

# MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The meeting was open to members of the public. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and followed the Annual Assembly. It commenced at 7.10pm**

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

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

- Cllr Peter Hill & Clare Lachmann sent their apologies which were accepted

## **2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2022**

- Minutes for the 7<sup>th</sup> of February 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**

- Cllr Bingham declared an interest in item 8.1, one of the planning applications

## **5. Public Participation**

This section was delayed to later in the meeting as the County and District Councillors were attending another meeting

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

- Peter Hoskin (Highways) is attending the Beetham Parish Assembly on 17<sup>th</sup> of March and will be able to answer questions if anyone wishes to attend
- The footway on Beetham Road is progressing.
- 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. Purdah commences on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. The decision to create the new Councils has passed through the House of Commons
- The challenge to the process of making the decision to reorganise Local Government, by way of a request for a Judicial Review, has failed and has been withdrawn

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

- There will be a minor rise in the Council Tax for 2022/21 (c£3.07 per annum per Band D house)

### **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 has asked for tenders for the annual maintenance contract which is due for renewal in June. This is to include changing payment to contactless. It is understood that the existing toilet door can be easily converted to contactless
- Awaiting an update from SLDC on the availability of the grant that has been requested

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

- The book being produced by Cllr Bingham is progressing
- It was agreed that a memento is presented to the children of the village. The Clerk was asked to place an order
- Cllr Bingham and the Clerk will consider land that may be appropriate to plant a tree

## **6.3 Entrance Signs Update**

- CCC (Highways) are unable to agree that new granite signs can be used on road verges. As they would not be compliant with 'Standard BS EN 12767:2019'
- An alternative is to consider placing the signs on private land

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

None

## **8. Planning Matters:**

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

- No objections to the applications numbered SL/2022/0089, 0143 and 0190
- Application SL/2021/1157 has been agreed by SLDC Planning

### **8.2 Any Related Matters**

- A discussion took place on the potential development on the southern edge of the village. This is still in the early stages and there will be plenty of opportunity to consider in more detail. The size of the project means that consideration needs to be given to facilities in the village. It was decided that a Parish Plan is compiled and driven by the Parish Council along with input from village residents. All Councillors were asked to email the Clerk with a 'wish list' for things that they know would be desired by the village

## **9. Financial Matters**

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

#### **Receipts – October**

Market Trader Rent - £239.10  
Total - £239.10

#### **Payments – February**

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £650.00 (VAT - £108.33)  
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £1.20 (£0.20)  
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,096.61  
Playing Field Rent, Dallam Estate, £2.50  
Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £9.49 (£0.45)  
Meeting Room Hire (3 months), Christ The King, £75.00  
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.80

Total - £1,840.60 (£108.98)

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

Current Account - £29,194.79  
Deposit Account - £22,047.79  
Total - £51,242.58

All payments were **APPROVED** and balances reconciled

## **9.2 Any other matters**

- Clerk cost of living pay rise has been sorted and will be applied as per the NJC scales
- It was confirmed that untaken holiday cannot be paid, but, as 2021, an appropriate overtime payment will be made to staff

## **10. Market Report**

- Rent received - £239.10
- It was agreed that a car boot sale is allowed on Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April)
- Highways have confirmed that the traffic order in place, on a Friday, on Milnthorpe Square is for each and every Friday for the hours stated, regardless of the market status. Any infringement is a crime enforced by the Police. It is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to enforce

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

- The Green had been used by some of the village children for a cake sale with all proceeds being given to a charity providing aid to the Ukraine. The event raised over £700. The Council agreed that this was a fantastic effort and was very praising of the children
- New traffic cones for The Square have been ordered
- A request has been sent to Highways to repaint the yellow lines on the Loading Only area at the bottom of the Square
- Cllr Bingham stated that Good Friday is one of the busiest days of the year in the village as there will be a church service at 10am, the market, a car boot sale and holiday traffic. He suggested that the police be informed and asked if they would be taking any action to ensure safety
- Cllr Capasso asked if the work had started on the mast on the Church – No
- Cllr Adair is to report an overgrown hedge which is causing a dangerous obstruction on Main Street in Ackenthaite
- Several Cllrs mentioned the danger of walking on Park Road, where the narrow road makes pedestrians vulnerable and a number have been knocked by wing mirrors of cars driving without consideration for other road users
- Cllr Adair mentioned that the SID on Main Street is not picking up cars that are well over the speed limit. The Clerk will ask Pandora if they can investigate
- Cllr Robson mentioned that more volunteers are required for the Speed Watch team as numbers have fallen to 4. A request is made for volunteers to contact the Parish Council

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

- 13. Date of next scheduled meeting** –Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This will commence at 7pm and will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane

**The meeting closed at 20:45**

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