

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 15th January 2018 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Alan Baverstock,(Chair), Barbara Adair, Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Peter Hill, Steve Hurst, Clare Lachmann, Jim Robson and Jen Scrogam. Also CC Ian Stewart (up to and including item 6), D Cllr Rupert Audland and one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence** – Market Supervisor James Lowther.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th December 2017** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting (subject to the words ‘playing field car park’ in item 12 being replaced by the words ‘the old tennis courts parking area’) and signed by the Cllr Baverstock.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – the death of well known village resident Isabel Clark MBE. At the request of Cllr Baverstock, Cllr Bingham reminded members of Mrs Clark’s local family background and many years of service to the village in many capacities including PC member and Chair. Cllr Baverstock also encouraged members to take advantage of the many courses available from CALC for supplementing their knowledge on parish council matters.
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – none.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 11th December 2017.**
 - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – Milne Moser had now submitted proposals for the wording of the licences which it was hoped would be acceptable to all tenants. This would now be subject to scrutiny by leading PC members. Ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Heritage Trail tribute panel (5.2)** – ongoing.
 - 5.3 **Playing field boundary wall (5.3)** – Environment Agency believed to have made a site visit.
 - 5.4 **WW1 end of war commemoration (5.5)** – Cllr Adair reported that Margaret (Refresh) had a number of ideas for the commemoration. It would be good to trace any existing family members of the fallen. The name of Harry Bond had been found to be present on Preston Patrick war memorial as well as in their church; nevertheless it was **agreed** that his name also be added to the Milnthorpe memorial, as requested by his remaining family, and despite the significant cost to MPC of so doing.
 - 5.5 **Smiley SIDs for Milnthorpe (5.6)** – continued satisfactory progress with this project. A third device had now been ordered, for siting in Main Street on the existing pole but with the possibility of varying the location according to need. A grant of £1,000 had been received from Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Trust and it now seemed likely that the full cost of this third device would be covered by grants/donations from third parties.
 - 5.6 **Rock Heath tree (12)** – this problem had now been satisfactorily dealt with.
 - 5.7 **Public Space Protection Order (12)** – as part of the consultation process, applications were now being requested by SLDC for areas in need of this protection with a statement of the hoped for results of protection and a map of the identified area. **Agreed** – that Milnthorpe’s Playing Field need was critical and that its application be submitted without delay.
 - 5.8 **Police Square parking (6.4)** - ongoing.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – report received and circulated before the meeting – the unusually high number of reported incidents over the Christmas period was noted. Also noted – that a reported traffic incident involving Cllr Bingham was not on the list of incidents.

6.2 County Council – C Cllr Stewart referred to an existing booklet produced by Arnside PC that gave information about those commemorated on its war memorial – Clerk to remind Cllr Stewart to obtain a copy for use by MPC. Potholes generally, and the shortage of funds to remedy, was a continuing problem. Attention was drawn to the fact that, some two years ago, Somerset had decided to impose a separate Flood Levy to deal with its flooding issues; this contrasted with the Internal Drainage Board idea for the local Lyth Valley, which would have impacted on local Council Tax for a wider South Lakes area had it been implemented. Despite central government relaxing the cap on permitted Council Tax increases, CCC intended to hold its requested increase to the original 1.99%. Re-surfacing parts of Beetham Road, Church Street and Park Road was scheduled for early 2018. Cllr Stewart was thanked for the work already done but reminded that other local road surfaces such as Firs Road were in a very poor state that the Dallam School roundabout was now regularly flooding.

6.3 District Council – D Cllr Audland confirmed with reluctance that further District Council action was unlikely on the Milnthorpe Economic Plan – **agreed** - that this item be removed from future MPC agendas. The issue of a No Cold Calling Zone status for Milnthorpe had stagnated over the Christmas period but further progress was expected in January/February. The work done by Dallam Estate at the entrance to Cemetery Lane had resulted in some improvement in the regular flooding problem, which might be further helped by tarmacing the area – Cllr Audland to progress with the parties involved. **Agreed** – that an MPC working party be set up to deal with outstanding planning enforcement matters re Flames take-away.

6.4 Electors – a nearby resident, concerned about planning proposals for St Anthony’s Hill, thanked MPC for its efforts to influence this development and hoped for a favourable response from SLDC.

7. New matters for consideration.

7.1 Milnthorpe Street Street Sign survey – Cllr Bingham circulated a draft summary of his survey, identifying a number of places where signs were missing or in need of refurbishment and new places where they might be thought desirable. A more detailed inspection would be conducted by Cllr Bingham, Cllr Capasso and D Cllr Audland.

7.2 Council Tax consultation re Police budget 2018/19 – agreed that MPC would support the proposed increase in the police portion of Council Tax if the increase were to be used for funding a greater police presence.

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions

January 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.

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Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

SL/2017/0784	Land south of Station Yard	Jackson	Erection of joiner’s workshop	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0951 SL/2017/0983	1 Church Street	Houghton	Replacement windows upper floor	Approved with conditions
SL/2017/0986	19 Main Street	Cook	Installation of exterior sign	Approved with conditions

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

8.2 Related matters & correspondence: Flames take-away – Clerk to write to SLDC expressing MPC’s continued dissatisfaction with their response on enforcing compliance with regulations (flue and exterior lighting),.

9. Finance.

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – DECEMBER 2017

MEETING – 15th January 2018

9.1 Report on bank receipts, bank payments (for approval) & bank balances.

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c £	Reserve Funds £
01/12/17	Opening balances				21,953.85
31/12/17	Receipts:				
	105	HSBC Market	Bank interest to 30/11/17 Rents collected December	580.60	2.19
		P Fld rents	Cricket Club	10.00	
		" "	Homing Scy	10.00	
		Elec NW	Wayleaves	20.00 22.83	
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					623.43
	Payments:				
	650	DD SLDC	Business rates (market)	109.00	
		DD Texaco	Guard card (Nov)	.50	
			VAT	.10	
				.60	
	651 814	S Army	Donation	50.00	
	652 815	Barnfield	Equip. repairs	417.58	
			VAT	83.52	
				510.10	
	653 816	Robson	Speedwatch exs.	16.23	
	654 817-821	Payroll	December	1,209.93	
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			Total payments in month		-1,886.86
31/12/17	Closing balances				21,956.04
31/12/17	Total funds all accounts				£63,846.71

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

9.2 Other financial matters:

- MPC budget/precept 2018/19 – prepared by the Clerk and Cllr Baverstock had been circulated to all members before the meeting and resulted in a precept requirement slightly lower than for 2017/18 – **agreed** by members. Clerk to submit to SLDC by the deadline of 26 January 2018.
- The Clerk's annual review had been conducted by Cllr Baverstock on 11/01/18 – satisfactory
- MPC pension scheme – had been introduced in 2015, but a re-enrolment process had to be carried out every three years - so in 2018 (between March and August). Clerk to do.

10. Market- rents for December £581 (Dec 2016, £471) – total for year 2017/18 to date, including Natwest, £6,699 (2016/17 - £6,789). Market Supervisor's Report – market 'all going well with no problems'. MN Textiles contacted and planning return to market for next market day, when issues re prepaid orders and unpaid rent would be settled. Peter Doolan had been welcomed back on 8th December, but Lakeland Meats were withdrawing for economic reasons.

11. To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies – none.

12. Parish Matters (for information only).

Cllr Hurst – a damaged car parked on the pavement in Ryleyfield Road was a potential danger to pedestrians.

Cllr Capasso – a bollard near the old Spar building had been partially dislodged (Cllr Hurst to inspect).

Cllr Bingham – reported a marvellous spirit over the Christmas period, evident throughout the community and among church attendees in particular. Applications had been received for the vacant post of Priest in Charge at St Thomas's.

Cllr Adair – expressed disappointment with the regular flooding at the Dallam School roundabout, which raised safety concerns for pedestrians and vehicles alike. Also reported a dog biting incident.

Cllr Scrogam – commented on Firs Road potholes and dog fouling in Candle Lane.

13. General correspondence

05/01/18 – Dept. of Transport public consultation on future funding on the SRN – circulated to members.

08/01/18 – McVeigh – dangerous parking at Milnthorpe Primary School.

14/01/18 – Cushnie (Parish News) re a national Great British Spring Clean project in 2018.

14. Reading Matter – Clerks & Councils Direct – issue 115 – November 2017.

15. Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting: none additional to those referred to above.

16. Date of next meeting – on Monday 12 February 2018 - in Milnthorpe Catholic Church Hall at 7.30pm, preceded at 7.00pm by a Market Traders meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm