

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 13th November 2017 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Alan Baverstock,(Chair), Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Peter Hill, Steve Hurst and Jim Robson. Also D Cllr Rupert Audland, Tim Farron MP (as from item 6) and three members of the public.

On the invitation of members, the PC meeting was preceded by a presentation by Mr & Mrs Smithers from Endmoor PC on the subject of 'smiley'-type speed indicator devices, which they had been operating with great success for some three years. Their conclusion was that such devices had proved to have a continuing dramatic effect on reducing the incidence of traffic speeding through their village. The evidence for this, as provided by data gathered from optional extra software available with the devices, had been irrefutable and sufficient to convince an initially sceptical local police authority, from whom grant funding was now available. Members welcomed this information and the offer of further practical assistance from Mr & Mrs Smithers in operating similar newly acquired MPC devices.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Jen Scrogam (still convalescing from surgery), Cllr Clare Lachmann (domestic commitments) and C Cllr Ian Stewart.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2017** - had been circulated and, subject to amendment re item 12 (Cllr Hurst – Haverflatts Lane – erection of a sign, not potholes at this location) were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by the Cllr Baverstock.
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 9th October 2017.**
 - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – progressing slowly. Hopefully able to be finalised by the next MPC meeting, to be preceded by the bi-annual Playing Field Users meeting.
 - 5.2 **Pony field (5.2)** – installation completed, Dallam informed, agreed financial contribution received from tenant. Remove from future agendas.
 - 5.3 **Memorial Hall Charity (5.3)** – conversion of the premises was now underway, expected to be completed by spring 2018. Cllr Bingham was anxious that a wooden plaque inside the premises be located and preserved. Remove from future agendas.
 - 5.4 **Cemetery Lane (5.4)** – Dallam Estate had now completed work on a temporary solution to the flooding problem. Remove from future agendas.
 - 5.5 **Heritage Trail tribute panel (5.5)** – Cllr Capasso progressing with Leander Architectural.
 - 5.6 **Playing field boundary wall (5.6)** – the former Gas Works storage building along The Strands had now been removed. Local Young Farmers had offered to help re walling work, but actual rebuilding unlikely to be possible in near future. Continued liaison with Dallam and the Environment Agency important.
 - 5.7 **Church Street upper layby (5.7)** – suggestions for long-term improvement included clearing out the brambles to allow existing daffodils to flourish. Cllrs Capasso and Hurst to carry out joint site inspection and report back.
 - 5.8 **WW1 end of war commemoration (5.8)** – schools had been contacted to establish degree of interest – Primary School keen, response awaited from Dallam School. **Agreed** – that the name of Harry Bond, and any other omitted servicemen, be added to the existing memorial subject to satisfactory checks with war records (Clerk) and family links (Cllr Bingham). Extension of the memorial stone tablet probably needed to accommodate this. Remembrance Day ceremony. Attendance at Milnthorpe's 2017 Remembrance Day ceremony had been very good.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – report received and circulated before the meeting – contents noted.
 - 6.2 **County Council** – no report in the absence of C Cllr Stewart.
 - 6.3 **District Council** – D Cllr Audland continuing to press for No Cold Calling Zone status to be established for the whole village.

6.4 Electors – concerns by neighbours to proposed Hill Crest development plan (SL/2017/0378) - their loss of privacy, the dangers of access to the site from the A6 etc. Inadequate dispersal of surface water was already a problem. Also claimed that there had been some procedural irregularities by SLDC in dealing with the planning application. **Agreed** – a site visit by SLDC planning officers was essential and had so far been resisted. MPC to write to SLDC (to Chief Executive with ccs to Chief Planning Officer and the Planning Officer specific to this application) about these matters. Cllr Robson and the Clerk to prepare the letter. Tim Farron invited members of the public to send any related letters of complaint to him. Other matters raised included the present location of the new 'smiley' speed indicator devices; future relocation was possible and may prove desirable but would be subject to police and Highways approval. Car parking on and around Police Square was a continuing problem, but would only be satisfactorily solved by eventual relocation of the doctors' surgeries to an alternative dedicated health centre site. Tim Farron offered to assist with any efforts to deal with the problem of the vacant former Spar premises on The Square.

7. New matters for consideration.

7.1 Sandside Quarry presentations – on the future of the quarry had been helpful and friendly. MPC representation at both these recent events. The quarry itself would not be expanding but the time period for extraction was to be extended.

7.2 'Smiley'-type solar-powered speed indicator devices (SIDs)– two devices, 100% funded by Tarmac (the quarry) had now been installed on the A6, north and south of the village centre. Clerk to write a thankyou letter to Tarmac for this very generous gift. **Agreed** – to order a third device, to be part funded by grants from Leasgill Quarry Fund (see 7.2 below) and a local electrical contractor see 7.3 below). Additionally, D Cllr Audland offered to donate his 2017/18 SLDC discretionary allowance to this project, for which he was sincerely thanked. Beetham PC intended to buy at least one such device and possibly Arnside PC also. Cllr Capasso and the Clerk to meet the suppliers of the equipment to negotiate an appropriate bulk order discount.

7.3 Leasgill Quarry Fund – had agreed to offer MPC a grant for 2017/18 of £1,950 towards the cost of a (third) SID – see 7.2 above.

7.4 Public car parks connecting pathway lighting bollards – the damaged bollards had now been repaired by a local electrical contractor who had donated his related costs towards funding a third SID for Milnthorpe (see 7.2 above). Clerk to write to the electrical contractor, thanking him for this generous and public-spirited donation.

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions meeting

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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
SL/2017/0784	Land south of Station Yard (Main Line Ind Est)	Jackson	Erection of joiner's workshop	03/11/17	Some traffic and parking concerns

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

SL/2017/0951 /0983	1 Church Street	Houghton	Replacement windows (upper) In wood.	20/11/17	No objection
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Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2017/0690	Cicerone Press, Police Square	Williams	Conversion of offices to form two dwellings	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0733	6 Haverflatts Lane	Smith	Partial demolition of rear single-storey kitchen	Approved with conditions

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

8.2 Related matters & correspondence: Flames take-away – members felt that, in view of the conservation area status of the village centre, the action taken by Flames to deal with the flue problem fell short of what was needed and the exterior lighting problem had not been tackled at all. D Cllr Audland to take up the matter with Flames.

Cllr Bingham – current proposals by the group managing the development of a coastal path, contrary to long established public rights had proposed bypassing Milnthorpe and other adjacent parishes altogether by routing the coastal path direct from Arnside to Grange using of the existing rail link.

Cllr Capasso – the overgrown trees near Mrs Hurst's seat on Beetham Road had now been trimmed. The HGV signs erected by MPC at the ends of Paradise Lane had now been removed and replaced with larger 'official' equivalents - presumably by Highways.

Cllr Hurst – had improved the difficult path across the green to the church north porch which was causing problems for the elderly and disabled.

13. General correspondence:

31/10/17 – Mike McVeigh – inconsiderate car parking at the school by parents collecting/delivering children.

08/11/17 – SLDC – advance notice of submission dates etc for parish council 2018/19 precepts.

15. Reading Matter – Clerks & Councils Direct – issue 114 – November 2017.

16. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting: additional to those referred to above – Milnthorpe Street Sign Survey (Cllr Bingham).

17. Date of next meeting – on Monday 11 December 2017 - in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm, preceded at 7.00pm by the annual Playing Field Users meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm