

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 6th March 2023. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.10pm

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

1. Apologies for Absence

- District Cllr Audland.
- The meeting was quorate.

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

- These were agreed and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- Thanks were given to C Cllr Pete McSweeney who retires from his position as a County Council on the 31st of March. A small gift was presented by the Chair to thank Pete for all his help over the years

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 is NOT on the agenda for the final SLDC Planning meeting and will now be considered by the Planning Committee of the new Westmorland & Furness Council. It is not known when this will be, but is unlikely to be in the near future.
- C Cllr McSweeney thanked the Members for their kind gift and wished the Parish Council all the best for the future

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.
- Both C Cllr McSweeney and D Cllr Chaffey stated that the new Council was progressing well and the initial handover will be completed on 1st of April
- Both D Cllr Audland and D Cllr Chaffey will serve on the new Council from the changeover date

5.3 Electors

None present.

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

6.1 Plaque Project (6.1)

- Quotations have been requested from Leander Architectural for 2 new plaques.

6.2 Coronation (6.3)

- The Chair had outlined the planned events at an earlier meeting of the Parish Assembly. The Members were pleased to note that there were a significant number of residents who had offered their time.
- The Parish Council has already purchased bunting for the event and **RESOLVED** to make a donation of £2,000 to the event. This has been budgeted for in 2023/24

6.3 Toilets (7.1)

- Currently awaiting a quotation to convert the toilets to cashless.
- SLDC have agreed a grant and the grant agreement was signed by the Chair. This will be hand delivered to SLDC in anticipation that the funds will be received in this financial year

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Beetham Road Development

- There has been no change on the portal with no further information added.
- An updated application will be heard by Westmorland & Furness Council Planning Committee

7.2 Pony Field

- No update. To be included in the April meeting

7.3 Parking Discs

- 4,000 discs have been ordered.
- Cost remains the same at £1 with 50p retained by the vendor and 50p returned to the Council to cover the cost of purchasing the discs.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- One received for the erection of a non-illuminated sign outside Croft View Nursing home. There were no objections.

8.2 Any related matters

None

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – February 2023

Market Trader Rent - £259.10
D Cllr Grant, D Cllr Audland - £500.00
Parking Discs, McColls - £62.00
Total - £821.10

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
Toilet Electricity, NPower, £40.28 (£1.92)
Market Electricity Pillar 3, Eon, £49.59 (£2.36)
Payroll Admin, Athena, £250.00
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £37.92
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.80
Total - £2,265.57 (£119.88)

£20,000 was transferred from the current account to the deposit account to secure a better interest rate.

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £16,647.68, Deposit Account - £42,079.81
Total - £58,727.49

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

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

None

10. Market Report September 2022

- Rent received of £259.10.
- Parking disc payments received of £62.00.

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Hill stated that he had had received feedback that businesses were 'fly tipping' in the recycling bins on Park Road car park. This was being done at night-time. He also mentioned that he had been told that there were a lot of dogs being exercised on the Recreation Ground. Most owners were responsible, but a significant number did not pick up their dogs mess.
- Cllr Bingham stated that the significant potholes on Police Square and next to Smithy Lane have still not been repaired.
- Cllr Adair pointed out that there was considerable dog mess at the top end of Owlet Ash
- Cllr Mulinga pointed out that a bench on the Recreation Ground was covered in graffiti.
- Cllr Hurst pointed out that dashing was falling off a property on Shovel Lane causing a potential danger to passers-by. He is to report this via the Highways portal. He had also received a third anonymous letter which was read to the Council.
- Cllr Capasso stated that the agreed work on the playing field has not yet been completed. The Clerk will chase.

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

None

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 3rd April 2023. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane.

The meeting closed at 20:15

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Clerk

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