

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 5th February 2024. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.05pm following the completion of the Annual Parish Assembly

Present: Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Julie Mulinga, Michael Thompson and Clare Lachmann. Cllr Audland (part) and Paul Blackburn (Clerk). One member of the public was in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

- The meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of February 2024.

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- None

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

- Cllr Bingham for item 7.3

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)

- There is an anomaly within the 3 areas of W&F Council in that the green waste bins are free for 2 areas but are paid for (by residents) in the other. This will remain for 2024/25 but will be reconsidered for future years.
- W&F budget for 2024/25 has been agreed.
- W&F are looking to recruit more younger staff.

5.2 Electors

One member of the public attended the meeting and suggested that a small resident group might change their stance on the new development from 'Supporter' to 'Objector'.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 8th of January 2024.

6.1 Plaque Project (6.2)

- All ready to be put in place.

6.2 Toilets (6.2)

- The new, cashless entry door is in place shortly.
- Sign, outlining costs, contribution etc is displayed prominently.

6.3 Locality Board (6.3)

- Some match funding might be available from W&F, but not until the new financial year.
- Awaiting a response from W&F about whether the play area could become a Community Asset as the land is leased.

6.4 Area around the Memorial (7.2)

- Discussion took place around the best way to repair. The area causes no issues, but it could look 'tidier'. Options to be reconsidered.

6.5 20MPH Speed Limit

- Application submitted ahead of closing date. Requested from Dallam School roundabout up to The Strands (across the A6). Awaiting response

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 D-Day Celebrations

- 6th June 2024
- Clerk to source a suitably sized D-Day 80 flag for the flagpole.
- Other flags to be put in place around the village and remain in place for the village fete.

7.2 Village Fete June 2024

- 22nd June 2024
- Various events to be held including Bouncy Castle

7.3 Use of Green by the Church

- It was noted that St Thomas' Church is to use the Green for their Good Friday service which will include the Salvation Army Band.

7.4 Lights on path towards Park Road car park

- Thanks to Craig Allen for his input. Options including lamp posts, ground lights, path marking to be considered.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- No new planning applications but two applications (SL/2023/0431 and SL/2023/0802) have been agreed with conditions.

8.2 Any related matters

- The Beetham Road development was discussed. The planning decision had been deferred for several reasons, which were discussed.
- It was noted that the plans had changed in relation to the positioning and style of some of the properties.
- United Utilities, Highways and Lead Local Flood Authority have been reconsulted.
- The Parish Council continues to state that a greater number of affordable housing is preferred.
- No date is known for the next planning meeting relevant to the development.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – February 2024

Market Trader Rent - £312.80

Parking Discs (Local Businesses) - £50.00

Total - £362.80

Payments – February 2024

Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £0.60 (£0.10)

Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,326.80

Toilet Signs, The Sign Man, £90.00

Toilet Maintenance, Danfo, £870.00 (£145.00)

Toilet Water, Water Plus, £42.19

Bank Account Service Charge, £5.80

Council Laptop, Clerk - £392.95

Total - £2,978.34 (£145.10)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £18,466.74, Deposit Account - £42,662.52

Total - £61,128.26

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

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- None

10. Market Report January 2024

- Rent received of £312.80.
- Parking Disc money of £50.00 received from local businesses.
- The NHS HARRI bus has asked to attend the market on the 17th of May 2024
- Shortly the Farmer's Market will move to the third Friday of the month. This will be made public via a number of sources.

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Capasso stated that he agreed with several residents who had complained to him about a sign on the side of a property, advertising an event. Residents had described it as a 'monstrosity'.
- Cllr Bingham mentioned that the traffic lights in the village remain haphazard and variable in their timings.
- Cllr Hill mentioned the potholes on Ryleyfield had been repaired.
- Members were reminded that Cllr Chaffey had suggested that as many people as possible should report the potholes as this would push the problem higher up the priority list. Members agreed that this was a sensible proposal.
- Cllr Adair has cut back the ivy that was creating a hazard on Park Road.
- Cllr Adair asked who had responsibility for tidying up hedge cuttings. These create a hazard when left on roads.
- Cllr Hurst mentioned that the seat on the Green, in front of the Church, is in a state of disrepair and will see if it can be repaired or if it needs replacing.
- Cllr Hurst also mentioned that Sue (from the burger van) had asked him if there was space available for the business if any purchaser of the old Spar asked her to vacate the land where she is currently sited. Cllr Hurst will let her know that the PC will consider options when the property has a new owner.
- A number of Councillors raised issues with overgrown hedges, ivy, trees which narrowed ginnels or blocked lights.
- Councillors were asked to consider tasks that could be undertaken by David Mason when he returns to work in April.

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

- Tasks for David Mason
- Elections May 2024
- Review of Standing Orders

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

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

The meeting closed at 20:15

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Clerk

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