

MILNTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the normal monthly meeting of Milnthorpe Parish Council held on Monday 6th of January 2025. 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, Clare Lachmann, Barbara Adair and Michael Thompson. Cllr Audland (part) and Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd of December 2024.

- These were **APPROVED** and signed.

3. Announcements by the Chair

- The Chair referenced the unfortunate death of David Knipe, a long serving attendee of the Farmer's market. All Members were saddened by this.

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

- Cllrs Mulinga and Bingham declared an interest in a planning application to be discussed under item 8.

5. Public Participation

5.1 Westmorland & Furness Council (Cllr Audland)

- Cllr Audland is to arrange for a W&F Officer to attend the February meeting to discuss the proposed 20mph speed limit and TPOs. He had been unable to attend this meeting.
- Cllr Audland outlined the potential proposal from Central Government that a Mayoral approach to Unitary Councils is taken. This proposal is being discussed by W&F and Cumberland Councils

5.2 Electors

- None present.

6. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on the 2nd of December 2024

6.1 Wildflower area in the village (6.1)

- A comprehensive report has been received and distributed to all

6.2 Toilets (abuse of facility) (6.2)

- Still no response received from W&F despite three requests. This will be chased by the Clerk

6.3 Water testing on the Bela (6.3)

- This is a slow process. It is hoped that links can be made with other Parish Councils who are also looking at similar projects.

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6.4 Dog Fouling on the Playing Field

- The Cricket Club has asked for a small contribution towards the installation of small CCTV to discourage dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on the playing field. The Members agreed to support the initiative.

7. New matters for consideration

7.1 20mph speed limit

This was deferred to the next meeting

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 New Planning applications and SLDC decisions received.

- 2 new planning applications. Cllrs Mulinga and Bingham, who had declared an interest in one of the applications, left the meeting whilst the relevant application was discussed.
- There were no objections to either application.

8.2 Any related matters

- A discussion took place around the proposed names for the Beetham Road development. It was felt that names with a local connection would be suitable and suggested names will be forwarded to Oakmere for their consideration.

9. Financial Matters

9.1 Report on bank receipts, payments and closing balances.

- See Appendix A, all agreed

9.2 Budget Precept 2025/26

- The proposed budget was agreed
- The PC will request a precept for 2025/26 of £37,216. This represents an increase of £0.52 per month per Band D Council taxpayer. This was seen as acceptable following last year's reduction of £0.33 per month

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 the Christmas celebrations and tree lights were excellent and the best for many years.
- Cllr Hill mentioned that some of the lights around the village were quite dim
- Cllr Capasso mentioned that the Strands was in a poor state of repair and was considered dangerous and hazardous

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

- Maintenance equipment
- Street Names

13. Date of next scheduled meeting

- Monday 3rd of February 2025. This will take place at the Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane and will commence at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20:25

Paul Blackburn

Parish Clerk
January 2025

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Appendix A

Milnthorpe Parish Council

December 2024

Payments

Type	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
DD	Guard Fuel Card	UK Fuels Ltd	£0.60	£0.10	£0.60
DD	Council Tax	W&F	£60.00	£0.00	£60.00
DD	Bank Charge	HSBC	£5.00	£0.00	£5.00
IB	Christmas Tree	Christmas Tree Committee	£1200.00	£0.00	£1,200.00
IB	Staff Costs	Staff/HMRC	£1,427.41	£0.00	£1,427.41
IB	Maintenance Contract	Atkinson's	£408.33	£81.67	£490.00
IB	Toilet Maintenance	Danfo	£725.00	£145.00	£870.00
DD	Toilet Water	Water Plus	£41.25	£0.00	£41.25
DD	Toilet Electricity	Npower	£41.18	£2.06	£40.52
IB	CCTV Service	Bedroq	£166.82	£33.37	£200.19
DD	Pillar 3 Electricity	Eon	£25.84	£1.29	£27.13
		Total	£4,101.33	£263.49	£4,364.82

Receipts

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

Interest into Deposit Account - £327.04

Current Account Balance - £5,752.15

Deposit Account Balance - £53,663.94

Total - £59,416.09

Appendix B

MARKET REPORT

December 2024

1. Rent received of £205.40
2. Toilet Income of £121.64 received
3. It is with great sadness to report the death of David Knipe, a long serving attendee of the Farmers' Market

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