

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 3rd June 2024. The meeting was held in the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and commenced at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs Steve Hurst (Chair), Roger Bingham, Peter Capasso, Pete Hill (Vice Chair), Barbara Adair, Julie Mulinga and Michael Thompson. One member of the public and Paul Blackburn (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th of May 2024.

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- Unfortunately Rod is to give up maintaining the planters. It was **APPROVED** that Dave Mason will take over the role. Cllr Hurst has donated £60 (wholesale) of plants.

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

- None

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllrs Audland and Chaffey)

- None.

5.2 Electors

- None

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 13th May 2024.

6.1 Village Fete June 2024 (6.5)

- 22nd June.
- Union Flags placed around the village
- A number of activities arranged
- More volunteers would be helpful in future years

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

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

6.3 Wildflower project (7.1)

- It was **APPROVED** to support the project.
- Caitlin to be invited to the next PC meeting to answer any questions (timing, access, maintenance etc.)

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 Electricity Contract Renewal

The Council was presented with several options and the following was **APPROVED**:

- Renew with Eon who were the most competitive
- Pillar 2 to be disconnected. No power has been used from this outlet for many years
- Renew for a term of three years

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- No objections to the application from 28, Church Street

8.2 Any related matters

- None.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

Receipts – April 2024

Market Trader Rent - £302.80
Parish Grant - £2,396.81
Tenant Rents - £10.00
Total - £2,709.61

Payments – April 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, £41.25
Bank Account Service Charge, £5.00
Maintenance Contract, Atkinson's - £490.00 (£81.67)
Council Tax, W&F - £60.00
Toilet Electricity, Npower - £68.49 (£3.26)
Toilet Complaint, User - £1.00
Bin Emptying, W&F - £555.36 (92.56)
Microsoft 365 Renewal, Microsoft - £79.99 (£13.33)
CALC Subscription, CALC - £413.62
Recreational Ground Rent, Dallam Estate - £2.50
Scribe Renewal, Scribe - £504.00 (£84.00)
Total - £4,854.06 (£419.92)

Bank Balances at Month end

Interest into deposit account - £0.00
Current Account - £42,063.70 Deposit Account - £42,868.87
Total - £84,932.57

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

9.2 Any other Financial Matters

- AGAR has been submitted and receipt has been confirmed
- Parish Grant has been received

10. Market Report April 2024

- Rent received of £302.80.
- Harri Van attended and well supported.
- Farmer's Market changed to the third Friday without problems.
- There were a couple of 'occasional' traders
- Christian Aid had a successful visit and a nice thank you email was received. They raised over £1,600.

11. To consider matters from around the Parish.

- Cllrs Capasso and Thompson mentioned the overgrown bush that is creating a hazard on the ginnel from Ryleyfield to Church Street. Dave Mason is happy to trim but wants to know what to do with the clippings (substantial). It was pointed out that it was the responsibility of the landowner to carry out the work and they should be approached prior to the PC doing any work. It was suggested that Cllr Audland carry this out as the landowner is well known to him
- Cllr Capasso also mentioned that some traffic enforcement notices have been issued around the village.
- Cllr Adair mentioned that there was an overgrown bush in Ackenthwaite near the post box. This was on a corner and difficult to pass.
- Cllr Hurst mentioned that Sue's snack bar is still concerned about the siting of the business, when there are new owners of the old Spar. It has previously been pointed out that permission would be required (Planning and/or Change of Use) if PC land was to be used. It was suggested that Sue needs to approach the PC with a detailed proposal.
- Cllr Hurst also mentioned that the damaged bollard on the square had been repaired and reinstated at no cost to the Council

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

- Invite Caitlin Fox to the July meeting.

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 1st of July 2024. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 19.28

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Clerk

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