

# **MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 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 Jim Robson. Also County Cllr Ian Stewart (for item 6.2), District Cllr Rupert Audland, Parish Clerk John Scargill, Market Supervisor Ann Johnston, Market Supervisor-designate James Lowther, Susie Kavanagh and two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Clare Lachmann and Kathy Watts-Jones (MiPAD).
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by the Chair.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – Mrs Scrogam introduced Joanne Hamer, representing Dallam School. Mrs Hamer explained the need for various measures, including security fencing with appropriate signage to be erected on the school site, in order to comply with current security guidelines and to avoid the danger of any shortcomings in this area adversely affecting the school's future Ofsted reports. These measures would mean that use of the school premises was restricted to the school's registered students, staff and authorised visitors. General members of the public and dogs would, in future, be excluded from the site. Mrs Hamer produced a plan of the site showing the precise location of the proposed fencing. This was expected to be in place by Easter 2017.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – none.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**
  - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – awaiting agreement of Cricket Club – ongoing.
  - 5.2 **Pony field (5.3)** – an application for Registration of Title by Adverse Possession had now been lodged with the Land Registry. Clerk to follow up with Milne Moser as necessary.
  - 5.3 **Suggested fireworks display 2017 (5.4)** - Cllr Bingham still to report back on costs etc. Siting had proved to be a problem area for Holme PC. Raise again at next MPC meeting.
  - 5.4 **Memorial Hall Charity (11)** – a significant amount of overdue rents had been recovered from previous tenants, with hopefully more to come. Negotiations with prospective new tenants well advanced. Hopes for an early conclusion.
  - 5.5 **Cemetery Lane (6.3)** – everything now ready to commence remedial work, awaiting permission from Dallam Estate. Clerk to write to Dallam with detailed proposals in an effort to expedite.
6. **Public Participation:**
  - 6.1 **Police Report** – a report had been received and circulated before the meeting. 50 incidents had been reported in the wider Milnthorpe area with 7 recorded crimes, none with community impact. Police planning summer activities with local youths. Cllrs Adair and Hurst, and the Clerk, would attend the PCC meeting at Arnside on 30 March.
  - 6.2 **County Council** – CCC attention to various local roadworks needs, including Main Street outside TT Carpets, Haverflatts Lane and drains/potholes generally, had been promised for the near future. Extra central government funding for adult social care had been announced - £11 million for Cumbria.
  - 6.3 **District Council** – As regards Cemetery Lane (see 5.5 above), Dist.Cllr Audland would be happy to follow up the Clerk's letter to Dallam with a personal visit. The Milnthorpe Economic Plan was expected within the next few weeks (see also 7.4 below). Cllr Audland's SLDC local amenity allowance for 2017/18 would be allocated 100% to Milnthorpe – Clerk to email him with MPC's bank details.
  - 6.4 **MiPAD** – Trim Trail equipment now installed, but unsatisfactory signage. Clerk to discuss with Kathy Watts-Jones to ensure that eventual sign modifications meet specification and are securely fixed in the correct location.
  - 6.5 **Matters raised by electors** – South Lakes Housing were expected to organise public liability insurance for the proposed Owllet Ash No Cold Calling Zone (NCCZ). **Generally agreed** that application for such zone should be part of a collective approach to include all of Milnthorpe, Beetham and Arnside – Cllr Audland to support and guide this application through SLDC (see 7.1 below).



## 9.2 Other financial matters – none.

### 10. Market - rents for February £621 – total for year 2016/17 to date £7,940 (2015/16 - £9,676).

Note – no Good Friday market would fall into the 2016/17 figures (2015/16 figures included two). One additional small (child's clothing) stall. Mrs Johnston working closely with her successor, James Lowther, throughout March on all aspects of her work as Market Supervisor. Good Friday arrangements made with fairground owners, Morris Dancers and Penwarden (music). Mrs Johnston authorised to place usual advertisement in the Westmorland Gazette in the week prior. Clerk to check what, if any, change of bank card (for banking of rents) needed for James Lowther.

### 11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies:

- Cllr Baverstock had attended a recent CALC meeting, which had been particularly useful with regard to flooding problems.

### 12. Parish Matters (for information only).

**Cllr Bingham** – the good display of daffodils in the village marred by gaps where cropped too early.

**Cllr Capasso** – unwelcome graffiti had appeared on the Junior Football clubhouse.

**Cllr Hurst** – referred to a serious traffic incident on Beetham Road on 24 February, involving staff and residents of Croftside Care Home. Possible need for a pedestrian crossing in that area.

**Cllr Adair** – potentially dangerous trees – on verge opposite pony field and overhanging grass bank opposite TT Carpets.

**Cllr Dodds** – queried the delivery timetable for the proposed 'smiley-type' speed signs (grant dependent) and the circulated SLDC guidance of verge cutting.

**Cllr Baverstock** – noted continuing restricted access along The Strands (agenda next meeting).

**Cllr Scrogam** – noted the deaths of Joyce Dobson and Mrs Pritchard as long-term village residents.

### 13. Current PC business – Atkinson item 2 – now to read 'Heritage Trail additional plaque'.

### 14. General correspondence - Salvation Army, Carnforth – thanks for December collection facilities provided by MPC, resulting in a total collection sum of £510.52.

- Rod Sayers – 24 Feb – re poor state of local footways.

### 16. Reading Matter:

- Clerks & Councils Direct – issue 110 – March 2017.

### 17. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting: any items referred to above.

### 18. Date of next meeting – normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2017, at the Catholic Church Hall.

**The meeting closed at 9.05pm**

The above meeting was followed at 9.05pm by a 'closed' meeting of the Parish Council at which members **approved** the formal appointment of James Lowther, to take over as Market Supervisor from Ann Johnston on her retirement on 31 March 2017.