

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 7.00pm

Present: Cllrs Steven Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Julie Mulinga, Michael Thompson and Jim Robson. Cllr Audland (part), Cllr Chaffey and Paul Blackburn (Clerk). Several members of the public were in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

- The meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of January 2024.

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- Cllr Hurst passed on the sad news of the death of Walt Scrogham

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council

- Cllr Audland had nothing to report that currently impacted on Milnthorpe Village

5.2 Electors

Several members of the public attended the meeting and 3 addressed the Council regarding the planning application for a housing development on Beetham Road (Item 8.2 on the agenda). A number of points were made, including the following:

- They were supportive of the development but wanted one that was beneficial to the village.
- They had raised concerns at the planning meeting on the 11th of January. These included treatment of increased sewage and water, road safety/traffic calming, the type of housing and the proximity of some of the properties to existing properties.
- An email had been received pointing out that the original application had an area of landscaping at the entrance from Beetham Road, this has now been replaced by housing

It was mentioned that it had been anticipated that the development was to have been granted (with conditions). However, the outcome had been different with the decision being deferred pending further investigation.

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

6.1 Plaque Project (6.2)

- 2 new plaques were delivered and can now be put in place.
- The siting of the new plaque on the will take place shortly, the plaque is attached to the stone donated by Dallam Estate and needs to be moved into place.

6.2 Toilets (6.2)

- The new, cashless entry door will be put in place shortly, hopefully in February.
- Sign, outlining costs, contribution etc has been obtained.

6.3 Locality Board (6.3)

- An Expression of Interest has been submitted for the potential of a grant to provide a new play area. This has received a positive response.
- Awaiting a response from W&F about the possibility of some matched funding

6.4 Area around the Memorial (7.2)

- Quotes have been received; these are to be forwarded to the Clerk.

6.5 20MPH Speed Limit

- The date for new applications is imminent, it was proposed that an application is submitted for two new limits and this was agreed for the following routes:
Dallam School roundabout to the bridge over the Bela, covering Main Street and Park Road, and the A6 from the entry sign on Beetham Road to the village exit on Church Street

7. New matters for consideration

- None

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- None

8.2 Any related matters

- The Beetham Road development was discussed at item 5.2.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – January 2024

Market Trader Rent - £312.80
Parking Discs (Local Businesses) - £34.00
Bin Emptying refund - £103.58
Electricity Wayleave - £32.74
Total - £1,270.05

Payments – January 2024

Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £0.60 (£0.10)
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,326.80
Market Electricity Pillar 1, Eon, £111.16 (£5.29)
Toilet Maintenance & Repairs, Danfo, £1,633.37 (£272.23)
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £58.98
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.00
Council Tax, W&F - £60.00
Toilet Electricity, Npower - £65.33 (£3.11)
Stationery, Clerk - £46.45
Total - £3,307.69 (£280.73)

Bank Balances at Month end

Current Account - £21,081.28, Deposit Account - £42,662.52
Total - £63,743.80

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

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- Clerk confirmed that the precept request for 2024/25 had been submitted.

10. Market Report January 2024

- Rent received of £312.80.
- Parking Disc money of £34.00 received from local businesses.
- The NHS HARRI bus has asked to attend the market in Spring/Summer

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Capasso stated that he had reported a number of issues to Highways via the website and they were 'in hand'.
- Cllr Bingham mentioned that the new road lines on Smithy Lane highlighted that large vehicles turning right into the lane cut across the lines. He also mentioned that the traffic lights in the village were haphazard and variable in their timings.
- Cllr Hill mentioned the potholes on Ryleyfield were significant. Cllr Chaffey 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 asked if she could cut back the ivy that was creating a hazard on Park Road. This was agreed.

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

- D Day 2024
- Village Fete June 2024

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 4th March 2024. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will follow the Parish Assembly which will commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20:10

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Clerk

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