

# **MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Peter Capasso (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Steve Hurst and Jen Scrogam. Also C Cllr Ian Stewart (items 6.2/3), Parish Clerk John Scargill and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs P Hill (work), C Lachmann (family commitment) and Jim Robson (holiday). Also D Cllrs R Audland and P McSweeney.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> Jun 2018** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Capasso, subject to correction of item 12 (Cllr Hurst) – ‘visibility of the ‘welcome’ signs had now been improved’, in place of being ‘reinstated’.
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 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018.**
  - 5.1 **Draft Playing Field user licences (5.1)** – no further progress. **Agreed** – that MPC should now proceed to issue licences to all clubs which had approved the new rent agreements - Clerk to instruct Milne Moser accordingly.
  - 5.2 **Playing field boundary wall (5.3)** – some discussion over the precise type of wall that might meet requirements. The Young Farmers have offered assistance. A letter from Mrs K Teasdale, requesting wheelchair access to the river and The Strands from Mill Lane, was received sympathetically, for further consideration when appropriate groundwork had been completed.
  - 5.3 **WW1 end of war commemoration (5.4)** – Cllr Hurst reported that Able planned to install the Harry Bond plaque in August. As regards the Silent Soldiers silhouette scheme, a donation of £1,000 from the Memorial Hall Committee plus additional cash donations totalling £500+ were already to hand, with more promised which Cllr Capasso would attempt to collect. This would provide funding for at least five silhouettes and a number of large plastic poppies, all of which would be placed at suitable locations around the village. TT Carpets intended to provide one further silhouette. Clerk to complete the order with Royal British Legion as soon as final numbers known.
  - 5.4 **Milnthorpe Sign Survey (5.5)** – good progress. Cllr Bingham, Cllr Capasso and D Cllr Audland, had now produced a detailed list of sites in the village where work was needed. Ongoing.
  - 5.5 **Proposed new bench on Beetham Road (5.6)** – CCC seemed unlikely to object to a suitable location near to Croftside, on Beetham Road (see 6.2 below). MPC had budgeted funds under Discretionary Projects, which would cover the cost. **Agreed** - to purchase at cost of +/-£1,000.
6. **Public Participation:**
  - 6.1 **Police Report** – report received and circulated before the meeting. Contents noted.
  - 6.2 **County Council** – thought was now being given to the 2019/20 budget. Secretary of State Brokenshire had been invited to visit Cumbria to hear about the county’s particular problems. It had been decided that the resurfacing of Park Road was too urgent to wait any longer for BT to complete its own remedial work and Highways now planned to start the project in October. A list of the worst blocked drains was needed before Highways’ clearance team arrived to start work. CCC likely to be helpful with siting a new MPC bench near to Croftside – Clerk to email C Cllr Stewart to start the process.
  - 6.3 **District Council** – street sweeping would soon be underway. It was understood that D Cllr Audland would be visiting homeowners whose hedges had become overgrown. Questions about progress on establishing a Milnthorpe Cold Calling Zone.
  - 6.4 **Electors** – Peter McCabe introduced to members as Westmorland Gazette correspondent for Milnthorpe.
7. **New matters for consideration:**
  - 7.1 **Leasgill Quarry Fund – MPC project for grant application for 2018/19 – agreed** – that a suitable MPC project would be a plaque referring to Storm Desmond in 2015, to be located on the new playing field boundary wall.
  - 7.2 **Milne Moser defibrillator** – was understood to be in need of maintenance work/expense. **Agreed** – that MPC should fund the cost of £30 to restore the equipment to working order.



- 10. Market-** rents in June 2018 £616 + Natwest £1,040 (June 2017 £844), year to date £1,651 + £1,040 (2017/18 £2,325 + £1,040).  
Market Supervisor's report – 'Market running well. No problems at present except traffic violations, of which we are all aware. Two new stalls (clothing and garden ornaments) – both seem to be happy, only time will tell. Away on holiday 27/7 to 3/8 – Ann Johnson to collect rents'.
- 11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Baverstock had attended the last Memorial Hall meeting. Although not officially open, the new business was now trading.
- 12. Parish Matters** (for information only).  
**Cllr Bingham** – mentioned the absence of any life-belt at the popular swimming spot by the Bela, alongside the playing field. Commented favourably on the newly painted milestone on the A6 north of the village and the window box display outside the Cross Keys.  
**Cllr Hurst** – questioned the current sequence of the traffic lights.  
**Cllr Baverstock** – mentioned that the regular tree survey was now due to be commissioned.  
**Cllr Capasso** – expressed concern about cars parking on the pavement in Bull Lane and obstructing access to the dropped kerb. Some trees by Flowerden House were in need of lopping.
- 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** –none.
- 15. Date of next meeting** – confirmed as Monday 13 August 2018 in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall..

**The meeting closed at 8.43pm**