

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 12th December 2016 in the Catholic Church Hall, Milnthorpe at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Jen Scrogam (Chair), Barbara Adair, Alan Baverstock, Roger Bingham, Pete Capasso, Neil Dodds, Steve Hurst and Jim Robson. Also County Cllr Ian Stewart (for item 6), District Cllr Rupert Audland and Parish Clerk John Scargill. One member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Clare Lachmann, Market Supervisor Ann Johnston and Kathy Watts-Jones (MiPAD).
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November** - had been circulated, were **APPROVED** by the meeting and signed by the Chair.
3. **Announcements by the Chair** – that the Christmas decorations in the village were very attractive..
4. **Declaration of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda** – Cllr Baverstock in respect of item 10 (centralisation of market).
5. **Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 14th November 2016.**
 - 5.1 **Draft licences for Playing Field users (5.1)** – awaiting agreement of Cricket Club – ongoing.
 - 5.2 **Storm Desmond (5.3)** – Cllr Robson had been in touch with Julian Oston of Dallam Tower Estate. Cllr Baverstock had spoken to Alan Morphet who was unlikely to be interested in rebuilding the playing field wall beside the damaged and largely non-existent river-side path.
 - 5.3 **Pony field at Ackenthwaite (5.5)** – legal work by Milne Moser had stalled due to their other priorities.
6. **Public Participation:**
 - 6.1 **Police Report** – a report had been received and circulated before the meeting. 31 incidents had been reported in the Milnthorpe area with 15 recorded crimes. The preponderance of thefts was noted.
 - 6.2 **County Council** – members had been invited to send representatives to a proposed meeting between the Police & Crime Commissioner and members of the parishes of Arnside, Beetham and Milnthorpe to discuss general policing issues – welcomed and **agreed**. The filling of the pothole in the middle of the cross-roads by the traffic lights was welcomed, but noted that this repair was only of temporary quality and would soon need further attention. The problem of dealing with the increasing need for properly-financed adult social care was common throughout the UK and central government had sanctioned a further 2% Council Tax increase for this purpose, but this would not be applied in Cumbria. Three Community Speedwatch notices, produced by MPC members, were agreed for installation and accepted by Cllr Stewart as a necessary emergency measure.
 - 6.3 **District Council** – uncertainties remained about the precise type of replacement bollard to be installed in Beetham Road (reflective or interior lit) – Cllr Audland to double check. Speed checks in Park Road had shown no significant breaches of the legal limit. SLDC had assigned a staff member to produce a report on the economic promotion of Milnthorpe – due to be published end January 2017. **Agreed** – that offers of New Homes Bonus-funded grants by SLDC, for ‘Locally Important Projects’ in 2017/18, be followed up by MPC with a firm application as soon as possible.
 - 6.4 **MiPAD** – it had been agreed to defer delivery and installation of the Trim Trail equipment until February 2017, with payment before 31st March 2017. A further request for a donation towards the cost of equipment for a new ‘Stay ‘n Play’ toddler group was declined – Clerk to inform Kathy Watts-Jones.
 - 6.5 **Matters raised by electors** – none additional to market centralisation (see item 10 below).
7. **New matters for consideration:**
 - 7.1 – **Additional seat for the Square** - decided not to proceed at present.
 - 7.2 – **Suggested Fireworks display for November 5th 2017** - Cllr Hurst to discuss with the Fire Service. Cllr Bingham to research Holme PC costs for their annual fireworks event.

8. Planning Matters.

8.1 Applications under consideration by MPC, and SLDC decisions

December 2016 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
SL/2016/1054	Unit 7, Parkhouse B Park	Travis Perkins	External 5m high storage racks	09/12/16	No objection

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

SL/2016/1084	6 The Square, Milnthorpe	Coates	Conversion of redundant bank premises into flats & commercial	15/12/16	Welcomed
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Decisions received from SLDC

SLDC decision

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

8.2 Related matters & correspondence – SLDC consultation on the proposed extension of time up to 2029 to complete the extraction of permitted limestone reserves and restoration of Sandside Quarry. Cllr Audland had met with Tarmac.

9 Finance

MPC – FINANCIAL REPORT

MONTH – NOVEMBER 2016

MEETING – 12th December 2016

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

Date	Transaction	Payee/er	Detail	Current a/c	Reserve Funds
				£	£
01/11/16	Opening balances				21,944.66
30/11/16	Receipts:			37,908.50	
	81	Market	Rents collected November	627.60	
	Payments:				
	DD	SLDC	Rates (market)	133.00	
	DD	SLDC	Rates (public toilets)	172.00	
	545	DD	Texaco Equip. fuel	26.19	
			VAT	4.25	
				30.44	
	546-548	DD	Eon Market electricity	78.34	
			VAT	3.91	
				82.25	
	549	569	Robson Postage (speedwatch)	19.80	
	550	570	Newsquest Market advert'g	352.86	
			VAT	70.57	
				423.43	
	551	571	Scrogam Keys cutting	10.00	
			VAT	2.00	
				12.00	
	552	572	Dallam Pl.Fld. ground rent (6mths)	2.50	
	553	573	Healthmatic Toilets mtcs (3mths)	1,985.00	
			VAT	397.00	
				2,382.00	
	554	574	Hurst War mem. & bollards	250.00	
			VAT	50.00	
				300.00	
	555	575	Npower Toilets elec (3mths)	45.71	
			VAT	2.29	
				48.00	
	556	576	Scargill Expense all'ces (6mths)	245.00	
	557	577-581	Payroll November	1,199.03	
			Total payments in month	-5,049.45	
30/11/16	Closing balances			33,486.65	21,944.66
30/11/16	Total funds all accounts				£55,431.31

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

Other financial matters:

- MPC 8mths accounts to 30/11/16 – circulated before the meeting, approved and accepted.
- Clerk's annual review – to be arranged and conducted by Cllr Baverstock.

- 10 **Market** - rents for November £628 – total for year 2016/17 to date £6,318 (2015/16 - £7,998).
Mrs Johnston had submitted a written report in her absence. She expressed concern that stalls which might be asked to move under any centralisation scheme might decide not to attend at all in future. The few new traders who had appeared in recent weeks had not become regular attendees. The possibility for banking rent monies in Milnthorpe had still not become a reality, despite application having been made for this facility. After discussion it was **agreed** by all members present (save one abstention) to proceed with a centralisation scheme. Letters to this effect to be distributed to all traders on Friday 16 December and Mrs Johnston to be given full support in this by the presence of a MPC member. There had been problems with misuse of the public toilets (thought to be by groups of young people in the evenings) and resulting in complaints by other users – Cllr Robson to check on the time at which the toilets were closed in the winter, 7.00pm being considered an appropriate deadline at this time of year. Mrs Robson sent her thanks to MPC for a successful charity event she had recently held on the Square/green with members' permission.
- 11 **To receive any reports from representatives on outside bodies** – Cllr Baverstock has attended a recent LAP meeting dealing in particular with the problem of local flooding in December 2015.
- 12 **Parish Matters (for information only):**
Cllr Adair – reminded members that the now all-but-nonexistent lines marking the Dallam School mini-roundabout were long overdue for replacement with a new slightly raised area, as requested from Highways.
Cllr Hurst – welcomed the repair of the pothole in the road by the traffic lights but was critical of its technical quality and durability.
Cllr Scroggham – noted that all grit bins had now been filled following Cllr Stewart's involvement.
Cllr Bingham – recommended the early removal of leaves from the green to avoid it becoming covered in mud. He also commented on a Christmas tree outside Flowerden House, which was obscuring a street sign. He had arranged the delivery of a birthday card to Mrs Reynolds on her 101st birthday, as promised.
Cllr Dodds – was anxious that the Beetham Road bollard (see 6.3 above) be replaced as soon as possible.
The Clerk – reported receipt of an email from SLDC about a complaint it had received over the burning of allotment and other rubbish. The location was confirmed by members as being on Dallam Estate land and, therefore, Dallam's responsibility to deal with. Clerk to inform SLDC.
- 13 **Current PC business - updates as follows:**
Item 29 – now completed, save for the addition of a small origin and tribute plaque.
Atkinson job 1 – noted that the foundry considered for repairing the bell had recently closed down.
Atkinson job 2 – to be recorded that Tim Pullan, graphic designer of the master plaque, was pleased with the finished result on site.
- 14 **Leasgill Quarry Fund grants:**
A supposedly comprehensive list of all SLDC-owned litter bins in Milnthorpe had been received from SLDC, but was obviously out-of-date and inaccurate in several respects. Cllr Capasso to check all village bins against the list and report back before SLDC were advised.
- 15 **General correspondence:**
- 16/11/16 – District Cllr P McSweeney – conveying thanks from Arnside PC for the loan of MPC's speed gun.
- 02/12/16 – Kirsty Parry – Owlet Ash Fields Residents' Ass'n – proposed new playground insurance – (Clerk had advised not possible for inclusion on MPC policy).
- 12/12/16 – Raj Take-away, Milnthorpe – re Christmas lighting 2016 (clerk to advise Raj and SLDC that not an MPC matter).
- 16 **Reading Matter** – none.
- 17 **Notice of items to be included on agenda for next meeting:** items as referred to above.
- 18 **Date of next meeting** – normal monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 16th January 2017 at the Catholic Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm