

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 10th June 2019 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Peter Capasso (Chair), Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Peter Hill, Steven Hurst, Jim Robson and Jen Scrogam. Also C Cllr P McSweeney, D Cllr R Audland, Parish Clerk John Scargill and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Adair (unwell) and Lachmann (family commitment).
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Capasso, subject to the following amendments:
Min 13.7 – to read ‘attended by MPC councillors Adair and Capasso, MPC Clerk John Scargill, District Cllrs Audland, Chaffey and McSweeney, and one member of the public’.
Min 14.3 – to read ‘...the strategic location of planters and possibly a cycle rack ...’
Min 20 - Cllr Hurst – ‘the footpath between Main Street and the side door of the church was in a poor state of repair’.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – Cllr Capasso had been advised that MPC Parish Clerk wished to retire from post at an early date, consistent with a smooth handover to an eventual successor. CALC had provided a guide on the recruitment process, which was now in hand. The Clerk was thanked for his contribution to MPC over the past seven years.
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 20th May 2019.**
 - 5.1 **Playing field boundary wall (13.1)** – the chosen contractor had been provided with information about the number and location of salvaged topping stones, as requested. Cllrs Bingham and Baverstock to liaise on the provision of a new (Storm Desmond) plaque to be sited on or near the wall. Dallam Tower Estate had requested input on this.
 - 5.2 **St. Thomas’s Church communications mast (13.2)** – SLDC Planning had now been formally asked to enforce full compliance with original planning approval requirements. Ongoing.
 - 5.3 **Renewal of dog fouling signs on playing field (13.3)** – SLDC Legal Dept response on one issue still awaited. Ongoing.
 - 5.4 **Milnthorpe public toilets (13.4)** – SLDC formal approval of a new grant still awaited. Ongoing.
 - 5.5 **Inappropriate parking on The Square (13.5)** – remained a problem, although the proposed CCTV coverage would help identify culprits. Adequate provision for the unloading of delivery vehicles was needed.
 - 5.6 **Milnthorpe war memorial centenary (13.6)** – little progress. A small church service suggested. Able Memorials are to clean the Milnthorpe memorial imminently.
 - 5.7 **CCTV coverage for Milnthorpe (13.7)** – the idea of Milnthorpe becoming part of a chain of cameras across all South Lakeland bordering Lancashire was welcomed as a useful way to combat cross-border crime. A collective approach to this by the parishes involved might produce installation cost benefits. Ongoing.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – received and circulated, showing 3 crimes recorded for Milnthorpe in the month – two of public order and one of criminal damage.
 - 6.2 **County Council** – CCC unable to remove a private ‘residents parking only’ sign due to the sign’s location inside a private property, but would write to the occupier. No further work planned by Highways re large trees on Beetham Road as no highways issues directly involved. Cllr Robson to consult nearby householders and report back. Town and parish councils could be given the freedom to employ their own lengthsman-type contractors as an efficient and relatively low-cost means of dealing with smaller issues. The A6 bridge over the River Bela at Beetham and the A65 canal bridge near to Crooklands roundabout both awaited repairs - the former requiring preliminary high-cost parapet work. Noted – that the ‘Welcome to Careful Drivers’ road sign on Beetham Road was now partly obscured by nearby overgrown vegetation.
 - 6.3 **District Council** – no additional items of importance at SLDC. Usual problems with local overgrown hedges which could be resolved by personal contact, as in the past. Some concerns over the possible fire hazard of untidy property behind the Flames take-away business.

6.4 Electors – thanks that the two unsightly refuse bins behind the Main Street bus-stop, near Green Dental, had now been removed. The problem of cold callers had resurfaced with some callers being particularly aggressive. Cllr Hurst offered to provide ‘No Cold Calling’ signs as needed.

7. New matters for consideration:

7.1 MPC outdoor seats – agreed – that a survey of necessary work be done. Some seats needed to be replaced altogether, and any plaques thereon transferred after refurbishment to their replacements. Grants to be sought from Leasgill Quarry Fund and Memorial Hall Trustees.

8. Planning matters:

8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions

June 2019 meeting

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

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	Deadline	MPC Response

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

SL/2019/0400	Crosby Lodge, Ackenthwaite	Edmondson	Proposed detached garage and hobby room.	26/06/19	Deferred
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Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2019/0199	2 Scotland Court, Church St		Rear extensions & canopy, plus alterations to front window.	Approved with conditions
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(More planning information available on SLDC website – southlakeland.gov.uk)

8.2 Related matters & correspondence: no satisfactory conclusion to Flames take-away.

9. Finance.

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – MAY 2019

MEETING – 10th June 2019.

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

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Reserve Funds
				£	£
01/05/19	Opening balances				21,989.45
31/05/19	Receipts:				
		Market	Rents collected May		592.40
			“ “ “ – Natwest Bank		1,040.00
			PI Fld Rents – Corinthians 2019/20	15.00	
			Homing “	10.00	
			Cricket “	10.00	
			Pony Fld Rent – 2019/20	600.00	
					635.00
	Payments:				
	783	DD SLDC	Business rates (market)	46.00	
		DD UKFuels	Equip fuel	45.84	
			VAT	6.39	
				52.23	
	784	DD Eon	Market elec	95.06	
			VAT	4.75	
				99.81	
	785	798 W Tree Care	Tree felling	320.00	
			VAT	64.00	
				384.00	
	786	799 SLDC	Playground Insp yr	354.17	
			VAT	70.83	
				425.00	
	787	900 Water Plus	Toilets water (2mths)	69.93	
	788	901 Healthmatic	Toilets mtce May	500.00	
			VAT	100.00	
				600.00	
	789	902 Dallam	PI Fld Rent (6 mths)	2.50	
	790	903 Zurich	Insurance cover 2019/20	1,034.24	
	791	904 Scargill	Expense allowances 6mths	312.00	
	782	905-910 Payroll	May 2019	1,939.48	
			Total payments in month		-4,965.19
31/05/19	Closing balances				21,989.45

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

9.2 MPC annual Risk Assessment Survey March 2019 – prepared by Cllr Baverstock & the Clerk – approved.

10. Market - rents for May 2019 £592 + Natwest £1040 (May 2018 £560), year to date £1,138 + Natwest £1040 (2017/18 £1035).

Written market report – 'Market quiet. No problems. No issues except for drivers still not adhering to no access'. Generally agreed that footfall disappointing. Cllr Capasso to resume market references on social media and advise market traders accordingly. Permanent roadside market advertising boards could help.

11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies – Cllr Robson to attend CALC summer conference on 22 June.

12. Parish Matters (for information only):

Cllr Bingham – commented on the widespread incidence of ash dieback. A request received for a seat in the Main Street bus-shelter (although current policy was to have no seats there to discourage groups of non-bus passengers. CCTV coverage would be another means of discouragement). Thanks expressed to Michael Ward and friends for verge trimming at Ackenthwaite.

Cllr Hurst – Again raised the question of the old Spar building on The Square – could it be used for some other purpose that might benefit the community? Its current lease was understood to expire in 2022.

Cllr Scrogam – nice to see David Mason trimming the Main Street banking despite MPC having no obligation to do so.

Cllr Baverstock – was pleased with the way the designated 'natural area' on the playing field had matured.

Cllr Capasso – noted that VE Day in May 2020 coincided with a Milnthorpe market day and thought that perhaps this could be used to the benefit of both.

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 8 July 2019 at 7.30pm in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall..

The meeting closed at 8.50pm