

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 7th of July 2025. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Steve Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Peter Capasso, Michael Thompson and Julie Mulinga. Cllr Audland (part).

1. Apologies for Absence

- Jim Robson **ACCEPTED**

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of June 2025.

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

3. Announcements by the Chair

- Cllr Hurst said that the Summer Fete Committee has asked that the Council be thanked for the grant provided for this year's fete
- He also thanked all those who helped distribute the 20mph leaflets

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

- None.

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)

Cllr Audland updated MPC on the following:

- The roadworks on the Crooklands Road will now take place on Wednesday 9th of June
- The consultation period for the 20mph proposal continues. Residents are encouraged to respond as they have an important role to play in the decision.
- The proposed Mayor for Cumbria is likely to be deferred for 12 months until April 2027

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

- None present.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 13th of May 2025

6.1 Toilets – to be retained or returned (6.1)

- It was proposed that the lease on the toilet block is surrendered and the building returned to W&F.
- The costs of maintaining the toilet facility has become excessive producing a net cost of circa £10,000pa to the Parish Council which is paid by the village taxpayer.
- There has also been abuse of the facility with damage to the door, internal damage, the doors being wedged open and unusual use of the radar key
- This was discussed and a vote taken. The motion was passed with 6 Councillors in favour and one abstention.
- Details of the reasons for the closure will be put on the website when the closure is formally announced

6.2 Leasgill Quarry Fund Grants (6.3)

- New Contractor sourced with similar price, Cllr Hurst to arrange for work to be completed. Invoice to be provided to Clerk
- Clerk to ask for an extension on the closing date for claiming the grant for a new bench until a site is agreed
- Members were asked to consider requests for a grant for 2025/26

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Street Signs

- Cllr Bingham – ongoing
- The signs on the entrance to the Square are being turned round after they have been returned to the correct positions. To be investigated

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- No objections to 2015/1184/HOU

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

- None

10. Market Report

- Distributed. See Appendix B

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Bingham mentioned that 2026 will see the 80th anniversary of the 1946 Victory Parade. It was suggested that an event is incorporated in the summer fete
- Cllr Adair mentioned that hedges continue to cause an obstruction between Crosby House and Ackenthwaite House. This will be reported to the relevant authorities. She will also get rid of the poppies that are still in place
- Cllr Hurst wished to thank Dave Mason for the work on the planters which are looking good

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

- None

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 1st of September 2025. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane
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The meeting closed at 20:02

Paul Blackburn Clerk

July 2025

APPENDIX A

Milnthorpe Parish Council June 2025 Financial Report

Payments

Type	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
DD	Guard Fuel Card	UK Fuels Ltd	£0.60	£0.10	£0.60
DD	Council Tax	W&F	£58.80	£0.00	£58.80
DD	Bank Charge	HSBC	£5.80	£0.00	£5.80
IB	CCTV Service Contract	Police	£850.00	£0.00	£850.00
IB	Staff Costs	Staff/HMRC	£1,835.75	£0.00	£1,835.75
IB	Maintenance Contract	Atkinson's	£408.33	£81.67	£490.00
IB	Toilet Maintenance	Danfo	£725.00	£145.00	£870.00
DD	Toilet Water	Water Plus	£45.79	£0.00	£45.79
DD	Toilet Electricity	Npower	£43.27	£2.16	£45.43
IB	Summer Fete grant	Summer Fete	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,000.00
IB	Memorial Hall Donation - Cllr Audland	Memorial Hall	£1,00.00	£0.00	£1,000
IB	Salt Storage etc.	Atkinson's	£438.00	£87.60	£525.90
IB	Pillar 3 Electricity	Eon	£17.36	£0.87	£18.23
IB	Playground Inspections (24/25)	W&F	£486.00	£97.20	£583.20
IB	Playground Inspections (25/26)	W&F	£519.00	£103.80	£622.80
		Total	£8,464.90	£523.62	£8,988.52

Receipts

Description	Supplier	Total
Market Rents	Market Traders	£225.40
Toilet Income	Nayax	£121.09
Parking Discs	Baverstock's	£104.28
	Total	£450.77

Interest into Deposit Account - £20,000.00

Current Account Balance - £11,095.16

Deposit Account Balance - £64,107.70

Total - £75,202.86

APPENDIX B

MARKET REPORT

June 2025

1. Rent received of £225.40
 2. Toilet Income of £121.09
 3. Parking Discs income of £104.28
- Total - £1450.77