

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 10th July 2017 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Peter Capasso (Chair), Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Peter Hill, Steve Hurst, Jim Robson and Jen Scrogam. Also District Cllr Rupert Audland (up to and including item 5.4 and for 6.3), Parish Clerk John Scargill, Market Supervisor James Lowther and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Alan Baverstock (other MPC business) and Cllr Clare Lachmann (domestic obligations) and C Cllr Ian Stewart (work).
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2017** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by the Chair.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – Cllr Capasso announced a minor change to the order of agenda items to be dealt with. Cllr Bingham reported the recent deaths of two well-known village residents and, on behalf of MPC, asked D Cllr Rupert Audland to convey MPC's congratulations on the 91st birthday of Sir Christopher Audland.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllr Scrogam re item 5.3, as a trustee of the Memorial Hall Trust (and left the room during discussion of this item).
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 12th June 2017.**
 - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – Ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Pony field (5.2)** – a site meeting with the tenant to discuss repairs to boundary walls/fencing had been postponed at the request of the tenant – Clerk to organise for a different date.
 - 5.3 **Memorial Hall Charity (5.4)** – noted that planning permission for the required alterations had now been received from SLDC. Cllr Adair reported with regret that the food bank, previously sited in the hall, had been unable to find alternative premises, with none in prospect.
 - 5.4 **Cemetery Lane (5.5)** – No further progress. Cllr Adair reported a public disturbance in the lane; the police had been notified at the time but were unable to attend due to shortage of staff.
 - 5.5 **Healthmatic shortcomings (5.6)** – a meeting with Healthmatic had been cancelled by them at the last minute and was now rearranged for 27 July (Cllr Robson and the Clerk to attend).
 - 5.6 **Sheila Tauber memorial seat (5.7)** – being considered by Tauber family. Ongoing.
 - 5.7 **Heritage Trail tribute panel (5.8)** – Cllr Capasso continuing to progress with Leander.
 - 5.8 **Smithy Lane use by HGVs (5.9)** – Cllr Bingham to discuss with C Cllr Ian Stewart at an early date.
 - 5.9 **Playing field boundary wall (7.3)** – it was hoped that Cllr Baverstock's presence at the Beetham Flood meeting (which clashed with this MPC meeting) would produce useful information regarding the wall, Noted that a further section of wall had collapsed by the Junior Football Club premises – Cllr Hurst to ask Atkinsons to repair. Also noted – overgrown saplings by the old tennis court would soon need attention.
- 6 **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – a report had been received and circulated before the meeting. 41 incidents had been reported in the wider Milnthorpe area with 9 recorded crimes, including more shoplifting, a burglary and a domestic incident in Milnthorpe itself.
 - 6.2 **County Council** – following the elections, the new administration was now in place. C Cllr Ian Stewart's election as Deputy Leader of CCC noted and welcomed.
 - 6.3 **District Council** – all but two of the overgrown hedges in Church Street had now been cut back but similar problems were developing on the opposite side of the road. Implementation of planning enforcement measures against Flames take-away were now in evidence, with removal of the tiled exterior wall, clearance of rubbish from the flat roof and an expected early removal of the unsightly extractor flue. A new shop manager had been appointed and a favourable outcome on all planning matters was now in prospect. There was no progress to report from SLDC on the Milnthorpe Economic Plan – to be taken off the MPC agenda until further notice. A Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) had been suggested for Milnthorpe.
 - 6.4 **MiPAD** – nothing to report.
 - 6.5 **Matters raised by electors** – the weeds in Parkhouse Way (not MPC's responsibility).

7. New Matters for consideration:

7.1 Church Street Layby – the problem of commercial vehicles with visitor permits regularly parking here, when these vehicles are larger than the size specified in the permits. Residents to gather photographic evidence.

7.2 Leasgill Quarry Fund – choice of project for 2017/18 grant application – agreed as Smiley-type traffic speed detection equipment. Clerk to lodge formal application to LQF.

7.3 Park Road flowerbed – future maintenance needed to be organised. Cllr Bingham confirmed he was in contact with a local interested party and at least two alternatives were thought to exist should this contact come to nought. Clerk to place on agenda for next meeting.

7.4 Household Emergency Planning – part of a lottery-funded programme to prepare households for future dangerous events, such as the floods of December 2015. Information booklets were handed to all members present. Clerk to place on agenda for next meeting.

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions

July 2017 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	MPC Response
SL/2017/0534	87 Ryleyfield Rd	Simpson	Rear extension	03/07/17	No objections

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

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	Deadline	MPC Response

Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2017/0367	2 Highfield, Beetham Rd		Single-storey extension etc	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0389	Memorial Hall	McMinn	Partial change-of-use	Approved with conditions

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

8.2 Related matters & correspondence: see 6.4 above.

9. Finance.

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – JUNE 2017

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

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Reserve Funds
				£	£
01/06/17	Opening balances				
30/06/17	Receipts:			59,989.57	21,949.47
		HSBC	Bank interest to 1 June		2.19
		98 Market	Rents collected June	844.30	
	Payments:				
		DD SLDC	Busines rates (market)	109.00	
		601 DD Texaco	Equip. fuel	7.48	
			VAT	.44	
				7.92	
		602 641 Npower	Toilets elec	18.60	
			VAT	.93	
				19.43	
		603 642 Zurich	Insce premium 2017/18	914.91	
		604 643 Ch T K	Mtg room rent to 30/6	90.00	
		605 644 Scargill	Post & staty	28.47	
		606 645-650 Payroll	June	1,632.37	
	Total payments in month			-2,802.10	
30/06/17	Closing balances			58,031.77	21,951.66
30/06/17	Total funds all accounts				£79,983.43

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

9.2 Other financial matters – insurance premium renewed with Zurich following annual review.

- 10. Market** - rents for June £845 (May 2016/17 £611) – total for year 2017/18 to date £2,325 + Natwest year in advance £1,040 (2016/17 - £2,119).
No real problems at present, although two stalls absent last Friday. Advertising boards for local businesses perhaps needed better authorisation and control. Vehicles delivering to local businesses (including market stalls) occasionally breaching traffic regulations (TRO) by attempting to enter The Square during market hours. Cllr Bingham had occasion to remind one business owner that The Square was MPC (not SLDC) property.
- 11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – none.
- 12. Parish Matters (for information only).**
Cllr Hurst – had observed speeding traffic in Church Street and Beetham Road.
Cllr Scrogam – noted that the hedge at Owlet Ash House was overgrown – Clerk to write to householder.
Cllr Adair – noted that evening speed-watch sessions would be beneficial on Beetham Road and Church Street, but that Park Road was not suitable for this equipment at any time.
- 13. Current PC business** – no changes.
- 14. General correspondence:**
- Dallam School had responded positively to the Clerk's letter about pupils' litter on the playing field.
 - Mr Baumfitt (Ackenthwaite Court) complaining about weeds generally in Milnthorpe/Ackenthwaite.
 - Mr Bonwick asking for information about MPC action re overgrown hedges and verges. Clerk to respond appropriately.
- 15. Reading Matter** – Clerk & Councils Direct – issue 112 – July 2017.
- 16. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting:** nothing additional to those referred to above.
- 17. Date of next meeting** – on Monday 14 August 2017 - in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm