

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 13th May 2024. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.10pm.

Present: Cllrs Steve Hurst, Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Julie Mulinga, James Robson and Michael Thompson. Cllr Audland (part) and Paul Blackburn (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

- Nine, the meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th of April 2024.

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- None

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

- Cllr Robson for the St Thomas' Church pre-application consultation at 8.2.

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllrs Audland and Chaffey)

- The first year of the new Council has been completed.
- The problem gulleys on the A6 have been addressed.

5.2 Electors

- None

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 8th of January 2024.

6.1 Plaque Project (6.2)

- All in place and looking good.

6.2 D-Day 2024 (6.4)

- Flag purchased, given to Cllr Robson to arrange for it to be flown.

6.3 Village Fete June 2024 (6.5)

- 22nd June.
- Union Flags to be placed around the village before the Bank Holiday weekend.

6.4 Lights on path towards Park Road Car Park (6.6)

- The use of a motion detector light is to be considered. Cllr Capasso to progress.

6.5 Seats on the Green (7.1)

- Repaired and looking good.

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Wildflower Project

- The Council has been approached by W&F Council to consider a wildflower project on the Recreation Ground in partnership with Cumbria Wildlife Trust. Dallam Estate are happy for this to be considered. It was considered that the best way forward would be to arrange a site visit with the Wildlife Trust (Cllrs Capasso, Lachmann, Adair, Bingham to be involved)

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- No new planning applications.

8.2 Any related matters

- A brief discussion took place about the pre-application consultation for the upgrade to the telecommunications system at St Thomas' Church. It seems that the changes would improve the system used by numerous residents and would not be visible externally. There were no objections to a planning application being submitted.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – April 2024

Market Trader Rent - £1,460.50
Parking Discs (Local Businesses) - £96.00
Tenant Rents - £675.00
VAT Refund - £4,606.27
Precept (full year) - £31,024.19
Total - £37,861.96

Payments – April 2024

Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £0.60 (£0.10)
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,762.25
Toilet wastewater, Water Plus, Christ the King Church, £208.38
Toilet Maintenance, Danfo, £870.00 (£145.00)
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £39.77
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.80
Maintenance Contract, Atkinson's - £490.00 (£81.67)
Council Tax, W&F - £58.80
Toilet Electricity, Npower - £56.45 (£2.69)
Internal Audit, Peter Grange - £50.00
D-Day Flag, Newton Flags - £43.20 (7.20)
Electricity Pillar 3, Eon - £166.46 (£7.93)
Electricity Pillar 2, Eon - £37.55 (£1.79)
Total - £3,756.57 (£244.82)

Bank Balances at Month end

Interest into deposit account - £0.00
Current Account - £44,208.15 Deposit Account - £42,868.87
Total - £87,077.02

All payments were **APPROVED**, and balances reconciled.

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- AGAR discussed and **APPROVED**, Signed by Chair and Clerk
- Accounts discussed and **APPROVED**.
- VAT refund received (£4,606.27).
- Full year precept received.
- Rents received from all tenants (bar one)

10. Market Report April 2024

- Rent received of £1,406.50.
- Parking Disc money of £96.00 received from local businesses.
- Farmer's Market changes to the third Friday in each month from May..

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Capasso mentioned the state of the area behind the old Police Station. It is to be referred to W&F.
- Cllr Bingham asked that consideration be given to celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE Day.
- Cllr Lachmann mentioned that a large number of drains are blocked, to be reported to W&F.
- She also mentioned that she still gets a few complaints about cars speeding on Park Road and Church Street. The 20MPH limit request was mentioned, this will not happen this year but is still in 'the system' for the following years.
- Cllr Adair mentioned that despite the road being closed cars were still using Paradise Lane.
- Cllr Hurst mentioned that Sue's snack bar is concerned about the siting of the business, when there are new owners of the old Spar. Cllr Audland pointed out that permission would be required (Planning and/or Change of Use) if PC land was to be used.
- There was concern about the number of cars exceeding the 2-hour parking limit on the Square Car Park. A number of cars are using the car park all day. The Clerk had emailed Highways and was awaiting a response

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

- None

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 3rd of June 2024. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20:15

Paul Blackburn

Clerk

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