

Minutes of the 2022 Milnthorpe Annual Assembly
held on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7pm
This was held at Christ The King Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane

Present: Members of Milnthorpe Parish Council: Steve Hurst (Chair), Jen Scrogam (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Julie Mulinga Peter Capasso and Jim Robson. Also present – Paul Blackburn (Clerk to MPC),

1. **Opening and welcome** – Steve Hurst opened the meeting and welcomed those present.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Clare Lachmann & Peter Hill
3. **Minutes of the Annual Assembly on 1st March 2021** – had been circulated and were **APPROVED** by the meeting.
4. **Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Trust:** Steve Hurst reported that circa £9,000 had been given to a number of local organisations over the last year. The current Coronavirus situation has restricted work of the Trust and there have been fewer meetings than normal, hopefully this will change during the coming year
5. **Parish Council Chair's Report:** Mr Hurst gave a comprehensive report. The parish council had dealt with many issues over the year and thanks were given to all those who had lent their support at occasionally difficult times. A list of things done is below
6. **Queen's Jubilee 2022:** Roger Bingham stated that his book is coming along well. He stated that he was not aware of many events that were taking place in the village, which was disappointing as Milnthorpe had normally been one of the villages that embraced such celebrations
7. **Any Other Business:** - none
8. **Closing remarks** – Mr Hurst thanked all present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 7.09pm.

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

What have the Parish Council done for the residents of Milnthorpe over the last 12 months?

In an extremely difficult period, the Council has been active and effective. When face to face meetings were prohibited, all Council members embraced technology and have taken part in effective remote meetings. All Government guidelines have been adhered to.

The Parish Council have delivered the following:

- Over 90% attendance at monthly Parish Council meetings, with all apologies accepted
- 2021 was an election year and no new candidates came forward. Eight sitting Councillors stood for re-election. No election was required and all eight Councillors were re-elected
- The vacancy created by the retirement of a long standing Councillor was filled quickly by the co-option of a new Councillor
- Funding help was provided for the Christmas trees around the village
- Pads replaced on the Defibrillator on the Square
- Provision of toilets on the Square
- Provision of free parking on the Square
- Provision of a regular Friday market
- Litter bins continue to be emptied and litter picked up on a daily basis
- A new seat has been provided on Grisleymires Lane
- Laking Steps have been repaired
- A new Kissing Gate has been put in place at Main Line
- Planters around the village have been maintained
- The fitting of new streetlights around the Square has been completed
- The fitting of CCTV has been completed
- Improved road safety around the Square, on Market Day, has continued
- Parish Councillors have continued to listen to village residents and taken many concerns to higher authorities
- The Parish Council works well with the District and County Councillors and continues to welcome their input
- The market has operated during a difficult time and the number of traders has increased, though more would be welcomed
- A donation has been made to The Royal British Legion