

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 4th September 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 Julie Mulinga. Paul Blackburn (Clerk) and W&F Cllr R Audland

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllrs Claire Lachmann, Barbara Adair, Craig Allen and Jim Robson (accepted)
- The meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd of July 2023

- These were agreed and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- The Allotment show was well attended.

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council

Cllr Audland

- W&F is relatively quiet as bedding in continues.

5.2 Electors

- None present.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 5th 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.
- Quotes for a new plaque has been requested.
- It was agreed that a request would be made to the Leasgill Quarry Fund for a grant for a further plaque.

6.2 Toilets (6.3)

- The Clerk stated that negotiations around the maintenance contract are continuing.

6.3 Cemetery Lane Flooding (7.3)

- To repeat from the previous minutes 'This is not on Parish Council land and is NOT a Parish Council matter. However, nobody seems to want to deal with it.'
- Cllr Hurst updated the Members and confirmed that soakaway crates have been put in place. This should be sufficient to drain the excess water when there is heavy rain. However, there are sufficient crates to be able to create a further drain if required.
- Thanks were given to Cllr Hurst and Willacy Contractors for carrying out the work.
- The soakaway area will be covered with wildflowers.

6.4 Locality Board

- Clerk will look at the Council's eligibility for a grant under the Government's Levelling up policy.

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 CCTV on the Recreation Ground

- The CCTV on the Recreation Ground has been removed. It was on loan from the Police.
- Consideration is to be given to replacing the CCTV camera and some funds are available to do this via a grant from Cllr Audland. It was decided to await the return from holiday of Cllr Allen, who has expertise in this area.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- One received that required a response prior to this meeting. No objections were put forward.

8.2 Any related matters

- None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – July/August 2023

Market Trader Rent - £426.20
Refund from cancelled toilet contract (PHS) - £61.80
Parking Discs (Local Businesses) - 111.00
Total - £599.00

Payments – July/August 2023

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £1,401.40 (VAT - £233.56)
Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £1.20 (£0.20)
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £3,381.58
Market Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £25.17 (£1.20)
Market Electricity Pillar 1, Eon, £65.91 (£3.14)
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £77.26
Bank Account Service Charge, £10.80
Council Tax, W&F - £120.00
Webhosting, A2A - £90.00 (£15.00)
Playground Inspections, W&F - £486.00 (£81.00)
Bin Emptying, W&F - £624.00 (£104.00)
Toilet Electricity, Npower - £219.69 (£10.47)
Market Parking Sign, The Sign Man - £140.00
Defib Pads, Imperative - £174.00 (£29.00)
Soakaway Crates, Cotterills - £1,827.33 (£304.55)
Church Hall Hire, Christ the King - £100.00
Total - £8,644.34 (£782.12)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £22,438.21, Deposit Account - £42,283.97
Total - £64,722.18

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

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- Grant received from LQF

10. Market Report August/September 2023

- Rent received of £426.20.
- Parking Disc money of £111.00 received from Local businesses.

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Capasso pointed out that the internet provided the location of all the defibs in Milnthorpe. However, 2 were not accessible out of school hours. It was mentioned that the correct response for requiring access is to call 999 and a code to open the nearest defib will be provided.

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

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 2nd October 2023. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 19:53

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Clerk

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