

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 1st of December 2025. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.10pm.

Present: Cllrs Steve Hurst, Pete Capasso, Jim Robson, Clare Lachmann, Roger Bingham, Pete Hill (Vice Chair) and Julie Mulinga.

1. Apologies for Absence

- Michael Thompson (accepted)

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of October 2025.

- These were **APPROVED** and were signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- The Chair thanked the Christmas committee for their efforts in putting up the tree and lights, they are excellent

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

- None.

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)

- The Local Plan is in the consultation period and has been extended to a closing date of 20th February 2026. There is a 'Call for sites' as there is a shortage of land for development (housing and industrial)
- There is a new traffic cameras situated on Church Street close to Grisleymires Lane
- The Parish Council was asked to consider reinstating the barriers on the Square on Fridays. The Traffic Order is still in place and vehicles are not permitted on the Square from 8:30am to 16:30. Removal of the barriers could suggest that permission is given to be able to proceed onto the roads specified in the order. In order to protect the market traders, residents, members of the public and drivers it was agreed that the barriers would be reinstated at the entry points to the Square. Legal advice should be considered re the implications on not putting up the barriers

5.2 Any matters on this agenda that electors wish to raise with the Parish Council

- None

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 3rd of November 2025

6.1 20mph Update

- We are now in the second consultation period. Cllr Capasso to post details on Facebook

7. New matters for consideration

- It was agreed that meetings for 2026 will be on the first Monday of each month, unless it is a Bank Holiday. There will be no meeting in August

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- No concerns about the double application at Fairlea, Ackenthwaite

8.2 Any related matters including Beetham Road development

- None.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

- Distributed, all agreed. See Appendix A

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- Budget for 2026/27 discussed and RFO asked to produce a budget with a minimal increase in the precept of no more than 4%

10. Market Report

- Distributed. See Appendix B
- It was agreed that Cllr Hurst would visit the market to say thank you to the Grisedales, who retire in December

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Hill mentioned that a local business was having trouble in getting two Biffa bins removed. These are not required and are creating an eyesore. Cllr Hill will speak to Biffa
- Cllr Lachmann mentioned that a broken lamppost has been removed but not replaced. W&F cannot give her a date when this will happen. It is creating a dark area. Cllr Lachmann will ask Cllr Audland if he could chase
- Cllr Robson mentioned that the Church will be holding a Christmas service on the 18th December and asked that the Council agree that this can take place on the Green. Cllr Robson will ask the Church Warden to email the Clerk to ensure the request is in writing

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

- Agreement of budget for 2026/27

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 5th of January 2026
- 2026 meetings to be on the 1st Monday of each month with no meeting in December

The meeting closed at 19:46

Paul Blackburn Clerk

December 2025

APPENDIX A

Milnthorpe Parish Council November 2025 Financial Report

Payments

Type	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
DD	Guard Fuel Card	UK Fuels Ltd	£0.50	£0.10	£0.60
DD	Council Tax	W&F	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
IB	Christmas Tree Grant	Committee	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
IB	Remembrance Donation	British Legion	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
IB	Staff Costs	Staff/HMRC	£1,500.44	£0.00	£1,500.44
IB	Maintenance Contract	Atkinson's	£408.33	£81.67	£490.00
DD	Pillar 3 Electricity	Eon	£17.36	£0.87	£18.23
DD	Toilet Water final	Water Plus	£36.37	£0.00	£36.37
DD	Toilet Electricity	NPower	£23.57	£1.18	£24.75
DD	Bank charge (cheque)	HSBC	£0.80	£0.00	£0.80
IB	Playing Field Rent	Dallam Estate	£2.50	£0.00	£2.50
DD	Data Protection Fee	IOC	£47.00	£0.00	£47.00
		Total	£3,346.87	£83.82	£3,430.69

Receipts

Description	Supplier	Total
Market Rents	Market Traders	£205.40
	Total	£205.40

Current Account Balance - £2,345.54

Deposit Account Balance - £54,361.81

Total - £56,707.35

APPENDIX B

MARKET REPORT

November 2025

1. Rent received of £205.40
2. Market Trader meeting to be held in December
Total - £205.40

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Parish Clerk
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