

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 4th July 2022 at 7pm. 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), Barbara Adair, Julie Mulinga, Paul Blackburn (Clerk), District Cllr Audland. 7 members of the public were in attendance, these included boarders from Dallam School and potential Co-Optee Craig Allen.

1. Apologies for Absence

- County Cllr McSweeney and Cllr Lachmann sent their apologies, which were accepted
- D Cllr Chaffey was at the Beetham PC Meeting

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of May 2022

Minutes for the 6th of June 2022 meetings were agreed and signed. Minutes for the 9th of May 2022 meetings (Annual and Monthly) were signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

On behalf of the Council Cllr Hurst sent condolences to the families and friends of Marjory Walker and Curtis Banks who have sadly passed away

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

None

5. Public Participation

5.1 County Council

In the absence of Cllr McSweeney there were no CC matters. The PC took the opportunity to discuss the repainting of the yellow lines. It is important to note that in the absence of clear yellow lines parking cannot be enforced. The Clerk will continue to chase Highways for an update on the painting of lines on the loading area on the Square

5.2 District Council

District Cllr Audland asked for a little understanding when dealing with SLDC which is undergoing major changes at the moment to cater for the change to a Unitary Council in 2023.

5.3 Electors

Representatives from Dallam School raised concern about the lighting on Church Street, which, especially in the dark winter months, caused safety issues for the children walking home from school. The Chair took the opportunity to bring forward item 7.5. The boarders put forward their concerns and asked for the support of the Parish Council in their request to improve safety. The Council agreed to add support but made the boarders aware that they had no authority over Highways matters. It was agreed that the boarders should liaise with the Clerk who will help them raise their concerns with the correct departments/people

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 9th May 2022.

6.1 Councillor vacancy

Craig Allen was proposed by Cllr Robson and seconded by Cllr Bingham to be co-opted onto the Council. This was unanimously agreed by the Council. Following signing of the Declaration of Acceptance Cllr Allen was welcomed to the Council. The Council now has full membership

6.2 CCTV & Playing Field

Still awaiting camera

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Owlet Ash Defibrillator

The Owlet Ash Defibrillator agreement with the Community Heartbeat Trust has come to an end. A request to add the asset to the insurance policy of the PC has been received. After consultation with the PC insurer it has been confirmed that this cannot be done as the PC does not own the asset and has no insurable interest. However, because it is a valuable community asset, the PC agreed to make a contribution towards the cost of the insurance. The Clerk will liaise with the First Responders

7.2 Glasgow House

The property at 13 Haverflatts Lane, dates back to the late 1800s. It has two pillars either side of the main entrance, one of which has been damaged and replaced by wood. The Clerk has been asked to make the Conservation Office aware of the issue and ask what can be done to restore to the correct state

7.3 Prosperity Fund

As part of the Government Levelling Up programme, funds may be available for community projects that meet certain criteria. Unfortunately, the timescale for expressing an interest was very tight and did not allow a full discussion to take place by the Council Members. Three potential projects had been identified, so an expression of interest was submitted for all 3, though only one was allowed to be submitted on the official form. There is no guarantee of funding so this will be added to a future agenda when a response has been received

7.4 QAVS

It was agreed that the Memorial Hall Charity is nominated for a Queens Award for Voluntary Service. The Clerk will research eligibility etc and will liaise with a current member of the charity board

7.5 Street Lighting on A6 towards Heversham

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8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received

Three decisions received had all been granted with conditions

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances

Receipts – June

Market Trader Rent - £259.10
Parking Discs - £44.00
Bank Interest (Deposit) - £2.75
Total - £305.85

Payments – February

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £650.00 (VAT - £108.33)
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £48.43 (£2.45)
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, £39.88 (£1.90)
Market Rates, SLDC, £70.00
Expenses, David Mason, £199.02
Expenses, David Mason, £134.94
Bank Account Service Charge, £6.20
Total - £2,824.93 (£115.10)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £39,664.21, Deposit Account - £22,051.11
Total - £61,715.32

All payments were **APPROVED** and balances reconciled

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

The PC Insurance is due for renewal on 23rd July with a premium of £1,023.87, an increase of £15. A full review had taken place in 2021. It was agreed to renew with BHIB and that payment could be made

10. Market Report

- Rent received of £259.10
- One attendee has decided to stop as taking no money (jewellery)
- 2 Homecare companies now attending circa once per month (different days)

11. To consider matters from around the Parish

- Cllr Allen mentioned the bench on the Strands that had not been removed after being replaced. It is still used though considered unsafe. Cllr Capasso will take a photograph and circulate to all Councillors to then determine a course of action. Cllr Allen also mentioned that a resident would like it to be made clearer that the 'old gents toilet' is no longer in use. Given that it was changed circa 20 years ago the council did not feel that it was necessary. It was pointed out that both of the toilets are unisex
- Cllr Robson mentioned that we had no response from residents when asked for volunteers for the Speedwatch team. The team is down to 3 members when a minimum of 8 is needed. Without further volunteers the service will stop. It is a valuable service which helps slow traffic through the village. A further request for volunteers will be made and a decision will be taken after the responses are received
- Cllr Robson also mentioned that he had received a number of positive comments about the new entrance signs. He had also received one negative comment
- Cllr Adair informant the PC that the hedges continue to need trimming and will again report to CCC. D Cllr Audland said that he would pay a visit to the houseowners
- Cllr Hurst informed the Council that he has added Dave Mason to cut back the overgrown brambles as requested by a resident.

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

- Strands Seat
- Speedwatch
- LQF project for 22/23

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 5th September 2022. This will commence at 7pm and will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane

The meeting closed at 20:17

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Clerk

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