

# MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022. The meeting was open to members of the public. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and followed the meeting of the Market Traders. It commenced at 7.25pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Jen Scrogam, Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Peter Hill, Jim Robson, Clare Lachmann, Julie Mulinga and Paul Blackburn (Clerk), D Cllr Audland, C Cllr McSweeney

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

- Cllr Adair sent her apologies which were accepted

## **2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2022**

- Minutes for the 10<sup>th</sup> of January 2022 meeting were agreed and accepted. They were signed by the Chair

## **3. Announcements by the Chair**

- None

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

- Cllrs Robson and Bingham declared an interest in item 6.2 (The Church request to use the Green)

## **5. Public Participation**

### **5.1 County Council – C Cllr McSweeney**

- Milnthorpe Matters still delayed due to staff illness
- There is a new Traffic Enforcement Officer, who lives locally. She cannot issue tickets on the loading bay in The Square because the yellow lines are not clearly visible, they need repainting, which will be addressed by the Clerk/C Cllr McSweeney
- The 2022/23 Council Tax - there is a proposal to increase the Social Care element by 2% and the Police element by 3.67% (less than £10 per annum per band D property)
- Since 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2019 there has been an increase of 114 in warranted police officers and PCSOs in Cumbria. The Council agreed that this was good news
- There is a proposal that following the proposal Local Government Review changes the Fire Service employer moves from CCC to the Police Commissioner. A consultation process and the draft business plan is available on the PCC's web site.
- The Local Government Reorganisation continues to progress with elections on 5th May 2022 to create a 'Shadow Authority' for the Westmorland & Furness Council which will have full powers from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. Cumbria CC & SLDC will cease to exist at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### **5.2 District Council - D Cllr Audland**

- A discussion around the use of CCTV took place

### **5.3 Electors**

- None present.

## **6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.**

### **6.1 Toilets (6.3)**

- The Clerk was asked to obtain 3 quotes for the annual maintenance contract which is due for renewal in June. This is to include changing payment to contactless. The Clerk was also asked to research the option of the Parish Council managing the toilets
- The grant requested from SLDC continues to be discussed and a change to a single capital grant has been proposed

## **6.2 Queens Jubilee 2022 (7.1)**

- CCC Highways have stated that any request for the planting of trees must be done via the website. This is a drawn out process. The Council decided that look at the land behind the Green. Cllr Bingham and the Clerk to investigate
- The book being produced by Cllr Bingham continues to progress. He is grateful for the photographs that he has received but would welcome more, in particular those showing residents 'doing things'
- It was agreed that the Church could use the Green on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> of June for a Church Congregation lunch. It was suggested that further tables were made available for residents to bring their own food.

## **7. New matters for consideration**

### **7.1 Play Area Equipment**

- There are a few repairs that need to be carried out. Cllr Lachmann is to investigate and arrange for the work to be done with payment from the appropriate budget

## **8. Planning Matters:**

### **8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received**

- No objections to the application numbered SL/2022/0024

### **8.2 Any Related Matters**

- None

## **9. Financial Matters**

### **9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances**

#### **Receipts – October**

Market Trader Rent - £373.10  
Wayleave ENW - £32.74  
Total - £405.84

#### **Payments – November**

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £650.00 (VAT - £108.33)  
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £1.20 (£0.20)  
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,096.61  
Market Rates, SLDC, £70.00  
Electricity Pillar 1, Eon, £91.49 (£4.36)  
Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £51.44 (2.45)  
Toilet Water (2 months), Waterplus, £37.13  
Bank Account Service Charge, £5

Total - £2,002.87 (£115.34)

#### **Bank Balances at Month end**

Current Account - £30,796.29  
Deposit Account - £22,047.79  
Total - £52,844.08

All payments were **APPROVED** and balances reconciled

### **9.2 Any other matters**

- The Precept request has been sent to SLDC and an acknowledgement received

**10. Market Report**

- Rent received - £373.10
- The Market Traders meeting was held prior to this meeting of the Council

**11. To consider matters from around the Parish**

- Cllr Hill attended the Bar Watch meeting which had a reduced attendance. He will attend the March meeting
- Cllr Bingham suggested that a written message is sent to the Queen. Cllr Bingham and the Clerk will liaise in order to progress this

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

- Jubilee gifts for the village children

**13. Date of next scheduled meeting** –Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. This will commence at the conclusion of the Parish Assembly which will commence at 7pm. Both meetings will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane

**The meeting closed at 20:45**

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