

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 4th December 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) and Jim Robson. Paul Blackburn (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllrs Adair, Mulinga and Lachmann
- The meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of November 2023

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- Cllr Hurst announced that a donation of £50 had been made to the Royal British Legion
- Cllr Hurst announced that funds in excess of £400 has been raised in memory of Pauline Capasso and this will be donated to the Christmas Committee.
- He also announced that the Christmas tree and lights were switched on at the end of November with lots of very positive comments. Thanks should be given to all those that contributed where in excess of 120 man hours were provided free of charge.
- Unfortunately, the Christmas Tree was vandalised and the lights need replacing. The Square CCTV had helped identify the culprit and police action is being taken. Further CCTV is being considered for next year's festivities closer to the Christmas tree.

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council

- None.

5.2 Electors

- None present.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 4th of November 2023.

6.1 Plaque Project (6.1)

- 2 new plaques have been ordered for delivery in January.
- The siting of the new plaque for the Green has been delayed because of the time spent putting up the Christmas Tree and lights but, will be done in the new year.

6.2 Toilets (6.3)

- The new, cashless entry door will be put in place shortly.

6.3 Locality Board (6.4)

- An Expression of Interest has been submitted for the potential of a grant to provide a new play area.

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Councillor Vacancy

- Cllr Bingham suggested a potential candidate for co-option. All Councillors agreed that the individual was worthy of consideration. The Clerk will email the candidate outlining the process and this will be followed up by a phone call from the Chair

7.2 Area round the memorial

- The area round the memorial needs some work as stones are in need of repair. Cllr Hurst will ask a resident if he can help.
- Thanks were given to Lesley for the fantastic job that she had doing in clearing the area around the memorial prior to the Remembrance Day Service.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- No objections to the proposed planning applications

8.2 Any related matters

- None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – November 2023

Market Trader Rent - £352.80

Parking Discs (Local Businesses) - £30.00

Total - £382.80

Payments – November 2023

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £161.70 (VAT - £26.95)

Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £0.60 (£0.10)

Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,701.21

Market Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £12.79 (£0.61)

Toilet Water, Water Plus, £41.45

Bank Account Service Charge, £5.00

Council Tax, W&F - £60.00

GDPR Subscription, IOC - £35.00

Playing Field Rent, Dallam Estate - £2.50

Toilet Electricity, Npower - £59.39 (£2.83)

Hall Hire, Christ the King Church - £100

Christmas Trees, Christmas Tree Committee - £1,200.00

Total - £3,379.64 (£30.49)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £27,081.12, Deposit Account - £42,457.77

Total - £69,538.95

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

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- Clerk presented a draft budget which saw a fall in the requested precept.
- Unsure how W&F will deal with the footway lighting and the CT grant at this stage.
- Funds allowed for the elections, but unlikely to be required.

10. Market Report November 2023

- Rent received of £352.80.
- Parking Disc money of £30.00 received from local businesses.
- A trader (farmer's market) is overdue with their rent to the tune of £100. Cllr Hurst will speak to him.

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Bingham mentioned that the Christmas trees that had been put on buildings were excellent and great value.
- Cllr Capasso mentioned the tractor run planned for 9th December will start from the old Police Station car park.
- Cllr Robson that he had picked up broken bottle glass from on the Green,

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

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 8th January 2024. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 19:30

Paul Blackburn

Clerk

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