

# **MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Jen Scrogam (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Pete Capasso, Neil Dodds, Steve Hurst and Jim Robson. Also District Cllr Rupert Audland, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Market Supervisor Ann Johnston and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Clare Lachmann, County Cllr Ian Stewart, Kathy Watts-Jones (MiPAD) & Cumbria Police.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> September** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and to be signed by the Chair.
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 12<sup>th</sup> September 2016.**
  - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – Corinthians and the Homing Club had inspected and approved the new agreements, response from other clubs awaited – ongoing.
  - 5.2 **Replacement of bollards on the Square (5.2)** – members to check precise position for bollards before installation - ongoing. (See also item 12 below).
  - 5.3 **Storm Desmond (5.3)** – a hastily convened meeting between Dallam, National Grid Gas and Northern Divers had been held on the morning of 10<sup>th</sup> October (though notified too late for MPC representation) prior to the immediate commencement of some remedial work to protect the gas pipe line in the river bank, which was expected to be completed during the current week. Detailed proposals for the work to be scrutinised by Cllrs Baverstock and Robson, who will report back to members.
  - 5.4 **Cemetery Lane (5.4)** – whilst still not perfect the drains were now working much better than in the recent past, with rain water clearing reasonably quickly.
  - 5.5 **Defibrillator insurance (5.5)** – no developments – **agreed** to delete from future agendas.
  - 5.6 **Possible sites for sponsored maintenance (5.6)** – no progress in identifying additional sites.
  - 5.7 **Pony field at Ackenthwaite (5.7)** – legal work by Milne Moser ongoing.
  - 5.8 **Playing Field (5.9)** – necessary equipment repairs had been completed and the barrier to the old tennis court was now back in position. Efforts were being made to curb unauthorised use by youth groups (see item 6.1 below).
  - 5.9 **Equipment store security (5.10)** – all repair work had now been satisfactorily completed – delete from future agendas.
  - 5.10 **Ride Across Britain (12)** – some concern over the state of the Green after the event but it did recover well. Doubts about benefits to village. **Agreed** – to continue for at least one more year.
  - 5.11 **Milnthorpe Bowling Club sign (16)** – the requested sign was essentially for the benefit of pedestrians and most green users would already be aware of the location. Suggested that a better alternative might be to make the bowling club entrance more conspicuous.
6. **Public Participation:**
  - 6.1 **Police Report** – no written report received by members before the meeting. Cllr Audland explained that he had met with the police to discuss local matters generally and found them under considerable pressure due to funding cuts. As a result, he had offered to present their monthly report to Parish Council members, initially for a trial period, and hoped members would accept this – **agreed**. Of particular note was a spate of incidents involving groups of young people, resulting in damage to property and annoyance to residents. Steps were being taken to tackle this problem but a co-ordinated effort by parents, residents and the young people themselves was what was really needed. It was suggested that the problem was at least partly due to the lack of local facilities for young people and that the parish council might explore the possibility of making unused buildings available for this purpose. Members **agreed** to do whatever they could to help.
  - 6.2 **County Council** – no report in the absence of Cllr Ian Stewart.
  - 6.3 **District Council** – Cllr Audland had spoken to the resident responsible for the overhanging trees in Church Street and some work had been done which was less than satisfactory. Progress re the Milnthorpe Economic Plan could be expected soon.

**6.4 MiPAD** – the Clerk reported that MiPAD funds of £18,065.06 had now been transferred to MPC and Trim Trail equipment to this value ordered. A site meeting for members to agree the final layout of the equipment and signage had been arranged for Wednesday 12 October at 2.00pm.

**6.5 Matters raised by electors** – none.

## 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

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

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Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SLDC ref	Address	Applicant	Development	SLDC decision
SL/2016/0445	1 Hill Top	Robinson	Erection of balcony to rear	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/0725	Unit E, Main Line Ind Est	TGC Emerald	Installation & operation of gas-powered generators	Approved with conditions inc. a noise assessment.

(More planning information available on SLDC website – [southlakeland.gov.uk](http://southlakeland.gov.uk))

7.2 Related matters & correspondence: none.

## 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
				£	£
01/09/16	Opening balances				21,940.83
30/09/16	Receipts:				
		HSBC	Bank interest to early Sept (est)		4.00
		MiPAD	Transfer of funds (re Trim Trail equip)	18,065.06	
	75	Market	Rents collected September	636.00	
	76	Rents Rec.	– Playing Field - Corinthians	15.00	
	77	Est	- Junior football	10.00	
				25.00	
	Payments:				
		DD SLDC	Rates (market)	133.00	
		DD SLDC	Rates (public toilets)	172.00	
	526	DD Texaco	Equip. fuel	17.90	
			VAT	.97	
				18.87	
	527	541 M Moser	Legal fees (Pony Field)	80.00	
	528	542 Wicksteed	PF gate & instal'n	1,472.00	
			VAT	294.40	
				1,766.40	
	529	543 Wicksteed	Play equip repairs	945.50	
			VAT	189.10	
				1,134.60	
	530	544 Wicksteed	Plat equip repairs	224.00	
			VAT	44.80	
				268.80	
	531	545 Healthmatic	Toilets mtce (net)	2,080.00	
			VAT	416.00	
				2,496.00	
	532	546 Info Com	Data protec renwal	35.00	
	533	547 ChristTK	Mtg room rent (3mths)	75.00	
	534	548-553 Payroll	September	1,580.90	
			Total payments in month		-7,760.57
30/09/16	Closing balances				21,944.83
30/09/16	Total funds all accounts				£60,572.73

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

**Other financial matters** – additional cheques were signed at the meeting (to be included in the October financial statement), including £9.98 for daffodil bulbs, £30 & £60 re the coming Remembrance Sunday wreath & parade and £120 for roof repairs to the old bus shelter/equipment store. Mrs Sheila Ashburner was thanked for all her hard work annually in connection with Remembrance Sunday.

9. **Market** - rents for September £636 – total for year 2016/17 to date £4,044 (2015/16 - £5,009). Annual rent from Natwest mobile bank for 2016/17 (£1,040) and due at the start of the financial year had still not been received – Clerk to make an official protest to Natwest. The power supply point known as Pillar 3 was little used but standing charges of £93 had been incurred over the last twelve months; **agreed** – to retain and check over a further twelve months before taking any steps to axe.
10. **To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – none.
11. **Parish Matters (for information only):**
  - Cllr Bingham** – verges at entrance to Owlet Ash Fields and at the end of Paradise Lane now overdue for trimming – David Mason to be asked to do.
  - Cllr Hurst** – reported litter just outside the boundary of Dallam School and on the Playing Field.
  - Cllr Baverstock** – observed that there was also an accumulation of litter inside the Dallam School perimeter (Cllr Audland agreed to mention to the Headteacher at a forthcoming meeting). Keys needed to be readily available for all locked MPC facilities, with a master set to be held by the Clerk.
  - Cllr Dodds** – asked about footway machine-sweeping (now underway - Cllr Audland to provide a six-weekly rota via SLDC).
  - Cllr Scrogam** – had bought two sacks of daffodil bulbs, planted by Cllrs Bingham and Lachmann.
12. **Current PC business - updates as follows:**
  - Item 29 – master panel now delivered - installation awaited.
  - Atkinson jobs, item 3 - bollards on the Square – installation not yet completed (correction to September report) – see also 5.2 above.
  - Clerk to circulate latest list to all members and place on notice board.
13. **Leasgill Quarry Fund grants:**
  - grant claim for 2015/16 – now lodged.
  - application for 2016/17 grant (litter bins) – final choice of bins (design & model) to be made ASAP
14. **General correspondence:**
  - 13/09/16 – CALC – parish councils encouraged to have plans in place to deal with all types of emergencies.
  - 25/09/16 – County Cllr Ian Stewart on behalf of Arnside PC – request to borrow MPC's speed gun for a trial period – **agreed**.
  - 05/10/16 – Jamie Brown (new tenant of Bulls Head) – request to hold a pre-Christmas event on the Square (Cllrs Baverstock and Dodds to discuss at a forthcoming meeting).
15. **Reading Matter** – none.
16. **Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting:** nothing additional to the above.
17. **Date of next meeting** – normal monthly meeting at approximately 7.30pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at the Catholic Church Hall, to be preceded by a rescheduled Playing Field Users meeting at 7.00pm.

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**