

# **MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Peter Capasso (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Steven Hurst, Jim Robson. Also D Cllr R Audland (as from item 6), C Cllr P McSweeney (for item 6.2), Parish Clerk John Scargill, Parish Clerk Elect Malcolm Richardson and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Lachmann (family obligations), Cllr Hill (work) and Cllr Scrogham (holiday).
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Capasso,
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – Cllr Capasso introduced Malcolm Richardson as MPC Parish Clerk Elect who was welcomed by members.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllrs Bingham and Robson re agenda item 5.1 and 8.2 and took no part in the discussion of these items.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019.**
  - 5.1 **St. Thomas's Church communications mast (5.2)** – SLDC Planning had ruled that the changes to the plans were insufficient to justify enforcement. MPC District Councillors to be asked to look further into this matter. Ongoing.
  - 5.2 **Milnthorpe public toilets (5.3)** – continued funding approved by SLDC but Funding Agreement still awaited. Toilets out of action for a three-day period in September due to electrical problems. Clerk to lodge formal complaint with Healthmatic over their delay in dealing with this.
  - 5.3 **Inappropriate parking on The Square and The Green (5.4)** – ongoing.
  - 5.4 **Milnthorpe war memorial centenary (5.5)** – Cllr Bingham now likely to be available for the occasion. Cllr Hurst would set up the Silent Soldier silhouettes within the next few days.
  - 5.5 **CCTV coverage for Milnthorpe (5.6)** – MPC's application for available grants had been lodged before the deadline, with no commitment to proceed further with the project should these fall short of expectations. Ongoing.
  - 5.6 **Clerk's retirement (5.7)** – Malcolm Richardson had been appointed Clerk, to succeed John Scargill on his retirement on 31 October. Other details of the appointment to be dealt with under item 7.5 (as reserved business).
  - 5.7 **Fire hazard near Flames takeaway (5.8)** – this problem had been 'passed on' within the Fire Service, otherwise no progress. Ongoing.
  - 5.8 – **MPC outdoor seats (5.9)** – the four new MPC seats would replace those existing seats judged to be in the worst condition. Clerk to instruct Neil Townley to refurbish the remaining seats once these had been identified.
  - 5.9 **Old Spar building (5.10)** – awaiting the result of SLDC's application for central government's Heritage Action Zone funding. Clerk to chase. Ongoing.
  - 5.10 **Proposed MPC flagpole (5.11)** – no decision reached on a suitable location. A position on the banks north of the traffic lights preferred if a suitable site could be found.
  - 5.11 **Planters for The Square (5.12)** – further information requested by CCC before permission could be given (Cllr Hurst to provide).
6. **Public Participation:**
  - 6.1 **Police Report** – serious theft of a range of tools from a nearby location. Aggressive doorstep selling and scams.
  - 6.2 **County & District Councils** – a new road safety scheme was being considered by Arnside and might be of interest to Milnthorpe. The public phone box at Milnthorpe traffic lights had been identified for removal by BT due to underuse. Clerk to email Cllr McSweeney that MPC may wish to retain it for alternative use (eg as housing for a defibrillator). A Working Together scheme had been launched by CCC to tackle local maintenance work needs in the county, with CALC offering advice to local councils. Clerk to place on next MPC agenda. The Arnside to Kendal via Milnthorpe bus service to be withdrawn as from 27<sup>th</sup> October due to Stagecoach losing the contract for school transport and the route becoming commercially unviable as a consequence. A new independent bus service was to be launched soon to mitigate this. CCC police numbers to be increased. The

inconvenience of the closure of Park Road for maintenance work in November, with a lengthy recommended detour, would be mitigated by overnight working and alternative traffic control measures when and wherever possible.

**6.3 Electors** – some drains had been temporarily blocked during recent short spells of heavy rain. Some highway lights at Dallam roundabout not working. The semi-derelict old Natwest building was becoming an eyesore. Some overhanging ivy along the playing field wall in Park Road. The recent death of Andy Horn’s pony would probably mean that MPC would be seeking a new tenant for its Ackenthaite pony field, with some interest already being shown.

**7. New matters for consideration:**

**7.1** The Strands – responsibility for future resurfacing. This land known to be owned by Dallam.

**7.2** Smiley SIDs – quotes now received for relocation but Highways’ advice needed on precise siting. One additional SID may be justified on the B6385 at Ackenthaite. Some members not happy with the long-term effectiveness of these devices.

**7.3** Defunct phone box at traffic lights – to be considered as housing for a defibrillator (see also 6.2).

**7.4** Village Christmas trees 2019 – the same deal as in 2018 was being offered by the supplier. Cllr Capasso to make an advertising flyer for the scheme. An additional single large tree, on or near the Green, remained a possibility funded by local organisations – Clerk to arrange reactivation of the Pillar3 power source for this purpose.

**8. Planning matters:**

**8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions**

September 2019 meeting

No applications to consider.

**Decisions received from SLDC**

**SLDC decision**

SL/2019/0497	1 Firs Close		Two-storey rear extension	Approved with conditions
SL/2019/0608	Booths supermarket		Provision of 2 electric vehicle recharging points	Approved with conditions

(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

**8.2 Related matters & correspondence:** Continued Flames planning infringements. St Thomas’s Church plans had gone through public consultation and were available to view; they included disabled access and improved kitchen facilities. **Agreed** – that MPC provide a letter of support for this project as a lever for funding – the new Clerk to do.

**9 Finance:**

**MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT MONTH – SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2019**

**9.1 Report on bank receipts, bank payments (for approval) & bank balances.**

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Reserve Funds
				£	£
01/09/19	Opening balances				22,001.26
30/09/19	Receipts:	Market	Rents collected Sept .	300.40	
		HSBC	Bank interest to 5 Sept.		10.97
		SLDC	Precept – second instalment	13,500.09	
“	Payments:				
	DD	SLDC	Business rates (market)	46.00	
	822 DD	UKFuels	Equip fuel	15.33	
			VAT	.85	
				16.18	
	823 951	Healthmatic	Toilets mtce June	500.00	
			VAT	100.00	
				600.00	
	824 952	Christ TK	Room rent	75.00	
	825 953-958	Payroll	September 2019	1,646.26	
	826 959	Milne Moser	Legal fees (on account)	600.00	
	Total payments in month			- 2,983.44	
30/09/19	Closing balances			25,512.16	22,012.23
30/09/19	Total funds all accounts			£47,524.39	

**Resolved** – that the above payments be approved.

**9.2 MPC quarterly accounts to 30/9/19 – approved..**

- 10. Market** - rents for Sept 2019 £300 (Sept 2018 £408), year to date £3,672 (2018/19 £4,196).  
No Market Supervisor's report available at the meeting. Subsequent email read 'Market running smoothly. Dave Fennelly now back after his illness of some 5 weeks. Andrew Bean soldiering on and getting about. Some bad weeks in September due to inclement weather. Toilets not working on 28 Sept market day – otherwise no problems'.
- 11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Robson had attended the CALC annual meeting which he had found interesting.
- 12. Parish Matters** (for information only):  
**Cllr Bingham** – would provide WW2 photographs for the VE Day anniversary celebrations and the market cross was in need of cleaning..  
**Cllr Hurst** – would attend meetings re the VE Day celebrations and refresh the MPC poppies before they were attached to streetlamps. David Mason's Texaco card for obtaining equipment fuel had expired some time ago but no replacement had arrived despite several phone calls to UK Fuels by the Clerk. Clerk to follow up.  
**Cllr Baverstock** – the Ride Across Britain event had again proved successful in 2019 and the organisers wanted to come back to Milnthorpe in 2020. **Agreed.** Weeds were springing up at various places in the Square – Atkinson Bros to be instructed..  
**Cllr Adair** – trouble from young people congregating at the cemetery had again surfaced.  
**Cllr Robson** – the cemetery gates had been restored and were soon to be re-installed. There were problems with the timing mechanism of the church clock and a Park Road resident had asked for traffic calming measures to be introduced in Park Road.
- 13. General correspondence** – none.
- 14. Reading Matter** – none.
- 15. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting, and additional to those referred to above** – MPC possible participation in CCC's Working Together scheme.
- 15. Date of next meeting** – PC confirmed as Monday 11 November 2019 at 7.30pm in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall, preceded at 7.00pm by a rescheduled Market Traders meeting.

**The meeting closed at 8.45pm**