

# MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Craig Allen and Jim Robson. Paul Blackburn (Clerk) and D Cllr R Audland

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

- Cllrs Julie Mulinga (accepted)
- The meeting was quorate.

## **2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2023**

- These were agreed and signed.

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

- None.

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

- None

## **5. Public Participation**

### **5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council**

#### **Cllr Audland**

- Had a long, productive meeting with Rob Huck (Highways, W&F). Cllr Audland pointed out the areas of concern around the village. Cllr Audland stated that Rob is very aware of what is required and will action as appropriate.
- Milnthorpe Matters is to be resurrected. It fell off the radar due to illness and then the LGR. Initially it will be reinstated (probably in September) with local businesses followed by residents.
- Cameras on the playing field were discussed now that the police have taken back the camera that was on loan. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.
- A long discussion took place about the building on the Square, commonly known as the Old Spar. Council members were asked to consider what they would like to see this used for

### **5.2 Electors**

- None present.

## **6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

### **6.1 Plaque Project (6.1)**

- Stone has been collected and plaque will be mounted and put in place on the Green close to the war memorial.
- Cllr Capasso stated that a resident has offered to make a contribution to a plaque close to the ginnel at Ryley Field. The members were pleased to received such a generous offer. The Clerk will send the suggested wording to Cllr Capasso to check that it is ok with the resident.

### **6.2 Toilets (6.3)**

- The Chair and Clerk met with Arnside PC to discuss options for working together in the provision of toilets. This is ongoing.

### **6.3 Village Maintenance (7.1)**

- Concerns have been raised about how long the PC maintenance equipment (Mower etc.). The cost to replace would be significant. After discussion with the responsible member of staff, it was agreed that quotes should be obtained for routine maintenance around the village during a seven month period covering the summer/growing months. It is anticipated that the contract commences in 2024.
- A discussion took place to determine what work could be carried out by the member of staff. It was considered that there was plenty of things that needed doing on a regular basis.

### **6.4 Cemetery Lane Flooding (7.3)**

- The flooding that regularly occurs at the entrance to the cemetery has become a major problem since the roundabout was put in place. The Parish Council constantly receives correspondence from residents and those who wish to access the cemetery.
- This is not on Parish Council land and is NOT a Parish Council matter. However, nobody seems to want to deal with it.
- Because the matter caused much unrest the Parish Council decided that it would investigate solutions. After discussions with a number of parties it was determined that a 'flood cage' would be the best way forward. 2 flood cages would be required.
- The cost of such cages is c£4,500 (inc VAT). The Parish Council has no budget for this as it is not their responsibility. However, funds of £2,000 have been sourced for the project. It was agreed that one cage would be put in place and a grant request would be made for the second cage.

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

### **7.1 Locality Board**

- This was discussed at item 5.1. At this point it was agreed that further consideration is required and a small committee be set up to discuss options

### **7.2 Parking on Beetham Road**

- An email had been received about inconsiderate parking on Beetham Road. This caused a number of safety issues. Whilst the Parish Council had much sympathy and potential solutions discussed, it is not a Parish Council matter. The Clerk will respond pointing the resident in the right direction.

### **7.3 Dead Tree**

- This has been sorted with the removal of the tree.

### **7.4 Leasgill Quarry Fund Request for 2023**

- A number of suggestions were put forward and it was decided that a request is made to fund the second cage required at item 6.4.

### **7.5 Brambles on Recreation Ground adjacent to Dallam View**

- A resident, who previously had asked the Parish Council to NOT cut back the brambles has now requested that we do so.
- These have been cut back and will be sprayed. They will be part of the regular maintenance of the village.

## 8. Planning Matters:

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

- Two received that required a response prior to this meeting. No objections were put forward.
- Correspondence had taken place with W&F Planning department about the Emergency Vehicle Access (EVA) at the top and bottom of the proposed development off Beetham Road. There were concerns that Firs Road could become a 'Rat Run', however, reassurance was given that this will not be the case and that the raising and lowering of the bollards to allow emergency access will be the responsibility of the proposed Management Company

### 8.2 Any related matters

- None

## 9. Financial Matters

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

#### Receipts – June 2023

Market Trader Rent - £253.10  
Recreation Ground Rent - £10.00  
Parking Discs (McColls) - 105.00  
Total - £368.10

#### Payments – May 2023

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £700.70 (VAT - £116.78)  
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £0.60 (£0.10)  
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,640.79  
Market Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £12.79 (£0.61)  
Market Electricity Pillar 2, Eon, £37.96 (£1.81)  
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £36.89  
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.00  
Council Tax, W&F - £60.00  
Website Domain Registration, A2A - £36.00  
Annual Insurance Renewal, BHIB - £1,307.64  
Toilet Electricity, Npower - £48.52 (£2.31)  
Total - £3,618.26 (£127.61)

#### Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £30,483.55, Deposit Account - £42,283.97 (Interest received of £141.14)  
Total - £72,767.52

All payments were **APPROVED** and balances reconciled.

### 9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- None

## 10. Market Report September 2022

- Rent received of £253.10.
- Parking Disc money of £105.00 received from McColl's.

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

- Cllr Hill mentioned that BT Openworld on Ryleyfield is much better with an ethernet cable than wi-fi, though that is still excellent.
- Cllr Adair mentioned that the bushes opposite Owlet Ash House are considerably overgrown and overhang the pavement causing obstruction, forcing pedestrians to walk onto the road.
- Cllr Hurst mentioned that one of the market traders leaves boxes behind and asked that this is addressed.
- Cllr Bingham stated that the Cross Keys does not look good and is an eyesore. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the brewery asking them to improve the appearance.
- Cllr Capasso pointed out that a cycle has been chained to a lamp post close to the Square plaque.
- The Clerk was asked to write to the café owner (Cakery and Bakery) asking him to remove the sign from the toilet wall (permission not requested) and the sandwich board that is chained to a lamp post at the entrance to the Square (permission not requested).

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

- CCTV on the Recreation Ground

**13. Date of next scheduled meeting**

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commence at 7pm.

**The meeting closed at 20:40**

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