

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 3rd October 2022. The meeting followed the Market Traders meeting and commenced at 7.10pm. The meeting was open to members of the public. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane

Present: Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Jim Robson, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Cllr Adair, Julie Mulinga, Paul Blackburn (Clerk), District Cllr Audland. No members of the public were in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Lachmann sent her apologies, which were accepted

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2022

- Minutes for the 5th September 2022 meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- A minutes silence was held in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II following her recent death

4. Declaration of Interest by Members on items on the agenda

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 County Council

- Progress has been made on the Milnthorpe Matters project. A full meeting is to be arranged for later in 2022. A number of the suggestions from the survey have been carried out and others will be discussed. It is accepted that the project has slowed, but this was due to illness suffered by the project leader. A number of the suggestions revolved around traffic in the village. C Cllr McSweeney made the meeting aware that Highways England are looking for projects and this will be on the meeting agenda
- SLDC has only 6 months left before the new Council of Westmorland and Furness is in place, so future projects should be considered
- The work on Bela Bridge is almost complete so the route will be clear at some point during October
- The road to Arnside is to have a number of overnight closures whilst a rock face is made safer. C Cllr McSweeney will check that the road signs accurately reflect the times and dates of the closure

5.2 District Council

- C Cllr McSweeney and D Cllr Audland had undertaken a 'walkabout' chatting to villagers

5.3 Electors

- None present

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 4th July 2022.

6.1 CCTV on Playing Field (6.1)

- CCTV camera now in place. This will be monitored in Penrith. The PC will also monitor the specifications of the camera to ensure that when it purchases a camera it has effective range, clarity etc

6.2 Glasgow House (6.2)

- Ongoing, awaiting update from the local enforcement Officer

6.3 Plaque Project (6.3)

- Ongoing. Cllr Bingham to provide list of existing plaques and suggestions for new sites

6.4 Speedwatch (6.6)

- There has been no positive response to a request for volunteers, so a proposal will be made at the next meeting to formally close the project

6.5 Planter Maintenance (7.1)

- Rod Stott will replace Kath Craig at the end of 2022 and maintain the planters around the village (Crossroads, Square and in front of the Church).
- The Council expressed their gratitude to Kath for the excellent work she has done and formal thanks will be given at the end of the year

6.6 Trees

- Survey has been received on Monday 3rd October. This makes a number of recommendations for work to be carried out. All are relatively low risk, but those on Parish Council land should be carried out.
- The report will be sent to all Councillors and priorities can then be determined.
- Quotes for the work will be obtained

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Ackenthwaite Entrance Signs

- Cllr Bingham is to check to see if there is a real demand from residents

7.2 Owlet Ash Entrance Work

- It was suggested that a payment is made to the village resident who carried out work at the entrance to Owlet Ash. Whilst the Council was happy to consider this, they were informed that the gentleman did not want to be compensated. Thanks were given for this generous donation of time

7.3 Wildflower Project

- The Clerk is discussing the options with the Duke of Edinburgh Co-Ordinator at Dallam School
- It was pointed out that a wildflower project is not straightforward and requires a lot of groundwork, planning and maintenance. This would make it a good project for the DoE award and Councillors will be available to provide guidance

7.4 Bonfire Night

- It is considered that a bonfire is not ideal due to the risks involved. It was felt that an event involving fireworks, food etc could be considered and Cllr Allen is to investigate the options

7.5 Disability Access to the Square on a Friday

- There are a number of options that are to be considered. Any solution must not see the Traffic Order being breached and should try to not involve higher authorities due to cost implications.

7.6 Flagpole

- There are a number of pro and cons to having a flagpole. Councillors will consider these before the next Council meeting.

7.7 Toilet Wall Lighting

- When the lighting on the Square was replaced, new lights were put in place on the toilet block. The previous lights were not removed as they were now Council owned. Agreement from the owner has been obtained and these lights will be removed by Cllr Allen. The lights will be disposed of.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received

- None

8.2 Any related matters to include the proposed development on Beetham Road

- None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances

Receipts – September

Market Trader Rent - £309.10
Parking Discs - £50.00
Parish Precept (part 2) - £15,649.47
Interest (Deposit) - £5.47
Total - £16,008.57

Payments – September

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £700.70 (VAT - £116.78)
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £23.81 (£1.28)
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,625.70
Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £12.79 (£0.61)
Electricity Pillar 2, Eon, £37.97 (£1.81)
Toilet Electricity, NPower, £33.03 (£1.57)
Market Rates, SLDC, £70.00
Play Area Repair Costs, Bolt world, £47.61 (7.94)
Machinery Repair Costs, Dennis Barnfield, £41.70 (£6.95)
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £35.03
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.80
Total - £2,634.14 (£136.94)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £46,701.13, Deposit Account - £22,056.58
Total - £68,757.71

All payments were **APPROVED** and balances reconciled

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- The half yearly report against budget was distributed.
Receipts are as expected apart from the budgeted toilet grant has not yet been received
Payments are under budget, but the second half of the year sees greater expenditure
- The Council remains in a good financial position with reserves at an appropriate level

10. Market Report September 2022

- Rent received of 309.10
- Two new traders are attending the market for a trial period
- Continue to receive circa £50 per month for parking discs which correlates to the number distributed (all to McColls)

11. To consider matters from around the Parish

- Cllr Bingham mentioned the Coronation which is likely to be in the summer of 2023. He would like to see a significant celebration with a number of events around the village. The key will be finding someone to lead the project
- Cllr Bingham expressed concern about the closure of the Cross Keys. This sees the loss of another village meeting place
- Cllr Adair mentioned that the rose hips at the war memorial are encroaching onto the path and need attention.
- Cllr Adair mentioned the water leakage on the Strands and the lights on the associated building. She will contact North West Water
- Cllr Adair also mentioned that the SID is likely to be affected by the shorter days and the growing trees. The Clerk will contact Pandora to ascertain options
- Cllr Hurst mentioned that we are able to paint a large poppy on the Green as part of the Remembrance Celebrations, all were in favour and the Clerk will agree using delegated powers. Cllr Hurst will recycle the Parish Council wreath with Cllr Capasso adding an appropriate centre to the wreath. Cllr Hurst will put out the soldiers over the weekend before the Remembrance Day (13th November)

12. To receive notice of items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting

- Coronation 2023

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 7th November 2022. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20:47

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Clerk

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