

# MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs Steve Hurst (Chair), Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Julie Mulinga and Jim Robson. Caitlin Fox (Cumbria Wildlife Trust) and Paul Blackburn (Clerk).

## **1. Apologies for Absence**

- Cllrs Lachmann and Bingham (accepted), the meeting was quorate.

## **2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024.**

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

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

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

- None

## **5. Public Participation**

### **5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllrs Audland and Chaffey)**

- Cllr Audland was restricted in his comments due to being in a period of purdah. However, he mentioned that the parking enforcement team are close to becoming one team following the Council change of 2023. He also mentioned that a couple of the bridges over the A591 were currently closed

### **5.2 Electors**

- None

## **6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2024.**

### **6.1 Village Fete June 2024 (6.1)**

- 22<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Well attended (c500) and a good time was had by all
- A £2,000 donation was made by the Parish Council for which thanks were given by the Fete Committee.
- The donation had been spent on the hire of a marquee (c£1,400), Insurance and ahire of bouncy castle. The PC Members were happy with the way the funds were spent.
- More volunteers would be helpful in future years

### **6.2 Lights on path towards Park Road Car Park (6.2)**

- The use of a solar powered motion detector light was **APPROVED** at the June meeting, and it is to be placed on the cricket club pavilion. Clerk to continue to research and progress purchase.

### **6.3 Wildflower project (6.3)**

- Caitlin Fox attended the meeting and answered questions from the Councillors.
- It was **APPROVED** to support the project and gave the go ahead for it to be started

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

### **7.1 Suggestions for the LQF Grant 2024**

There were several suggestions, including funding for the Summer Fete 2025, lighting project and repair of the paving around the Memorial. It was decided that a request should be determined at the next meeting.

## 8. Planning Matters:

### 8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- The application from Low Crag Yeat, Ackenthwaite has been approved (1/7/2024)

### 8.2 Any related matters

- None.

## 9. Financial Matters

### 9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

#### Receipts – June 2024

Market Trader Rent - £349.10  
Toilet income - £499.14  
Tenant Rent - £10.00  
Parking Discs - £55.00  
Total - £913.24

#### Payments – June 2024

Fuel, UK Fuels Ltd, £0.60 (£0.10)  
Payroll, Staff, Pension and HRMC, £1,762.25  
Toilet Maintenance, Danfo, £870.00 (£145.00)  
Toilet Water, Water Plus, £42.03  
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.80  
Maintenance Contract, Atkinson's - £490.00 (£81.67)  
Council Tax, W&F - £60.00  
Toilet Electricity, Npower - £46.45 (£2.32)  
Website domain registration, A2A - £60.00 (£10.00)  
Plaque installation/Salt storage - £457.20 (76.20)  
Pillar 2 Electricity, Eon - £37.96 (£1.81)  
Pillar 3 Electricity, Eon - £25.17 (£1.20)  
Summer Fete contribution - £2,000.00  
Total - £5,859.78 (£318.30)

#### Bank Balances at Month end

Interest into deposit account - £223.29  
Current Account - £17,117.16 Deposit Account - £63,092.16  
Total - £80,209.32

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

### 9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- Because the precept was received in one sum it was agreed that £20,000 is transferred to the deposit account

## 10. Market Report

- Rent received of £349.10.
- Toilet income received £499.14 (March to May)
- Parking Discs - £55.00

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

- Cllr Capasso said that a resident had pointed out that a white van has been parked on Main Street, in front of the War Memorial, for over a month. It is in a parking disc zone. It will be investigated.
- Cllr Capasso also mentioned that a local business had questioned the use of Traffic Enforcement Officers on The Square. He said that it was having a negative affect on his business. It was pointed out that Parking Discs were available from businesses on the Square at a cost of £1. The use of Enforcement Officers ensured that there was reduced use of long-term parking and created more spaces for vehicles wishing to use local businesses.
- Cllrs Mulinga and Adair mentioned the overgrown area in Ackenthwaite, next to the post box, which created difficulty for pedestrians. Cllr Audland is to investigate.
- Cllr Adair is to remove the poppies and Cllr Hurst said that the flags that had been placed around the village will be taken down.
- Cllr Robson mentioned that a resident had thanked him for keeping the brambles, at the back of his house, under control.
- He also mentioned that it had been pointed out that the market sign on the A6 was broken. This is to be investigated.
- Cllr Hurst mentioned that since the change to a cashless system on the toilets there have been unexpected usage numbers, including only 3 uses on a market day! Numbers are much lower than anticipated, based on previous uses. It is believed that Radar keys are being used and shared. These keys are readily available for purchase. It is only necessary to provide the Radar key facility (for disabled people's use) if the toilets were built after 2009 and are disabled toilets, neither point is applicable to the Square toilets. Many other Parishes's do not offer the facility. Consideration is to be given to removing the facility due to its abuse. Failure to do so could mean that the toilets are not financially viable.

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

- Leasgill Quarry Fund Grant Application
- Toilets (abuse of Radar key facility)
- W&F Local Plan

**13. Date of next scheduled meeting**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm.

**The meeting closed at 20.02**

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