

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 9th September 2019 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Peter Capasso (Chair), Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Peter Hill, Steven Hurst, Clare Lachmann, Jim Robson and Jen Scrogam. Also D Cllr R Audland, Parish Clerk John Scargill and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Barbara Adair (holiday).
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th August 2019** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Capasso,
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – none.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllrs Bingham and Robson re agenda item 5.2 and who took no part in the discussion of this item.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 12th August 2019.**
 - 5.1 **St. Thomas's Church communications mast (5.2)** – no further developments. Ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Renewal of dog fouling signs on playing field (5.3)** – SLDC had advised that a Public Space Protection Order (replacing the original dog exclusion legislation) would require the holding of a public consultation. **Agreed** – that the effort and cost of a public enquiry was not justified and that the existing dog fouling signs be left in situ. Remove from future agendas.
 - 5.3 **Milnthorpe public toilets (5.4)** – currently awaiting Funding Agreement from SLDC, for signature by MPC, confirming emailed offer dated 18/06/19 (see 8 July minutes – 5.4).
 - 5.4 **Inappropriate parking on The Square and The Green (5.5)** – damage to the Green during the week of the art exhibition had been relatively minor, although related restrictive signage by the church had been poor on this occasion – to be improved for the future.
 - 5.5 **Milnthorpe war memorial centenary (5.6)** – Cllr Bingham intended to write an article on the subject. Cllr Hurst to place three of the Silent Soldier silhouettes beside the memorial for five days commencing Wednesday 11 September.
 - 5.6 **CCTV coverage for Milnthorpe (5.7)** – the two preferred locations (subject to police approval) were at the A6 crossroads and on the Square. The MPC application for supply of the cameras to be lodged by 30 September, following confirmation of final costs by C Cllr McSweeney on his return from holiday (and the application for SLDC 'small grant' funding assistance lodged by 20 September). The scheme aimed to reduce to a minimum the resulting cost to participating parishes.
 - 5.7 **Clerk's retirement (5.8)** – three candidates to replace the retiring clerk to be interviewed on Monday 16 September 2019 at 7.00pm at the Catholic Church Hall (subject to its availability) – Clerk to make the necessary arrangements. MPC interview panel to consist of Cllrs Bingham, Capasso, Robson and Scrogam, with the current clerk in attendance.
 - 5.8 **Fire hazard near Flames takeaway (5.9)** – response awaited from David Johnston. Ongoing.
 - 5.9 – **MPC outdoor seats (5.10)** – a meeting with Peter Balderston to agree a location for the privately-funded memorial seat had been arranged. The four new MPC seats would replace the most worn of existing MPC seats. The remaining MPC outdoor seats to be repaired/renovated as necessary (Clerk to arrange with Neil Townley).
 - 5.10 **Old Spar building (5.11)** – awaiting the result of SLDC's application for central government's Heritage Action Zone funding. Ongoing.
 - 5.11 **Proposed MPC flagpole (7.1)** – no decision reached on a suitable location.
 - 5.12 **Planters for The Square (7.4)** – after considering the various options – **agreed**, that Cllr Hurst would himself construct a suitable planter for the old HSBC bank location – subject to MPC obtaining the necessary permissions from Highways (Clerk).
 - 5.13 **Unauthorised advertising material (12)** – New signs had recently appeared at various locations in the village..
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – received and circulated, showing 12 local incidents in August.
 - 6.2/3 **County and District Councils** – little to report. Dallam had cut their Church Street hedges.
 - 6.4 **Electors** – some unauthorised parking in Shovel Lane - being kept under observation.

9.2 Audit 2018/19 - now complete, with a clean bill of health from the external auditors.

10. Market - rents for Aug 2019 £400 (Aug 2018 £563), year to date £3,372 (2018/19 £3,778).

Summary of written Market Supervisor's report – Not a good month for the market. Quite a lot of illness among traders, some holiday absences and more to come. Regular contact being maintained with Andrew Bean. Parking remains an issue. Poor weather has not helped.

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

12. Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Bingham – unsubstantiated reports of shortage of parking discs at McColls. Inaccurate publicity material at Milne Moser estate agents. An additional 'smiley' SID (at Ackenthwaite) may be justified.

Cllr Hurst – David Mason's fuel card had expired (Clerk to arrange renewal). The 'smiley' SIDs on Beetham Road, Church Street and Main Street might all be more effective if moved nearer to their respective 30mph restriction signs. Obstruction parking of commercial & private vehicles in Shovel Lane.

Cllr Lachmann – pavement parking in Firs Road.

Cllr Hill – anti-dog fouling notices on the Playing Field fence might prove useful.

Cllr Robson – the Grisleymires Lane plaque had now been removed to a safe place. Overgrown brambles at the rear of Dallam View – to check Parish News for a local contractor to deal with.

Cllr Capasso – vehicle parking at Bay Rescue in Beetham Road was often poor and sometimes dangerous.

Cllr Adair (by email) - foliage overhanging the public footway at Crosby House, Ackenthwaite had now been cut back.

13. General correspondence – none.

14. Reading Matter – Clerks & Councils Direct – issue 125 – September 2019.

15. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting, and additional to those referred to above – responsibility for future resurfacing costs at The Strands.

15. Date of next meeting – PC confirmed as Monday 14 October 2019 at 7.30pm in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall, preceded at 7.00pm by the annual Playing Field Users Group meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm