

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 5th December 2022. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Craig Allen, Paul Blackburn (Clerk) and District Cllr Audland. Two members of the public were in attendance leaving after item 5.

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllrs Jim Robson, Barbara Adair and Julie Mulinga. All were accepted
- The meeting was quorate
- C Cllr Pete McSweeney also sent apologies

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 7th November 2022

- Minutes for the 7th November 2022 meeting were agreed and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- The Chair read an anonymous letter from a member of the public about access to The Square on Market Day. The Chair reminded all that access is governed by a Traffic Order which cannot be overridden by the Parish Council. The act allows certain vehicles to access the Square, this includes emergency vehicles. There are a number of potential entry points for such vehicles. He also pointed out that there is a defibrillator situated on the Square
- At this point the Chair invited Frankie Flannigan (SLDC) to speak on a related matter. After a lively discussion Frankie confirmed that the following actions were to be carried out:
 1. Free Parking on the SLDC controlled car park on Beetham Road for the next 4 Fridays
 2. Frankie is to source and site an appropriate sign for the car park, which should be in place at the end of w/c 5th December
 3. Following these Fridays there will be a 21 day consultation period re the free parking
 4. If no valid objections during the consultation period there will be a 6 month trial period

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 County Council

C Cllr McSweeney had sent apologies

5.2 District Council

D Cllr Audland

- The Milnthorpe Matters Group Leaders met and great progress was made. One of the major concerns of Milnthorpe residents was the number of large lorries that travel through the village. Highways England and Cumbria were present and confirmed that there is an investment programme for Government funding. This was viewed as extremely positive. It was stated that those Council Members involved in the project prefer to have face to face meetings as opposed to virtual meetings. The timing of the meetings is key to see the greatest attendance. Hopefully, a full meeting will take place early in 2023

5.3 Electors

Two Members of the Public attended the meeting.

1. Franke Flannigan from SLDC (see above at item 3)
2. Lois Starling from South Lakes Poverty Truth Commission gave a moving presentation on the project and the benefits of involving those who have experienced poverty. The project is looking for a number of people who have such experience to help tackle poverty. She asked the Members to spread the word which they agreed to do

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 7th November 2022.

6.1 Plaque Project (6.2)

- Ongoing

6.2 Trees (6.4)

- One Quote received awaiting more. Council agreed that the recommended work is carried out
- At this point a Member stated that the Christmas Tree looked fantastic and that thanks should be given to all those involved. Cllr Hurst said that he would pass on those thanks and said that 5 people had spent 3 full days putting up the trees around the village. This was done at no cost. There was also a generous donation from the Parish Council

6.3 Flagpole (6.6)

- Ongoing

6.4 Toilet wall Lighting (6.7)

- Ongoing. It was pointed out that if the church wanted the lights, then they would be responsible for the cost of installation

6.5 Coronation (7.1)

- The Kendal Estuary Group and wanting to be involved
- Clerk to source and price bunting
- Clerk to source and price c50 flags that can be placed around the village

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Cross Keys

- The Clerk has written to the company that manages the car park requesting that they consider discounted season tickets for local business. No response has been received and has been chased
- The boarding up of the Cross Keys is not as bad as believed and does not give any cause for concern

7.2 Business Forum

- Nothing has been heard about the proposed business forum, but the Council confirmed that they are happy that one of the Members acts as a go between the forum and the Council

7.3 Jubilee Trees

- No trees were planted as part of the Jubilee celebrations due to the exact positioning being undecided due to uncertain locations of underground power lines etc.
- This is to be progressed and will form part of the Coronation celebrations, though some trees will be recognised as Jubilee trees

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received

- None

8.2 Any related matters

- None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances

Receipts – November

Market Trader Rent - £339.10
Parking Discs - £43.00
Total - £382.10

Payments – November

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £700.70 (VAT - £116.78)
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £33.88 (£1.76)
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,583.41
Tree Survey, Treescapes, £390.48 (£65.08)
Toilet Electricity, NPower, £35.90 (£1.71)
Market Rates, SLDC, £70.00
GDPR/IOC Renewal, £35.00
Election Costs, SLDC, £100.00
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £38.74
Hall hire for meetings, Christ the King, £75.00
Recreation Ground Rent, Dallam Estate, £2.50
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.00
Total - £3,070.61 (£185.33)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £44,481.60, Deposit Account - £22,056.58
Total - £66,538.18

All payments were **APPROVED** and balances reconciled

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- The proposed budget for 2023/24 was proposed and accepted. As requested, this sees a zero increase in the requested precept

10. Market Report September 2022

- Rent received of £339.10
- Continue to receive circa £50 per month for parking discs which correlates with the number delivered (all from McColls)
- Traders suggest that market is getting quieter

11. To consider matters from around the Parish

- Cllr Hurst will ask D Cllr Audland if he can ensure that a bin at the top of Ryleyfield is emptied. A local resident has emptied it 3 times. The Clerk reported the situation early November

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

- None

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 9th January 2023. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20:47

Paul Blackburn

Clerk

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