

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 14th November 2016 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Jen Scrogam (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Pete Capasso, Neil Dodds, Clare Lachmann and Steve Hurst. Also District Cllr Rupert Audland, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Market Supervisor Ann Johnston, two police representatives and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jim Robson (holiday) and County Cllr Ian Stewart.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and to be signed by the Chair.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – the number of people attending the Remembrance Sunday parade had been greater than usual and very welcome. The police were thanked for their presence at this event.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – none.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 10th October 2016.**
 - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – some clubs still to approve the new agreements but progress was being made – ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Replacement of bollards on the Square (5.2)** – now completed. It was suggested that this site might now be a suitable place for a new seat (next meeting agenda).
 - 5.3 **Storm Desmond (5.3)** – some questions over the possible adverse consequences of the raised river level in the event of future storms. CCC had received £120m central government funding against its repair costs arising from Storm Desmond.
 - 5.4 **Cemetery Lane (5.4)** – present situation generally acceptable but would be improved if and when track level could be raised.
 - 5.5 **Pony field at Ackenthwaite (5.7)** – legal work by Milne Moser ongoing.
 - 5.6 **Bull's Head proposed Christmas event (14)** – this proposal had now been withdrawn in favour of providing support for the regular Christmas on the Green event (see item 14 below).
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – a report had been received and circulated before the meeting. 41 incidents had been reported in the Milnthorpe area, of which 11 were ASB-related, with 14 recorded crimes. This information was supplemented with useful comments by the attending police representatives. Police re-classification of Milnthorpe as a problem profile area would mean increased resources to combat youth antisocial behaviour. The 101 phone reporting system was in process of overhaul to increase its effectiveness. Civilian volunteers were being sought to assist police in night observation of cross-border crime. Other problems raised by attending members of the public were traffic congestion on the day of the county show and speeding traffic generally in the village. Agreed that better publicity was needed to attract more volunteers for MPC's speedwatch team.
 - 6.2 **County Council** – no report in the absence of Cllr Ian Stewart.
 - 6.3 **District Council** – CCC confusion over the type of bollard (lit or unlit) in Beetham Road had resulted in delay in dealing with the problem – now resolved and progressing. The Milnthorpe Economic Plan was now ready and would be emailed to members. The fact that Milnthorpe is to be given higher priority by the police as regards antisocial behaviour should bring useful benefit to the village.
 - 6.4 **MiPAD** – delivery of the Trim Trail equipment was now due. Signage against mis-use of the equipment, including MPC disclaimer, was agreed. Kathy Watts-Jones to proceed to order one sign, to be funded by MPC.
 - 6.5 **Matters raised by electors** – the need for more investment in equipment for the children's play area (although investment by all user organisations was hampered by the lack of any guarantee of long-term availability of the playing field site). There had been no progress in identifying suitable sites for possible use as future youth facilities.

7. Planning Matters.

7.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions

November 2016 meeting

Type A applications – SLDC response deadline precedes next PC meeting – Clerk to respond. (Members to email Clerk ASAP & before deadline)

| SLDC ref | Address | Applicant | Development | Deadline | MPC Response |
|--------------|----------------|-----------|-----------------------|----------|---------------|
| SL/2016/0991 | 1A Candle Lane | Johnston | First-floor extension | 15/11/16 | No objections |

Type B applications – SLDC deadline falls after next PC meeting – Members to discuss at mtg.

| SLDC ref | Address | Applicant | Development | Deadline | MPC Response |
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Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

| SLDC ref | Address | Applicant | Development | SLDC decision |
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| SL/2015/0976 | Barn at Parkside Farm, Park Road | Dallam | Conversion of redundant barn into dwellings. | Approved with conditions |

(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.2 Related matters & correspondence: none.

8. Finance

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – OCTOBER 2016

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

| Date | Transaction | Payee/er | Detail | Current a/c | Reserve Funds |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| | | | | £ | £ |
| 01/10/16 | Opening balances | | | | 21,944.66 |
| 31/10/16 | Receipts: | | | | |
| | 78 | Market | Rents collected October | 606.60 | |
| | 79 | Natwest | Mob. Bank rent 2016/17 (12mths) | 1,040.00 | |
| | 80 | LQFund | Grant 2015/16 | 975.00 | |
| | “ | Payments: | | | |
| | | DD | SLDC Rates (market) | 133.00 | |
| | | DD | SLDC Rates (public toilets) | 172.00 | |
| | 535 | DD | Texaco Equip. fuel | 20.15 | |
| | | | VAT | 2.73 | |
| | | | | 22.88 | |
| | 536 | 554 | Scrogham Daffodil bulbs | 8.32 | |
| | | | VAT | 1.66 | |
| | | | | 9.98 | |
| | 537 | 555 | RB Legion Donation (poppy wreaths) | 30.00 | |
| | 537 | 556 | Ashburner R Sun Expenses | 60.00 | |
| | 538 | 557 | BPS Roof Equip. store rep's | 120.00 | |
| | 539 | 558 | Shelley H master plaque | 665.00 | |
| | | | VAT | 133.00 | |
| | | | | 798.00 | |
| | 540 | 559 | Dalesway Equip repairs | 42.80 | |
| | | | VAT | 8.56 | |
| | | | | 1,134.60 | |
| | 541 | 560 | Hurst Keys | 46.00 | |
| | | | VAT | 9.20 | |
| | | | | 55.20 | |
| | 542 | 561 | Blacksheep Security bar (store) | 210.43 | |
| | | | VAT | 42.09 | |
| | | | | 252.52 | |
| | 543 | 562-567 | Payroll October | 1,588.10 | |
| | 544 | 568 | Scargill Exs (postage /stat'y) | 43.84 | |
| | | | VAT | 4.12 | |
| | | | | 47.96 | |
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| | | | Total payments in month | -3,341.00 | |
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| 31/10/16 | Closing balances | | | 37,908.50 | 21,944.66 |
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| 31/10/16 | Total funds all accounts | | | | £59,853.16 |

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

Other financial matters - additional cheque signed at the meeting (to be included in the November financial statement) – J T Robson for postage (Speedwatch reports) £19.80.
- SLDC advance notice of precept 2017/18 timetable.

9. **Market** - rents for October £606, plus Natwest mobile bank £1,040 (for 12 months 2016/17) – total for year 2016/17 to date £5,690 (2015/16 - £7,176).
Three new stalls had joined in October. Curtain stall given ultimatum re rent arrears. A mulled wine stall approved in principle provided stallholder gets any necessary licensing authority permission. New market publicity boards to be bought – form, content and number to be agreed (next meeting agenda).
10. **To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Bingham had attended a Leasgill Quarry Fund meeting for agreeing 2017/18 grants.
11. **Parish Matters (for information only):**
 - Cllr Baverstock** – the Remembrance Day parade had been well attended and the war memorial garden (now tended by Green Dental) was well presented. One of the memorial base stones was cracked – Clerk to ask Parkin & Jackson to repair/replace.
 - Cllr Hurst** – organised fireworks arrangements for 2017 – next meeting agenda.
 - Cllr Capasso** – noted that the market traffic barriers had been put out late at a recent market.
 - Cllr Bingham** – welcomed the large number of wreaths at the 2016 Remembrance Day service. Noted that a Milnthorpe resident (Mrs Reynolds) would soon reach the age of 101 – **agreed** for him to send a suitable card on behalf of MPC.
12. **Current PC business - updates as follows:**
 - Item 29 – master panel delivered, but in need of modification.
 - Item 23 – Cemetery Lane could now be deleted from the list.
 - Atkinson jobs, item 3 (war memorial garden) and item 2 (bollards on the Square) could now be delated from the list. Clerk to circulate latest list to all members and place on notice board.
13. **Leasgill Quarry Fund grants:**
 - grant for 2015/16 – £975 – now received..
 - application for 2016/17 grant (litter bins) – £1,000 - now approved. Final choice of bins (model & number) to be made ASAP – next meeting agenda.
14. **Christmas on the Green 2016** – to be held at Number 17 in 2016. MPC not directly involved.
15. **General correspondence:**
 - 18/10/16 – Local Government Boundary Commission – final recommendations for South Lakeland
 - 10/11/16 – SLDC Planning – Development Plan Document consultation.
16. **Reading Matter** – Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 108 – Nov 2016.
17. **Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting:** nothing additional to the above.
18. **Date of next meeting** – normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 12th December 2016 at the Catholic Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm