

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 2nd December 2024. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.15pm.

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

1. Apologies for Absence

- Cllr Adair (Accepted).

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th of November 2024.

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- None

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)

- Cllr Audland is to arrange for a W&F Officer to attend the January meeting to discuss the proposed 20mph speed limit and TPOs
- Variable speed limit cameras have been approved for the A590. They will start at Bretagh Holt and go south towards Ulverston. No date for installation has been agreed at this stage.

5.2 Electors

- None present however an email has been received about dog fouling on the Playing Field. There was a suggestion that CCTV cameras are installed. It was suggested that the Clerk respond raising a couple of points. The Members were open to the suggestion but need clarification on a couple of areas.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 4th of November 2024

6.1 Wildflower area in the village (6.1)

- No response received from Caitlin despite two requests.
This will be removed from the agenda, but an update will be provided if one is received

6.2 Toilets (abuse of facility) (6.2)

- No response received from W&F despite two requests. This will be chased by the Clerk

6.3 Water testing on the Bela (6.3)

- Communication has begun with South Cumbria River Trust.
- It was suggested that contact is made with Arnside PC who are in a similar position.

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Glasgow House

The case has been closed by the Enforcement Officer as he does not believe that there has been any breach of regulations. Cllr Bingham is to pursue personally

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- No new planning applications.

8.2 Any related matters

- Notice has been served on The Parish Council that a planning application has been submitted. A tenant on the Playing Fields is proposing to update the floodlighting to LED lights and to erect a new, removable column.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

- See Appendix A, all agreed

9.2 Budget Precept 2025/26

- A long discussion took place around an acceptable increase for the Precept request for 2025/26
- An increase is inevitable due to the loss of grants from W&F Council, increased costs, reduced market income and changes to National Insurance payments made by employers.
- It was agreed that the final request should try to keep the increase to around 50p per month per taxpayer.
- Members were clear that they did not want to consider stopping the grants provided for the Summer Fair and the Christmas Tree

9.3 Any other Financial Matters

- None

10. Market Report

- See Appendix B

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllr Bingham mentioned that he had received a complaint about the Christmas tree lights. Cllr Hurst had also received several complaints.
- Cllr Hurst mentioned that the Christmas tree and lights were fantastic and thanked all the volunteers that helped
- Cllr Robson mentioned that a house on Church Street (For Sale) had a broken fence and was creating a hazard for pedestrians. This should be reported via the Highways reporting form on the W&F website
- The proposed dates for 2025 meetings were circulated

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

- 20mph speed limit
- Budget 2025/26

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 2nd December 2024. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20:10

Paul Blackburn

Parish Clerk

December 2024

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Appendix A

Milnthorpe Parish Council November 2024

Payments

Date	Type	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
11/24	DD	Guard Fuel Card	UK Fuels Ltd	£0.60	£0.10	£0.60
11/24	DD	Council Tax	W&F	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
11/24	DD	Bank Charge	HSBC	£5.80	£0.00	£5.80
11/24	IB	Data Protection Fee	IOC	£35.00	£0.00	£35.00
11/24	IB	Staff Costs	Staff/HMRC	£1,411.36	£0.00	£1,411.36
11/24	IB	Maintenance Contract	Atkinson's	£408.33	£81.67	£490.00
11/24	IB	Toilet Maintenance	Danfo	£725.00	£145.00	£870.00
11/24	DD	Toilet Water	Water Plus	£42.03	£0.00	£42.03
11/24	DD	Toilet Electricity	Npower	£33.77	£6.75	£40.52
11/24	IB	CCTV Service	Bedroq	£38.37	£7.67	£46.04
11/24	DD	Playing Field Rent	Dallam Estate	£2.50	£0.00	£2.50
11/24	DD	Pillar 3 Electricity	Eon	£13.52	£0.67	£14.19
			Total	£2,780.20	£237.04	£3,017.24

Receipts

Date	Description	Supplier	Total
11/24	Market Rents	Market Traders	£159.40
11/24	Toilet Income	Nayax	£151.06
11/24	Discs	Various	£30.00
		Total	£340.46

Transfer into Current Account - £10,000.00

Current Account Balance - £9,789.93

Deposit Account Balance - £53,380.31

Total - £61,170.24

Appendix B

MARKET REPORT
November 2024

1. Rent received of £159.40
2. Toilet Income of £151.06 received
3. Parking Discs - £30.00 (various)
4. The Farmers' Market has changed to the 1st Friday in the month

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