

# **MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013 in the Methodist Chapel, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Alan Baverstock (Chair), Roger Bingham, Rod Bowker, Neil Dodds, Clare Lachmann, Jim Robson, Jen Scrogam, Paul Troughton, Clerk John Scargill, PCSO Martin Boak (item 6.1) and six members of the public.

- 1. Apologies for Absence:** Barbara Adair, David Ryder and Ann Johnston..
- 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed as a correct record by Cllr Baverstock.
- 3. Announcements by the Chair** – when members were absent during the approaching holiday period it was important to keep the Clerk informed, to avoid delays in the circulation of information.
- 4 Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllr Baverstock declared an interest in planning application SL/2013/0362 (Bela House).
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2013:**
  - 5.1 Car parking in the village (13.1)** – a copy of Cllr Ryder’s report had been circulated to all members. In view of Cllr Ryder’s unavoidable absence from the meeting it was agreed to defer detailed discussion but, for the benefit of members of the public who were in attendance, the Chairman summarised the main points of the report and the Parish Council’s response.
  - 5.2 Speeding traffic in the village (13.2)** – as with 5.1 above.
  - 5.3 Relaxing of public car-park charges (14.2)** – no developments.
  - 5.4 Fly-posting (15.2)** – the Clerk had written to Christine Knipe (Westmorland Show Ass’n) as instructed. Although there had been no reply, the posters in the old Spar premises on the Square had now been removed.
- 6. Public Participation:**
  - 6.1 Police Report** – an emailed report had been received on the day of the meeting and circulated to all members. PCSO Boak ran through the main points of the report. Resources were currently stretched policing the Appleby Horse Fair. The police drop-in centre had been moved from its previous location beside the library due to little use by the public, but footfall at the new location by the Booths store was also disappointing. The police were alerted to the door-to-door sales of (probably out of date) fish, although lack of interest by the public should deal with this. PCSO Boak was asked if the police would speak to those responsible for the accumulation of rubbish in and around the Corinthians stand, which was both distasteful and unhealthy and made a very poor impression on passers-by. He was also asked what could be done about the fly-posting problem, which he would investigate.
  - 6.2 County Council matters (Cllr Stewart)** – none, in the absence of Cllr Stewart.
  - 6.3 District Council matters (Cllr Ryder)** – none, in the absence of Cllr Ryder.
  - 6.4 Matters raised by members of the public** – most questions related to issues dealt with in Cllr Ryder’s report and would be considered in detail at a later date. Particular concern was expressed regarding the dangers of vehicles negotiating the traffic lights, where the timing of delays between direction changes was causing confusion and risk-taking and it was agreed to seek police advice on this.

## 7 Planning Matters :

### 7.1 Applications under consideration by MPC and SLDC decisions

June 2013 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
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### Type B applications – SLDC deadline falls after next PC meeting – Members to discuss at mtg.

SL/2013/0362	Bela House, Beetham Road	Fisher	Extension & alterations inc. detached garage & access road	12/06/13	No objections
SL/2013/0446	Milnthorpe Denture Centre, Beetham Road	Mansley	External alterations & lighting	21/06/13	Objections – excessive.
SL/2013/0447	Milnthorpe Denture Centre, Beetham Road	Mansley	Acrylic signage	21/06/13	Objections – excessive.

### Decisions received from SLDC

SL/2013/0164 SL/2013/0167	Cross Keys Hotel, Park Road	Robinson	Creation of opening between 1 & 3 Park Rd, to form games room	Approved with conditions
SL/2013/0260	Stoneleigh, 25 Main Street	Young	Change of use to dental practice	Approved with conditions
SL/2013/0289	24-26 Park Road	Houghton	Formation of additional self-contained flat	Approved with conditions

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

7.2 Related matters & correspondence : - structural developments at Whassett substation – Cllr Stewart investigating.  
- Booths advertising placards – no response from SLDC – Clerk to raise again (cc DR).

## 8. Finance:

### MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – MAY 2013

MEETING – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013

### 8.1 Report on bank receipts, bank payments (for approval) & bank balances.

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Reserve Funds £
01/05/13	Opening balances			6,397.09	22,369.36
31/05/13	Receipts:				
		SLDC	Precept 2013/14	17,250.00	
		SLDC	Parish grant 2013/14	1,750.14	
		HMRC	VAT refund to 31/03/13	2,044.00	
		Market	Rents collected May	1,132.95	
	Payments:				
		DD SLDC	Rates	-127.00	
	226	DD Texaco	Equipment fuel	30.27	
			VAT	6.06	
				-36.33	
	227	117 SLDC	Play inspects '13/'14	320.00	
			VAT	64.00	
				-384.00	
	228	118-123 Payroll	May	-1,455.72	
	229	124 Scargill	Clerk's allces 6mths	170.00	
			Post/stat'y etc. May	86.87	
			VAT	16.83	
				-273.70	
	Total payments in month			-2,276.75	
31/05/13	Closing balances			26,297.43	22,369.36
31/05/13	Total funds all accounts				£48,666.79
<b>Reserve Funds at 31/03/13</b>		National Savings Bank	5,469.64		
		HSBC Deposit a/c	16,899.72		
		<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>£22,369.36</b>		

**Resolved** - that the above payments be **APPROVED**

**8.2 Other financial matters:** none.

- 9. Market** -rents for May £1,132.95 – total year-to-date £2,131 (similar to 2012/13 but 10% down on 2011/12). Mrs Johnston's emailed report – “no problems, all running smoothly”.
- 10. Children's Play Area** – the new equipment proving popular, but increased usage of play area has resulted in more litter. No response to Clerk's request to SLDC for more litter bins. Clerk to make further request cc Cllr Ryder. General agreement in principle for further development of play area to include adult exercise equipment – and subject to significant funding contribution through local business sponsorship.
- 11. Village Planters** – agreement from Milnthorpe Allotment Society to undertake planting and maintenance with an overall annual budget of £400. Improvement already evident.
- 12. Lighting of car-parks link footway** – Cllr Bingham reported no further progress in securing firm sponsorship from Clocktower. The new legal practice on Beetham Road to be approached.
- 13. Public toilets on the Square** – as a result of the parish council's continued complaints, SLDC had conducted a number of spot-checks and found the complaints to be fully justified. A site meeting to resolve the problem had been arranged for Wednesday 12 June between SLDC, their contractors and MPC representatives.
- 14. Public Right of Way paths etc** – CCC had advised that Milnthorpe was to be included in their maintenance programme for 2013/14 and had requested suggestions for areas in need of attention. The work would cover minor repair and replacement of ROW furniture, including signposts, stiles, gates and small bridges and would be at no cost to the landowner. The meeting agreed four such priority areas. Clerk to inform CCC accordingly.
- 15. Milnthorpe PC website** – a well-reasoned proposal had been received from Mr Charles Haigh that, in common with most local parish councils, it was time that Milnthorpe had its own website for the dissemination of information on parish council matters. Mr Haigh was thanked for his helpful suggestion and it was generally agreed that such a development would be beneficial both to the parish council and the community at large, which probably justified the time and cost involved. Clerk to progress by approaching local web designers A2A.
- 16. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Baverstock reported that, under the LAP initiative, poles had now been erected in the village to support Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) when they became available.
- 17. Parish Matters (for information only):**
  - **Cllr Lachmann** - reported the continued untidy state of the area behind the Corinthians stand.
  - **Cllr Bowker** - reported an overgrown hedge, A6 north of the village, encroaching onto pathway and drew the attention of members to the Coronation Meadows scheme for land improvement, suggesting that MPC make further enquiries for participation.
  - **Cllr Bingham** - reported continued inappropriate fly-posting and more intrusive development at the ENW sub-station site at Whassett. Also requested that Highways be asked to tidy verges along the B6385 Milnthorpe to Crooklands road before the County Show in September.
  - **Cllr Dodds** – had received reports that cars were regularly overstaying the 2-hour free parking limit on the Square (Cllr Ryder to be asked for improved policing from SLDC). Also a need to reposition the dog control sign on the playing field (Atkinsons to do).
  - **Cllr Scrogham** – agreed that the litter and rubbish around the Corinthians stand was deplorable and something must be done about it. MPC to talk to PCSOs and Corinthians about how best to proceed; Clerk to contact PCSO Jayne Park to discuss.

**18. Current PC business list – updates as follows:**

**Item 3** – A-boards control – follow up Kirkby Lonsdale results with Cllr Ryder

**Item 7** – follow up any contact with haulage companies by Cllr Ryder.

**Item 29** – rename as Heritage Trail Interpretation Plaque. More progress expected when ground dries sufficiently to enable donated Bela Viaduct stones to be transported to site.

**19. Correspondence**

**A. Received and forwarded to members by email:**

1. 21 May '13 – NALC – update on meeting with DCLG Minister.

**20. Reading Matter:** CALC Circular for June 2013 – circulated by email.

**21. Notice of items to be included on agenda of July 2013 meeting:**

- Milnthorpe traffic problems (parking, speeding etc) – Cllr Ryder's report.
- Corinthians stand – rubbish problem
- Play area – further development
- Lighting of car-parks link path
- Public toilets – day-to-day maintenance.
- MPC website.
- Coronation Meadows scheme.

**23. Date of next meeting:**

- 7.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 at Milnthorpe Methodist Church.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm**

**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.**