

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 6th February 2023. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7pm

Present: Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Craig Allen, Barbara Adair & Julie Mulinga. Paul Blackburn (Clerk) & C Cllr McSweeney

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Jim Robson, Clare Lachman. Accepted
- District Cllr Audland.
- The meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th January 2023

- These were agreed and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- A letter has been received from Sheila Ashburner BEM thanking the Parish Council for the flowers that they had sent to her in recognition of her being awarded the BEM.

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 County Council

C Cllr McSweeney

- The Beetham Road development planning application may be considered by the Planning Department on 16th March. Final papers will be available on the website 2 weeks before this date. C Cllr McSweeney made no comment on the application due to his involvement in the decision making process. Furthermore there was no discussion on the matter.
- C Cllr McSweeney made the Members aware that Council Tax statement will be different this year. It will be made up of 4 elements:
 - 1) Westmorland & Furness Council
 - 2) The Police (agreed at £14.94)
 - 3) The Fire Brigade (was previously included within the Cumbria CC element and agreed at £4.93)
 - 4) Milnthorpe Parish Council (agreed at a **ZERO** increase by the Parish Council).

5.2 District Council

D Cllr Audland

- Was unable to attend as he had to be present at a Parish Council meeting in a neighbouring Parish.
- D Cllr Audland is making a donation of £500 to the Parish Council. This is from his Councillor allowance and is to be used for the security project on the Recreation Ground

5.3 Electors

None present.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 5th December 2022.

6.1 Plaque Project (6.1)

- It was resolved that 2 new plaques were to be put up on the Green and at Rigney bank House. It is hoped that these can be unveiled during the Coronation celebrations in May 2023. Cllr Bingham has produced the wording and the Clerk is to source the production of the plaques.

- Cllr Bingham has produced for a further 8 potential sites which will be considered at regular intervals in the future.

6.2 Flagpole (6.6)

- An application for planning permission has been submitted.

6.3 Coronation (6.5)

- The Chair attended a meeting with circa 20 residents and provided feedback to the Parish Council:
 - i) There were lots of ideas including a big kite display, boundary walks, baking competitions.
 - ii) It was felt that the Saturday should be kept clear during the day to allow residents to watch the ceremony.
 - iii) 3 committees were established, one for each day. Suzie Kavanagh has agreed to coordinate the Sunday events and Steve Hurst will do the same for the Monday. A coordinator is required for the Saturday.
- The Parish Council has purchased 10km of bunting that will be available for the celebrations. It was suggested that this should not be situated across the roads due to the number of high sided vehicles.
- Cllr Hurst is to personally donate 40 Union Jacks that can be positioned in the brackets used by the Christmas Trees. Suitable poles are to be sourced.

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Toilets

- A grant of £8,000 has been agreed by SLDC. This is to enable the Parish Council to become self-financing within the next 12 months.
- It currently costs over £10,000 per annum to provide the facility.
- The Clerk is to initiate the project.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- One received for extensions to Crosby Cottage, Ackenthwaite. There were no objections.

8.2 Any related matters

- None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – January 2023

Market Trader Rent - £259.10
 Wayleave, ENW - £32.74
 Parking Discs, McColls - £69.50
 Total - £361.34

Payments – January 2023

Toilet Maintenance, Healthmatic, £700.70 (VAT - £116.78)
 Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £1.20 (£0.20)
 Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,209.01
 Defib Battery, Wel Medical, £203.94 (£33.99)
 Toilet Electricity, NPower, £41.98 (£2.00)
 Market Rates, SLDC, £70.00
 Market Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £49.59 (£2.36)
 Market Electricity Pillar 1, Eon, £116.07 (£5.53)
 Coronation Bunting, Amazon, £699.50 (£116.50)
 Council Expense, FC Milnthorpe, £30.00
 Toilet Water, Water Plus, £37.25
 Bank Account Service Charge, £5.00
 Total - £3,164.24 (£277.36)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £38,092.15, Deposit Account - £22,079.81

Total - £60,171.96

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

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- The Precept request has been signed and submitted to SLDC within the required timeframe.
- It was agreed that £20,000 be moved from the current account into the deposit account to enable interest to be obtained.

10. Market Report September 2022

- Rent received of £259.10.
- Parking disc payments received of £69.50.
- It was agreed to purchase further parking discs during this tax year .

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Bingham expressed disappointment about the lack of coverage of the Parish in the Westmorland Gazette despite being made aware of local stories and events. It was noted that the local correspondent has retired.
- Cllr Adair pointed out that the tenant of the paddock was to carry out some repairs and updating to the dry stone walls. She asked if the PC would consider some financial assistance.

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

- Beetham Road development

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 6th March 2023. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane. This will follow the Annual Parish Assembly which will commence at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20:31

Paul Blackburn

Clerk

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