

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 11th June 2018 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Peter Capasso (Chair), Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Peter Hill, Steve Hurst, Clare Lachmann and Jim Robson. Also C Cllr Ian Stewart (for item 6.2), D Cllr Rupert Audland, D Cllr Pete McSweeney, Parish Clerk John Scargill and four members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Alan Baverstock (holiday) and Jen Scrogham (holiday).
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2018** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by Cllr Capasso.
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 21st May 2018.**
 - 5.1 Draft Playing Field user licences (13.1)** – Cllrs Baverstock and Robson and the Clerk had met again with Milne Moser on 24 May to try to resolve the few remaining points regarding the cricket club agreement following which a further letter had been sent by Milne Moser to Ian Beeston. Response awaited.
 - 5.2 Playing field boundary wall (13.3)** – no further developments.
 - 5.3 WW1 end of war commemoration (13.4)** – Cllr Hurst to contact Able to check on progress with the agreed war memorial work. Members were interested in the idea of ‘Silent Soldiers’ life-size silhouettes, an idea being used in various parishes elsewhere in the country, with the cost being funded at least partially by sponsorship from local businesses and donations. Some funding offers for Milnthorpe had already been received. The images, cut from black dibond were both tough and weatherproof but were moveable, so could be stored indoors when not in use. Cllr Capasso to investigate further.
 - 5.4 Milnthorpe Sign Survey (13.5)** – some progress between Cllr Bingham and SLDC. Ongoing.
 - 5.5 Children’s play area – toddler unit (15.2)** – Cllr Lachmann had inspected the relevant unit which showed signs of wear but was not dangerous. Inaccessibility would hamper repair.
 - 5.6 Proposed new bench on Beetham Road (20)** – questions about precise location and permissions needed. Clerk to email C Cllr Stewart for guidance from CCC. MPC had budgeted funds which would cover the cost.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 Police Report** – report received and circulated before the meeting. Contents noted.
 - 6.2 County Council** – some of the road repairs scheduled for 2018/19 now underway. Highways now asking for thought to be given to work that might need to be scheduled for 2019/20. Delays on Park Road work due to the need for BT work to be completed first. The timing/sequence of the traffic lights had now been changed back to as it was before the recent modifications and had produced the desired result of noticeably reduced traffic queues. Although the legality of unlit 30mph restriction road signs had been questioned, such unlit signs were understood to be common throughout the county.
 - 6.3 District Council** – D Cllr Pete McSweeney was introduced as MPC’s third District Council representative under the new arrangements and had particular important planning responsibilities on SLDC. The other two SLDC representatives were Cllr Stewart and Cllr Audland. Otherwise nothing to report from District Council business.
 - 6.4 Electors** – appeared to be generally happy with the new traffic lights sequence.
7. **New matters for consideration:**
 - 7.1 SID traffic speed data collection** – some complications and, with a surfeit of retrieved data available to analyse, a selective approach to this would be needed. **Agreed** – responsibility for data collection from MPC’s three SIDs to be Cllr Adair – Main Street, Cllr Hill – Church Street, Cllr Capasso - Beetham Road. Beetham PC had asked if MPC could help with the recovery of data from the recently purchased Beetham SID, located at Sandside. Cllr Capasso to assess any practical difficulties with this. Cllr Adair reported that a recent speed-watch exercise using the speed gun had

shown a high number of offenders, moving back towards pre-SID levels, and with Church Street being by far the worst location. More speed-gun volunteers needed. Police aware.

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions

June 2018 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

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

SL/2018/0441	9 Haverflatts Lane	Edmondson	Complete refurbishment of existing listed building	21/06/18	Objection
SL/2018/0442					
SL/2018/459	Westmorland House, The Square	Milne, Moser Solicitors	Erection of pitched roof over rear porch	25/06/18	No objection

Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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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 planning infringements.

9. Finance.

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

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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 £
01/05/18	Opening balances				21,959.87
31/05/18	Receipts:	Market	Rents collected May	560.50	
“	Payments:				
	DD	SLDC	Business rates (market) May	78.00	
	691 DD	UKFuels	Equip fuel (May)	55.02	
			VAT	7.02	
				62.04	
	682 DD	Eon	Market elec 3mths	110.42	
			VAT	5.52	
				115.94	
	693 869	Corinth's	Audland grant fr SLDC all'ce	800.00	
	694 870	H'matic	Toilets mtce May	500.00	
			VAT	100.00	
				600.00	
	695 872	Zurich	Ins'ce premium 2018/19	1,004.10	
	696 873-878	Payroll	May	1,655.67	
	697 879	Mail Boxes	PC Speedy 2	77.00	
			VAT	15.40	
				92.40	
	698 880	Dallam	Pl. Fld. rent 6mths	2.50	
	Total payments in month			4,410.65	
31/05/18	Closing balances			53,983.84	21,959.87
31/05/18	Total funds all accounts				£75,943.71

Resolved – that the above payments be approved.

9.2 Other financial matters:

- Annual playing field rents, pony field rent & Natwest mobile bank rent - still to be invoiced for 2018/19.
- VAT reclaim for 2017/18 - £3,791 received in June 2018.
- Insurance policy 2018/19 – renewed with modestly increased premium (see above), despite adding three high-cost items (the SIDs).

- 10. Market-** rents for May 2018 £560 (May 2017 £733), year 2018/19 to date £1,035 (2017/18 £1,481).
Market Supervisor's report – one new traditional stall selling bedding, towelling etc, plus one extra stall at last farmers market. Continuing problems with members of public moving traffic barriers for unauthorised vehicle access - members considering measures to deal with this - D Cllr Audland to speak to PCSO Boak about the options.
- 11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Robson unable to attend next LAP meeting on 5 July, 7.00pm at Crosthwaite Village Hall – if any other member might wish to stand in.
- 12. Parish Matters** (for information only).
Cllr Bingham – about to tackle weeding in the verge on the Crooklands Road (Smithy to Owlet Ash entry section). Expressed concern about maintenance of the lifebelts located beside the estuary (an SLDC responsibility).
Cllr Lachmann – was delighted with the resurfacing work now done in Firs Road, but daffodil bulbs on a Beetham Road verge had been dug up by a Gas Board contractor.
Cllr Hurst – the village 'welcome' signs had now been reinstated. There had been a problem with rubbish outside the cricket club – soon resolved.
Cllr Hill – complemented David Mason on good grass cutting.
Cllr Capasso – there was a problem with nettles at the top end of Church Street. Also concern about maintenance arrangements for the Milne Moser-owned defibrillator outside their premises on The Square – which he would check.
D Cllr Audland – reported that he would soon be taking action re the hedges in Main Street which were now showing signs of seasonal overgrowth.
- 13. General correspondence** – Milnthorpe Community Wellbeing group – had recently met and were wanting to hear from different organisations and businesses re their involvement in future meetings
- 14. Reading Matter** – none.
- 15. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting, and additional to those referred to above** – the question of whether or not there was a need to hold an MPC meeting in August.
- 15. Date of next meeting** – Monday 9 July 2018 in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall..

The meeting closed at 9.05pm