2020 and 1st January 2021

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

12. To consider matters from around the Parish

Cllr Baverstock mentioned that the Milnthorpe Matters meeting minutes states that the 'Spar' building was a 'Listed' building. This was thought to be inaccurate. The Clerk is to obtain a definitive list of Listed buildings within the village

Cllr Adair stated that the light on the pathway from the Cross Keys to the Recreational Ground was not very bright. Cllr Capasso stated that he would sort this.

Cllr Adair also stated that Speed Indicator on Main Street was not working. The Clerk is to contact Pandora to investigate

Cllr Bingham mentioned an email from a resident about the land at the entrance to Owlet Ash Fields. He had investigated and identified the area of land. The land does not belong to the Parish Council and is full of daffodils. Concern was expressed that previous strimming had been done at the wrong time and Council was keen that this did not happen again. Cllr Hurst is to arrange for an employee to trim appropriately

Cllr Scrogam requested an update on the new Grisleymires seat. The Clerk is to liaise with Cllr Hurst to order a seat from Glasdon's. Once obtained a seat 'putter inner' will be instructed

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

- **To receive notice of items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting** - None

15. Date of next scheduled meeting – confirmed as Monday 1st February 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
5th January 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

Addendum - 5th January 2021

County Cllr McSweeney report, received post meeting

Local Government Reorganisation.

- 4 bids have been submitted for Cumbria
- The Secretary of State should decide by the end of February if he wants the process to proceed, and if so which of the 4 bids he wants to take to the public consultation stage.
- A decision should be announced before the end of February as to whether or not the county and district council elections scheduled for 6th May will go-ahead. That driver for this decision will be the decision of my previous point.