

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 2nd of February 2026. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Steve Hurst, Roger Bingham, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Michael Thompson, Jim Robson, Pete Capasso, Clare Lachmann and Julie Mulinga. There was one member of the public in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence

- None

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th of January 2026.

- These were **APPROVED** and were signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- The Chair told the Council that Cllr Adair has resigned from her role as a Parish Councillor with effect from the 31st of January. Many kind words were spoken about her, and it was decided that a small gift was appropriate to thank her for her service over the last 14 years
- The Chair also told the Council that David Mason had resigned from his role with the Parish Council. He is struggling to carry out the role as he awaits a knee operation. It was agreed that a small gift was appropriate to thank David for his many years' service. Cllr Hurst will ask Atkinson's to incorporate David's work in their maintenance contract.

4. Declaration of Interest by Members on items on the agenda

- Cllrs Bingham and Robson both declared an interest in the agenda item regarding the Church.

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)

- Cllr Audland mentioned the decision by Central Government to restrict funding to many rural councils. This will have a significant impact on W&F who will need to find ways to balance the budget

5.2 Any matters on this agenda that electors wish to raise with the Parish Council

- None

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 5th of January 2026

6.1 20mph Update

- W&F have confirmed that the 20mph speed limit will go ahead. Timescales for the implementation is uncertain due to the number of schemes to be implemented in the area

6.2 Playground

- The planned meeting was cancelled due to poor weather and has been rescheduled for Tuesday the 10th of February

6.3 TRO and general village parking

- It was generally considered that the 2002 TRO (sections 3f & 3g added in 2005) affecting traffic around the Square on a Friday is withdrawn. Further thought is to be given to other areas around the village though, it was felt that there was little that could be done about inconsiderate parking

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Gov.uk emails and website

- Website is set up and in operation. There are a few things that need to be added/amended, these will be done before the end of the financial year
- Some Councillors had set up their new emails. Cllr Hill will visit Andrew at A2A to help those that have struggled.

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- None

8.2 Any related matters including Beetham Road development

- None.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

- Distributed, all agreed. See Appendix A

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- Precept request had been forwarded to W&F and had been acknowledged

10. Market Report

- Distributed. See Appendix B

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Hurst asked if the grant for the Summer Fete was to be provided this year. The Clerk confirmed that it had been budgeted for

12. To receive notice of items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

- None

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 2nd of March 2026. It will follow the Parish Assembly which commences at 7pm

The meeting closed at 20:05

Paul Blackburn

Clerk

February 2026

APPENDIX A

Milnthorpe Parish Council January 2026 Financial Report

Payments

Type	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
DD	Guard Fuel Card	UK Fuels Ltd	£0.50	£0.10	£0.60
DD	Council Tax	W&F	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
IB	Replacement Defib pads	Imperative	£144.00	£28.80	£172.80
IB	Staff Costs	Staff/HMRC	£1,673.59	£0.00	£1,673.59
IB	Maintenance Contract	Atkinson's	£408.33	£81.67	£490.00
IB	Meeting Room Hire	Christ the King Church	£175.00	£0.00	£175.00
IB	Website/Email changes	A2A	£400.00	£80.00	£480.00
DD	Pillar 3 Electricity	Eon	£223.05	£11.15	£234.20
DD	Pillar 1 Electricity	Eon	£96.43	£4.82	£101.25
DD	Toilet Electricity	NPower	£22.35	£1.12	£23.47
		Total	£3,203.25	£207.66	£3,410.91

Receipts

Description	Supplier	Total
Wayleave	Electricity NW	£32.74
Market Rents	Market Traders	£159.40
	Total	£192.14

Transfer into current account - £10,000

Current Account Balance - £7,073.09

Deposit Account Balance - £44,562.57

Total - £51,635.66

APPENDIX B

MARKET REPORT

January 2026

1. Rent received of £159.50
2. Pizza van to attend on Mondays, commencing 9th February and monthly, thereafter

Paul Blackburn
Parish Clerk

January 2026