

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 2nd of March 2026. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.03pm.

Present: Cllrs Steve Hurst, Roger Bingham, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Michael Thompson, Jim Robson, and Julie Mulinga. There were no members of the public in attendance

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Capasso (accepted)

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of February 2026.

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

3. Announcements by the Chair

- The Chair told the Council that flowers and a voucher had been delivered to Barbara Adair and Dave Mason to thank them for their time at the Parish Council.
- The Chair mentioned the sad loss of village resident Linda Baverstock. The Members send condolences to Alan and his family

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)

- None

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 Playground

- The planned meeting with W&F went ahead with excellent contributions from all present. It was suggested that the initial stage would be to find out what residents would like to see in the revised play area. This is to be followed by identifying residents who wish to be involved in overseeing the project. The Clerk will canvas opinion from Councillors regarding ways to achieve this.

6.2 TRO and general village parking

- It was generally agreed that the 2002 TRO (sections 3f & 3g added in 2005) affecting traffic around the Square on a Friday is withdrawn. The Clerk will identify the process for this to happen.

6.3 Gov.uk emails and website

- Most are using the new email addresses though a couple of Councillors need to set it up.
- Council policies are to be added to the new website

6.4 Councillor Vacancy

- Following the announcement of the vacancy, no election has been requested. The Parish Council can now co-opt. Councillors are to consider candidates, and the vacancy will be advertised

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Tree Survey

- Following receipt of a resident request for work to be carried out on a tree on the Playing Field the Tree Survey planned for later in the year will be carried out as soon as it can be arranged

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- The application at Fairlea, Ackenthwaite has be agreed with conditions

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

- New Internal Auditor to be appointed

10. Market Report

- Distributed. See Appendix B

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Robson stated that work on the fallen Church wall had commenced
- Cllr Hurst asked if we need to identify someone to look after the planters around the village
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12. To receive notice of items to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.

- Internal Auditor appointment
- Planter maintenance

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 13th April 2026.

The meeting closed at 19:40

Paul Blackburn

Clerk

March 2026

APPENDIX A

Milnthorpe Parish Council February 2026 Financial Report

Payments

Type	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
DD	Guard Fuel Card	UK Fuels Ltd	£0.50	£0.10	£0.60
IB	Payroll Admin	Athena	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
IB	Parking Discs	Brunlea	£1,468.00	£293.00	£1,761.00
IB	Staff Costs	Staff/HMRC	£1,500.44	£0.00	£1,500.44
IB	Maintenance Contract	Atkinson's	£408.33	£81.67	£490.00
IB	Laptop protection renewal	McAfee	£114.99	£0.00	£114.99
IB	Leaving Gifts	Adair/Mason	£105.90	£0.00	£105.90
Charge	Bank Charge	HSBC	£0.80	£0.00	£0.80
DD	Pillar 3 Electricity	Eon	£32.76	£1.64	£34.40
IB	Cler 6m allowance	Clerk	£312.50	£0.00	£312.50
DD	Toilet Electricity	NPower	£23.09	£1.15	£24.24
		Total	£4,167.31	£378.16	£4,545.47

Receipts

Description	Supplier	Total
Parking Discs	Baverstock's	£10.00
Market Rents	Market Traders	£159.40
Clr Audland Allowance Donation	Clr Audland	£1,000.00
	Total	£1,169.40

Current Account Balance - £3,697.02

Deposit Account Balance - £44,562.57

Total - £48,259.59

APPENDIX B

MARKET REPORT

February 2026

1. Rent received of £159.50
2. Pizza van commenced on 9th February and monthly, thereafter
3. £10 Parking discs received

Paul Blackburn
Parish Clerk
February 2026