

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 8th June 2015 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Jim Robson (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Rod Bowker, Neil Dodds and Paul Troughton. Also County Cllr Ian Stewart (for item 6.2) and District Cllr David Ryder (up to item 6.3), Parish Clerk John Scargill, Market Supervisor Ann Johnston and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** from Cllrs Clare Lachmann (family priorities) and Jen Scrogam (work) and Cumbria Police.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2015** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed as a correct record by Cllr Robson.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – none.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – none.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 18th May 2015.**
 - 5.1 **Draft sub-leases for Playing Field users (13.1)** – no further developments, ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Community-operated speedwatch monitoring devices (13.2)** – an outdoor demonstration meeting, under the supervision of Michael Roberts (Police Liaison volunteer) had been held on 2 June, which several Milnthorpe volunteers had attended. This had been interesting and useful. Further such meetings were planned in the near future, prior to the expected launch of a Milnthorpe scheme later in the year.
 - 5.3 **Link path lighting project (13.3)** – no further progress.
 - 5.4 **Community Transport Scheme (13.5)** – notice of the proposed scheme had been published. Limited response so far against advertised deadline of 30 June 2015.
 - 5.5 **Wall beside Playing Field natural area (13.6)** – no further progress.
 - 5.6 **Relocation of post-box** – confirmed by Royal Mail as ‘to do’ but no firm estimate of completion date.
 - 5.7 **Canton Chef** – internal and external building work reported to SLDC, who are seeking owner as planning permission needed.
 - 5.8 **Parking on The Square** – continued regular flouting of market day restrictions, reported to CCC whose responsibility it is.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – an emailed report, covering the period 18 May to 8 June 2015, received and circulated – one reported crime (an assault) in Milnthorpe resulting in an arrest. Police heavily involved with Appleby horse fair.
 - 6.2 **County Council (Cllr Stewart)** – Haverflatts Lane road-works scheduled for July 2015 but no firm traffic diversion plans as yet. The deteriorating road surface around a manhole cover outside Grisedales shop reported and contractor’s staff observed in the vicinity. MPC should be prepared to defend parish land against third party ownership claims.
 - 6.3 **District Council (Cllr Ryder)** – the proposed package of new traffic restrictions, to include the parking problems on Church Street, Harmony Hill and Firs Road, now expected to be completed in 2015. Cllr Ryder agreed to follow up his earlier promise to look into possible HGV restrictions for the village.
 - 6.4 **MiPAD** – the Parish Council’s permission for a fund-raising event on the Playing Field on 30 August 2015 withdrawn as a cricket match found to be scheduled for that date. Parish Council requested notice of firm dates for proposed future events as far as possible in advance rather than any form of ‘blanket approval’.
 - 6.5 **Matters raised by electors** – the meeting was reminded that the cricket pavilion was owned by the cricket club.

7.0 Planning Matters:

7.1 Applications under consideration by MPC and SLDC decisions

June 2015 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	Response

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

SL/2015/0512	HSBC The Square, Milnthorpe	HSBC	Replacement external ATM	24/04/15	No objections
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Decisions received from SLDC

SL/2015/0271	Bela House, Beetham Rd	Wesson	Erection of dwelling	Refused
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

7.2 Related matters & correspondence : Fishwick's appeal against SLDC's refusal of their crematorium plans at the Beetham Hall site (SL/2014/0701) was now to be dealt with at an Informal Hearing (SLDC notice dated 28/05/15)..

8. Finance:

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

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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 £
01/05/15	Opening balances			35,136.28	22,474.21
31/05/15	Receipts: 39	Market	Rents collected May	860.30	
	40	HMRC	VAT refund 2014/15	3,996.71	
"	Payments:				
	DD	SLDC	Rates (market)	132.00	
	DD	SLDC	Rates (public toilets)	170.00	
	402 DD	Texaco	Equip. fuel 30.77 VAT 5.13	35.90	
	403-405 DD	Eon	Market elec. 111.72 VAT 5.58	117.30	
	406 372	SLDC	Repay precept o/pay't	1,368.15	
	407 373	H'matic	M'ce charge net 2,296.00 VAT 459.20	2,755.20	
	408 374	Dallam	P Fld rent 6mths	2.50	
	409 375	Scargill	Expense allce's 245.00 Post & stat'y 13.29 VAT 1.09	259.38	
	410 376-381	Payroll	May	1,473.37	
	411 382	Hartley	Internal audit 2014/15	50.00	
	Total payments in month			-6,363.80	
31/05/15	Closing balances			33,629.49	22,474.21
31/05/15	Total funds all accounts				£45,103.70
Reserve Funds at 31/05/15		National Savings Bank (est)	5,550.66		
		HSBC Deposit a/c	16,923.55		
		Total Reserve Funds	£22,474.21		

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

8.2 Other matters – new National Savings Bank account – following the decision to close this account (meeting 18 May, min 16.2), and as a necessary preliminary to transferring the balance to HSBC, Cllrs Baverstock and Dodds completed the appropriate form to become authorised signatories of the account.

- 9. Market** -rents for May £860 – total for year 2015/16 to date £1,726 (2014/15 - £1,462).
A few new traders were now attending normal Friday markets. The Willans delivery vehicle regularly continued to flout the driving/parking restriction on market days. Mrs Johnston given permission to place the agreed 'no parking' note on the windscreens of all vehicles already parked in The Square at the start of each market day. Members agreed to take over the repositioning of the traffic barriers by the opticians (to provide room for the Natwest mobile bank) at about 11am on the 10 and 17 July, while Mrs Johnston was on holiday. The Clerk confirmed that, as requested by Natwest Bank, an invoice had been submitted for the agreed rent for the mobile unit covering the 13 month period 1 March 2015 to 31 March 2016. A table and chair were now being placed outside Refresh during its opening hours – Cllr Robson to enquire if CCC permission had been received for this.
- 10. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – none.
- 11. Highways matters** – noted that the gullies in Park Road needed clearing and that a rota had been published for the newly-available SID. **Agreed** – that MPC should keep pressing for action by Highways on all matters previously brought to their attention.
- 12. Parish Matters (for information only):**
- **Cllr Adair** – welcomed pictures by local primary schoolchildren which had appeared in the shop window of the old Spar store. White lining at the Dallam School roundabout had now all but worn away completely.
 - **Cllr Dodds** – reported that blood-donating sessions by the local service had been cancelled twice in the last twelve months and, if this were due to a venue (as opposed to a staffing) problem, might there be any alternative venues?
 - **Cllr Baverstock** – felt it worth mentioning that many smaller MPC projects not covered by the Current Parish Business list were continually being undertaken and successfully completed; the recent planting at the entrance to the Park Road car-park was one of these. The dispute with the tenants of the Memorial Hall was ongoing and in the hands of solicitors.
- 13. Current PC business:**
Item 29 – the master-plaque artist about to start work. Installation of the plinth expected soon.
- 14. Milnthorpe Tree Survey** – of trees **not** owned by the Parish Council - no progress as yet.
- 15. General Correspondence** – from Amanda McCleery (CALC) 08/06/15 on Highways priorities – circulated.
- 16. Reading Matter** – none.
- 17. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting - July 2015** – nothing additional to those mentioned above.
- 18. Date of next meeting** - Monday 13th July 2015 at the Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm.:

The meeting closed at 8.38pm