

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 9th November 2015 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Jim Robson (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Neil Dodds, Jen Scrogam and Paul Troughton. Also County Cllr Ian Stewart (item 6 only), District Councillor David Ryder (up to and including item 6), Parish Clerk John Scargill and six members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Bowker (holiday), Cllr Lachmann, Market Supervisor Ann Johnston and Cumbria Police.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 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 12th October 2015.**
 - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – ongoing, nearing completion.
 - 5.2 **Community-operated speedwatch monitoring devices (5.2)** – loaned device currently with Flookburgh PC for trials. **Agreed** – to proceed with purchase but to await Flookburgh's decision on whether to purchase the loaned unit, as its own or a shared device with Milnthorpe, before progressing. Clerk to monitor.
 - 5.3 **Lighting on the Square (5.7)** – Healthmatic instructed as agreed re timing adjustment, with work imminent if not already done.
 - 5.4 **HGV ban for Milnthorpe** – no progress. Cllr Ryder agreed to actively pursue this possibility. See also agenda item 13 -7.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – received and circulated before the meeting. 63 reported incidents within the wider Milnthorpe area, resulting in 13 recorded crimes in the parish. No reference to caches of firearms elsewhere reported as discovered in Milnthorpe and a nearby village.
 - 6.2 **County Council (Cllr Stewart)** – budget consultation underway with prospect of ultimate severe expenditure cuts and consequent impact on services. Local public meeting next week to discuss and wide consultation response urged. Central government's Autumn Statement (25 November) expected to include 30% cuts to its local government funding. Possibility of devolution as an efficiency (and money-saving) strategy with consequences for all lower levels of government – referendum likely. Arnside Fire Station now known to be earmarked for closure, increasing pressure on the Milnthorpe station. Clerk asked to check with SLDC as to street lamps owned by Milnthorpe PC. Clerk reported that the village sign survey had now been completed – jobs to be prioritised before submission to SLDC.
 - 6.3 **District Council (Cllr Ryder)** – local concerns about the level of street lighting in Church Street and persistent flooding of village highways, particularly Park Road.
 - 6.4 **MiPAD** – presented its Fitness Trail proposals for the Playing Field, intended to meet the needs of all age groups and which were understood to tie in with SLDC thinking. These had been prepared after relevant consultations and with advice from local health professionals. A preferred contractor had been selected. The total estimated cost of around £18,000 to be met by substantial expected grants from local authorities and businesses/organisations, together with fund-raising events by MiPAD. The recent Baby Clothing and Toy Sale had raised some £300. MiPAD would make the grant application to SLDC. It was accepted that running costs as well as initial capital cost should be taken into account. **Agreed** – in principle that Milnthorpe PC would support this project, enabling it to be taken forward.
 - 6.5 **Matters raised by electors** – litter on the Playing Field, thought to be mainly by school children.

7. 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 & before deadline)

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	Deadline	MPC Response
SL/2015/0895-6	St Anthony's Tower, Hill Top	Dallam	3 additional dish antennae	04/11/15	No objections
SL/2015/0936	Ackenthwaite House, Ackenthwaite	Easton	Rear extension to create annex	06/11/15	No objections

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

SL/2015/0851	Land off Haverf;latts Ln	Baxter	Erection of stable building, barn etc.	12/11/15	More planting round car park preferred.
SL/2015/0954	10 Firs Road	Cleasby	Two-storey extension	19/11/15	No objections

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

7.2 Related matters & correspondence : SLDC's refusal of planning application SL/2015/0419 had been appealed by the applicant.

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
				£	£
01/10/15	Opening balances				21,929.45
31/10/15	Receipts:	53 Market	Rents collected October	24,094.57	
		54 St.T PCC	Payment for strimmer (bal'ce)	957.50	
				40.92	
	Payments:				
		DD SLDC	Rates (market)	132.00	
		DD SLDC	Rates (public toilets)	170.00	
	441	DD Texaco	Equip. fuel	9.63	
			VAT	.56	
				10.19	
	442	DD Eon	Market elec. (pillar 1)	29.04	
			VAT	1.45	
				30.49	
	443	DD Eon	Market elec. (pillar 2)	25.99	
			VAT	1.30	
				27.29	
	444	DD Eon	Market elec (pillar 3)	18.26	
			VAT	.91	
				19.17	
	445	427 Barnfield	Kubota repair	42.00	
			VAT	8.40	
				50.40	
	446	428 Dallam	Plg Fld rent (6mths)	2.50	
	447	429 Scargill	Post & Stat'y	34.18	
			VAT	4.10	
				38.28	
	448	430-435	Payroll October	1,539.37	
	449	436 R Br L	Rem Sun wreath	30.00	
	450	437 Ashburner	Rem Sun expenses	60.00	
			Total payments in month	-2,109.69	
31/10/15	Closing balances			22,983.30	21,929.45
31/10/15	Total funds all accounts				£44,912.75

Resolved – that the above payments be approved.

8.2 Other financial matters.

- **Damaged bollard** – the bollard outside the burger bar, damaged by a B Cookson Ltd delivery vehicle, had now been repaired by Atkinsons. Cooksons had agreed to pay for the repair. Atkinsons invoice awaited for Clerk to progress.

9. Market -rents for October £957 – total for year 2015/16 to date £7,176 (2014/15 - £4,715).

A request had been received from HSBC to allow removal vehicles on the Square on Friday 27 November, the date of its Milnthorpe branch closure, to remove branch equipment etc. As this was a market day, when the Traffic Regulation Order would be operative, MPC had no option but to refuse the request. HSBC to be advised to re-schedule the removal to a non-market day. Clerk to implement.

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

11. Highways matters – no additional items. Emergency telephone number to be used by people reporting matters which required urgent attention (eg storm damage to trees).

12. Parish Matters (for information only):

- **Cllr Bingham** – no daffodil bulbs received as Cllr Bowker away and unable to collect from supplier (in Manchester). Now too late for planting. Clerk instructed to cancel order. **Agreed** - for Cllr Bingham to purchase a birthday card from MPC to Mrs Reynolds, whose centenary was imminent.
- **Cllr Troughton** – a litter bin (or bins) on the Playing Field had been requested by local residents. Suggested that the village's food take-away businesses be asked to sponsor.
- **Cllr Scrogam** – had alerted SLDC's Enforcement Officer (John Barwise) about the recurrence of dog fouling in the village.
- **Cllr Baverstock** – Atkinsons to be chased to expedite the planting of the new Jimmy Baldwin memorial tree in the agreed location. Fixed bollards needed beside the burger bar to block off this unauthorised entrance to the Square for vehicles seeking parking spaces. **Agreed** – that the drop-down bollards already in situ could be adapted for this purpose. Atkinsons to be instructed.

13. Current PC business – no changes.

14. Wings School disturbance (20 October) – Don McKillop (Headteacher) had been expected to attend the meeting to explain the situation to members. No report in his absence.

15. General Correspondence:

27 October – Local Government Boundary Commission – electoral review of South Lakeland.

4 November – Tim Farron – enclosing the favourable response from Royal Mail Chief Executive to the post box re-location.

5 November – Highways – ownership of Milnthorpe's streetlamps.

5 November – Parish of the Month - invitation to MPC to submit copy for Explore South Lakeland.

CCC – Speed Indicator Device (SID) allocations to 20 May 2016 (Milnthorpe 28/3/16 – 8/4/16).

16. Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct – issue 102 – November 2016
- CALC – Annual report 2015.

17. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting - December 2015 – nothing additional to those mentioned above.

18. Date of next meeting - Monday 14th December 2015 at the Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm