

# MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of January 2026. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.10pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Steve Hurst, Roger Bingham, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Michael Thompson and Julie Mulinga.

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

- Jim Robson, Pete Capasso & Clare Lachmann (accepted)

## **2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2025.**

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

## **3. Announcements by the Chair**

- The Chair wished the Members a Happy New Year
- The Chair thanked the Christmas committee for their efforts in putting up the tree and lights, they were excellent
- The Chair read an email from the Grisedales in which they thanked the Parish Council for the retirement gift which was given to recognise over 50 years attending the market

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

- None.

## **5. Public Participation**

### **5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)**

- The broken lamp on Firs Road has been removed and replaced
- The entrance to the new development on Beetham Road (The Meadows) does not match with the agreed plans and will be amended in the near future.
- Cllr Audland asked that whilst the Members were considering amending the TRO that is on the Square, they should consider general parking around the village. Vehicles are now bigger and heavier, and some areas see some parking issues. Councillor Bingham asked that, at the same time, consideration should include the problem of lorries turning in Ackenthwaite
- A long discussion took place about play areas around the village. Consideration is to be given to revamping the areas. With this in mind a meeting is to be arranged with representatives of the Parish Council, Cllr Audland, W&F Locality Team and village residents

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2025**

### **6.1 20mph Update**

- Awaiting feedback from W&F who have just gone through the second consultation period

## **7. New matters for consideration**

- None

## **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**

- Budget for 2026/27 was agreed. It will see a 3.53% increase for taxpayers (Average of 14p per month per taxpayer). See Appendix C

## **10. Market Report**

- Distributed. See Appendix B

## **11. To consider matters from around the Parish.**

- None

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

- Play Areas around the village
- The TRO and general parking around the village

## **13. Date of next scheduled meeting**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2026

The meeting closed at 20:18

*Paul Blackburn*

Clerk

January 2026

## APPENDIX A

### Milnthorpe Parish Council December 2025 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	Thankyou gift to Grisedales	Parish Council	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
IB	Staff Costs	Staff/HMRC	£1,482.44	£0.00	£1,482.44
IB	Maintenance Contract	Atkinson's	£408.33	£81.67	£490.00
DD	Pillar 3 Electricity	Eon	£32.10	£1.16	£33.70
DD	Toilet Water final	Water Plus		£0.00	£36.37
DD	Toilet Electricity	NPower	£23.18	£1.16	£24.34
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£2,156.55</b>	<b>£84.53</b>	<b>£2,241.08</b>

#### Receipts

Description	Supplier	Total
Market Rents	Market Traders	£205.40
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£205.40</b>

#### Interest into deposit account - £200.76

Current Account Balance - £291.86

Deposit Account Balance - £54,562.57

Total - £54,854.43

## APPENDIX B

### MARKET REPORT

#### December 2025

1. Rent received of £205.40
  2. Market Trader meeting held in December
  3. Thank you gift given to the Grisedales as they retire after nearly 60 years
- Total - £205.40

Paul Blackburn

Parish Clerk  
December 2025

## APPENDIX C

### BUDGET 2026/27

2024-25	<u>RECEIPTS (ex VAT)</u>		2025-26	Total	2026/27
ACTUAL			BUDGET	Forecast	BUDGET
£31,024	Precept		£37,216	£37,216	£39,444
£2,397	Special CT grant		£0	£0	£0
£4,088	Rents	Market	£4,220	£3,385	£2,960
£45		Playing Field	£45	£45	£45
£650		Pony Field	£650	£650	£650
£33		Wayleaves	£23	£23	£23
£1,000	Grants/Sales		£1,000	£2,425	£2,000
£1,520	Toilet Income		£1,920	£1,002	£0
£1,606	Bank Interest, Discs and CIL		£1,300	£1,411	£1,600
£42,362	TOTAL		£46,374	£46,156	£46,722
	<u>PAYMENTS (net of VAT)</u>				
	<u>General Admin</u>				
£21,739	Payroll		£22,459	£22,344	£23,527
£625	Expense Allowance (Clerk)		£625	£625	£625
£240	Postage/Stationery etc		£200	£201	£200
£275	Room Hire		£300	£275	£300
£1,193	Insurances		£1,250	£1,259	£1,250
£365	Audit Fees		£400	£416	£450
£147	Professional Fees		£250	£101	£250
£834	Subscriptions		£1,000	£852	£1,000
£25,417	TOTAL		£26,484	£26,072	£27,602
	<u>Other General Overheads</u>				
£126	Play Area Repair Costs		£250	£378	£500
£6,068	General Land Maintenance		£7,000	£10,126	£10,000
£706	CCTV Contract		£2,040	£1,184	£1,000
£153	Plant Maintenance		£750	£764	£750
£9,247	Toilet Costs		£11,440	£4,967	£0
£1,300	Market	Rates and Water	£1,260	£1,120	£720
£695		Electricity	£850	£874	£850
£0		Admin/Adverts	£100	£100	£100
£1,200	Christmas Trees		£1,200	£1,200	£1,200
£36	General Projects		£3,000	£2,000	£2,000
£2,050	Sundries		£2,000	£3,000	£2,000
£21,580	TOTAL		£29,890	£25,712	£19,120
£46,998	Total Overheads		£56,374	£51,784	£46,722
	Funds Earmarked				£0
	Funds to be used from reserves		£10,000		£0
-£4,635	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		£0	-£5,628	£0
	BALANCE OF CAPITAL				
		1st April 2025	Actual	£49,536	£43,908(f)
		31st March 2026	Forecast	£43,908	£43,908

**Precept  
Calculation**

Receipts	Council Tax Base		
£7,278			
General Spending	2025/26	2026/27	
£46,722	775.70	794.10	
Earmarked Reserves	Budget		
£0	£37,216	£39,444	5.99%
Reserves to be used	Cost per Taxpayer		
£0	£47.98	£49.67	3.53%
Balance required	Increase per Taxpayer (monthly)		
£39,444	£0.14		
SLDC Grant			
£0			
Precept required			
£39,444			