

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 13th February 2017 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 Clare Lachmann. Also County Cllr Ian Stewart (for item 6.2), District Cllr Rupert Audland (up to and including item 6.3), Market Supervisor Ann Johnston and Parish Clerk John Scargill, Kathy Watts-Jones (MiPAD) and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jim Robson.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2017** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and 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 16th January 2017.**
 - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – awaiting agreement of Cricket Club – ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Storm Desmond (5.2)** – a report by CCC/Environment Agency had been presented at a public meeting on 31/01/17, attended pp MPC by Cllr Baverstock and the Clerk. Clerk to circulate this report to all members. A final CCC/EA report was expected in June 2017.
 - 5.3 **Pony field (5.3)** – an application for Registration of Title by Adverse Possession had now been lodged with the Land Registry but could take several months to complete.
 - 5.4 **Suggested fireworks display 2017 (5.4)** - Cllr Bingham still to report back.
 - 5.5 **Path across the Green (12)** – to the church north entrance, together with the Green/pavement edge in that area, had been cleared by Atkinsons – big improvement.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – a report had been received and circulated before the meeting. 33 incidents had been reported in the Milnthorpe area with 7 recorded crimes. One serious crime with a potential community impact was a distraction burglary at Ackenthwaite.
 - 6.2 **County Council** – CCC's budget meeting to confirm a total 3.99% increase in its 2027/18 Council Tax requirement was scheduled for 16 February. This amounted to £214 million in total, equivalent to an increase of £49.15 in the year for a Band D household. Police and Crime budget to increase by 1.91%. Much police time (and cost) being taken up investigating a range of new types of crime, leading to fewer police on the streets. Other areas of cost in the year included Fire & Rescue (£15.5m), Waste Disposal (£35m) and Social Care (£110m). The idea of creating more car parking spaces in Church Street was raised. Clerk to email Cllr Stewart that possible land for this, previously thought to be privately owned, is actually CCC owned, so might after all be available. The CCC/Environment Agency report on Storm Desmond flooding (see 5.2 above) had been useful although flooding at Beetham paper mill had been more severe than described. Clerk to circulate the report to all MPC members. Current Highways road work in Church Street was flood-related.
 - 6.3 **District Council** – the Ackenthwaite burglary had been dealt with efficiently by the police. This type of crime might be deterred if Milnthorpe were a No Cold Calling Zone and there was generally greater community involvement. This particular incident had every indication of being a cross-border crime and residents were urged to respond to the police request for volunteers to assist with border surveillance. Cemetery Lane had now been inspected and Dallam Estate were prepared to sign an agreement for MPC to proceed with remedial work. The public toilets in The Square continued to give problems – doors difficult to manage, cleanliness issues etc. The maintenance service provided by Healthmatic was considered to fall short of what was expected for the charge made.
 - 6.4 **MiPAD** – Kathy Watts-Jones suggested a celebratory event to mark the conclusion of the Trim Trail project, to be held on the playing field and organised by MiPAD, for which MPC permission was requested – **agreed**, given appropriate liaison with user clubs. Although the founding objective had now been achieved, MiPAD was minded to continue in existence for the purpose of managing possible future projects, but would need an influx

of new officers to replace those who had now moved away. MPC were supportive of this aim. MPC agreed to manage appropriate mowing of grass in the Trim Trail area.

6.5 Matters raised by electors – none.

7. New matters for consideration:

7.1 SLDC LIP grant – MPC’s application for a grant, to fund ‘smiley’-type speed monitoring devices, had been lodged with SLDC on 7 Feb 2017. **Approved.**

7.2 Retirement event for Market Supervisor – afternoon tea had been arranged at No17 on Saturday 18 March 2017. **Approved.**

7.3 Summer community event on the Green – Suzie Kavanagh had requested permission to hold a summer’s evening event (performers, songs, refreshments), probably in June 2017. **Approved.** The Christmas on the Green Committee had recently lost members but would re-form. **Noted.**

7.4 Meeting with Cumbria’s Police & Crime Commissioner – had been arranged for Thursday, 30th March 2017 at Arnside Education Institute for Arnside, Beetham and Milnthorpe PC members. Cllr Adair and the Clerk would attend; any other MPC members welcome. **Approved.**

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions

February 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/2017/0008-9	St. Anthony’s Tower	H3G & EE Ltd	Replacement of flagpole etc	02/02/17	Various concerns

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/2016/1054	Unit 7, Parkhouse B park	Travis Perkins	External storage racks	Approved with conditions
SL/2016/1084	6 The Square	Coates	Conversion of old HSBC premises into flats & shops/offices	Approved with conditions

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

8.2 Related matters & correspondence: none.

9. Finance

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – JANUARY 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
				£	£
01/01/17	Opening balances				21,947.28
31/01/17	Receipts:				
	84	Market	Rents collected January	530.20	
	85	Ward	Damaged bollard reimbursement	209.42	
	“	Payments:			
		DD SLDC	Rates (market)	133.00	
		DD SLDC	Rates (public toilets)	172.00	
	562	DD Texaco	Equip. fuel	.50	
			VAT	.10	
				.60	
	563	589 Christ TK	Meeting room hire (3mths)	75.00	
	564	590 Highton	Xmas trees	220.00	
	565	591 Scargill	Postage & stat’y (3mths)	57.78	
			VAT	8.00	
				65.78	
	566	592-596	Payroll January	1,236.91	
			Total payments in month		-1,903.29
31/01/17	Closing balances			30,969.68	21,947.28
31/01/17	Total funds all accounts				£52,916.9

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

9.2 Other financial matters – none.

- 10. Market** - rents for January £530 – total for year 2016/17 to date £7,219 (2015/16 - £8,981).
Not much change in market over last month – regular 14 stalls plus 3 farmers market stalls. Centralisation seems to be satisfactory and some other minor repositioning has improved things. The Natwest mobile bank might be better sited in the layby at the top of the Square. Good Friday arrangements included Taylors amusements and Morris dancers. Advance advertising would be needed, as usual. Mrs Johnston concluded her report by saying how much she had enjoyed her many years as Market Supervisor and by thanking both parish council members and traders for their help and support throughout. She wished the market every success in the future. The Clerk reported a limited response to his advertisement for a successor to Mrs Johnston.
- 11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies:**
- CCC/Environment Agency presentation on 31/01/17 (see 5.2 above).
 - a Memorial Hall Charity meeting was scheduled for 14 February, hopefully to finalise agreement with new tenants, which Cllr Baverstock would attend.
- 12. Parish Matters (for information only).**
- Cllr Lachmann** – had come across young people lying in the passage beside the butcher's shop.
Cllr Hurst – suggested a new litter bin at the entrance to Owlet Ash Fields.
Cllr Bingham – some unwelcome (but seemingly necessary) changes to the chimneys of the Tattersall almshouses was underway. Any future changes should be monitored closely.
- 13. Current PC business** – item 5 – title application now lodged with Land Registry.
- 14. Leasgill Quarry Fund grants** – three new bins had now been ordered from Glasdon vis SLDC.
- 15. General correspondence** – an email from Rod Sayers dated 23 Jan 2017 suggesting a project for SLDC LIP grant funding – but too late to be dealt with by SLDC's 13 Feb SLDC submission deadline. (Mr Sayers happy with MPC's alternative project – see 7.2 above).
- 16. Reading Matter** – none.
- 17. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting:** any items referred to above plus
- the possibility of a memorial seat for Sheila Tauber.
 - concessionary SLDC parking on market days.
- 18. Date of next meeting** – normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 13th March 2017, at the Catholic Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm