

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 8th September 2014 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.20pm.

Present: Cllrs Jen Scrogam (Chair), Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Rod Bowker, Neil Dodds, and Clare Lachmann. Also Cllr David Ryder (up to and including item 6.3), Market Supervisor Ann Johnston and three members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** from Cllrs Robson and Adair, and Parish Clerk John Scargill.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th August 2014** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed as a correct record by Cllr Scrogam.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – none.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda:**
- Cllr Bowker re agenda item 5.3 (Owlet Ash House hedge).
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th August 2014.**
 - 5.1 **Survey of highway signage (5.1)** – nothing to report, ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Overgrown shrubbery, Firs Close (6.3)** – the necessary work had been done and appeared satisfactory.
 - 5.3 **Overgrown hedge, Owlet Ash House (12)** – this matter had now been referred to Cumbria Highways, who were dealing with it. A further letter had been received from the householder and a response sent. Members again expressed concerns that, in its untrimmed state, the hedge was a danger to passing pedestrians and they wanted the general public to be aware that the Parish Council was making every effort to resolve the matter. (A similar, but less acute, problem at nearby Harmony Hall was being dealt with expeditiously by the owner, after being pointed out by the Parish Council).
 - 5.4 **Draft sub-leases for Playing Field users (13)** – in hand.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – an emailed report had been received shortly before the meeting, leaving insufficient time for it to be circulated in advance, although no significant local incidents.
 - 6.2 **County Council (Cllr Stewart)** – nothing to report in the absence of Cllr Stewart.
 - 6.3 **District Council (Cllr Ryder)** – expressed concerns about poor communications between MPC and MiPAD. Cllr Robson, as MPC Chair, had met with the Chair of MiPAD and was to attend the next MiPAD meeting in an effort to resolve this.
 - 6.4 **Matters raised by electors** – members of the Table Tennis Club drew attention to a non-working streetlamp in the Beetham Road car park, which also served to illuminate the steps of their clubhouse. Referred to Cllr Ryder as the car park was an SLDC matter.

7.0 Planning Matters :

7.1 Applications under consideration by MPC and SLDC decisions

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

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	Deadline	Response
SL/2014/0734	Land adjacent to 20 Beetham Rd	Hoyle	Demolition of existing garage and construction of 3 S/C apartments	02/09/14	OK in principle, but would prefer slated roof..

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

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Decisions received from SLDC

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

7.2 Related matters & correspondence : none

8. Finance:

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT		MONTH – AUGUST 2014			MEETING – 8 TH September. 2014	
8.1 Report on bank receipts, bank payments (for approval) & bank balances.						
Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail		Current a/c	Reserve Funds
					£	£
01/08/14	Opening balances				20,966.40	22,425.36
31/08/14	Receipts:	Market	Rents collected August		635.05	
	“ Payments:					
	329	DD SLDC	Business rates		-130.00	
		DD Texaco	Equip fuel		16.31	
			VAT		.90	
	330	270 Playsafety	Play area inspec.		74.00	
			VAT		14.80	
	331	271-276 Payroll	August		-88.80	
					-1,473.62	
	Total payments in month				-1,709.63	
31/08/14	Closing balances				19,891.82	22,425.36
31/08/14	Total funds all accounts				£42,317.18	
Reserve Funds at 31/08/14		National Savings Bank		5,510.66		
		HSBC Deposit a/c		16,914.70		
		Total Reserve Funds		£22,425.36		

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

8.2 Other financial matters – none.

9. **Market** -.rents for August £635 – total year to date £3,356 (2013/14 - £5,147).

The Market Supervisor had reorganised the layout of stalls to present a more concentrated and focussed overall appearance, which had been well received by both traders and the public. It was also reported that, on one recent occasion, collectors for two different charities had been present on the same market day, which is against MPC policy. Clerk to provide Market Supervisor with list of dates when authorised charity collections have been agreed.

10. **To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – none.

11. Highways matters – confirmed that Clerk had written to Highways requesting work to be done on verges of B6385 (Crooklands road) in advance of County Show date. Ongoing concerns about the timing on the Milnthorpe traffic lights which was allowing insufficient time for pedestrians to cross and traffic to turn. It was hoped that, as previously, there would be a manual over-ride facility at the traffic lights on the day of the County Show. Clerk to contact Cllr Stewart on these points.

12. **Parish Matters (for information only):**

- **Cllr Bingham** – repeated his request for the Crooklands Road verges to be trimmed. Also requested a supply of daffodil bulbs for the grass area at the north end of Paradise Lane, by the heritage plaque. David Mason to be asked to trim grass on this area to facilitate planting.
- **Cllr Bowker** – drew attention to the tidying work done at the cemetery and reported a serious problem with alcohol consumption in the cemetery shelter. Clerk to contact the Priest in Charge, asking the church, as owners of the cemetery, to involve the police.
- **Cllr Lachmann** – drew attention to an untidy, overgrown area near the Park Road car park.
Agreed - that contractors be asked to clear this area and plant cotoneasters, leaving the daffodil bulbs in place.
- **Cllr Dodds** – Church Street hedge again becoming overgrown and a problem for pedestrians, though not a Parish Council responsibility. **Agreed** – to ask contractors to cut back as previously.
- **Cllr Baverstock** – Ride Across Britain, 750 cyclists due in Milnthorpe 10/09/14 – local catering businesses alerted. Roofs of bus shelters and mower store need inspecting and clearing of moss – Cllr Scrogam ‘volunteered’ her husband to do this. Members of public had expressed an interest in community-operated speed cameras – more information requested.

13. Current PC business:

Item 2 – SLDC refurbishment contract now awarded, work commencing Sept/Oct 2014. Temporary toilet facilities during reconstruction period.

Item 30` – SLDC funding (via Locally Important Projects programme) application refused. MPC to consider funding from its own resources – October meeting agenda item.

Item 33 – agreed to delete unnecessary additional Church St sign from schedule.

Item 34 – seat painting in progress. Also agreed to paint door of mower shed. Clerk to action.

14. MiPAD – children’s play area development – dog-fouling and litter problem improved but not eliminated. No current reports of unauthorised parking. MPC Chair to liaise with MiPAD Chair with a view to improving communication between the two organisations.

15. Leasgill Quarry Fund – grant applications for 2013/14 and 2014/15 in hand.

16. Milnthorpe Public Toilets – see item 13.2 above.

17. Correspondence:

- a letter of thanks for his engraved Georgian tankard had been received from S Sgt Luke Illingworth.
- Healthwatch Cumbria request to undertake public consultation survey at Milnthorpe market. Market Supervisor to contact to agree a date.

18. Reading Matter – Clerks & Councils Direct – Sept. 2014

19. Notice of items to be included on agenda for October 2014 meeting – lighting on link path between public car parks.

20. Date of next meeting – Monday 13 October, at approximately **7.30pm** at the Catholic Church Hall, to be preceded at 7.00pm by the annual Market Traders meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend any meeting of the Parish Council but may speak only during the Public Participation item on the agenda of that meeting, or otherwise at the discretion of the Chair, to raise matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Parish Council.