

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on MONDAY 16 APRIL 2007 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard (PM) – Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K), Mrs Andrea Johnson(AJ), Mr Carl Willett (CW), Mr Julian Newbold (JN), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

Also present for Open Forum PC D Lowe, PCSO Gerard Hurtley, City Cllr Malcolm Thomas, City Cllr Sylvia Rogerson

911 **Apologies** none

Standing Orders were suspended

**Open Forum**

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe introduced the new PCSO, Gerard Hurtley who will take over responsibility for this area. PC Lowe reported the crime statistics for the three months from 1 January- 23 crimes including attempted burglary at a property, thefts and 9 cases of autocrime also there were 7 reports of anti-social behaviour.

Improvements had been carried out to the A6/Hest Bank Lane junction to improve safety and it is hoped that a bus-stopping bay will be marked out on Hest Bank Lane. Following complaints about traffic speed on Throstle Grove, PC Lowe reported that this had been looked at and the percentile speed of vehicles is approx. 35mph; it is hoped that 'Slow' signs on the road outside the residential home will bring about some improvement. On Coastal Road and Marine Drive, it seems likely that the request for the mobile speed enforcement camera will be granted and also the Highways Authority has promised to reinstate the double white lines and therefore stop parking near to the Station Road junction.

JN expressed his on-going concerns about the reduced visibility for traffic emerging from the southern end of Hest Bank Lane on to the A6 due to the overgrowing hedge. After being approached, the owner of the property had cut back the hedge but site lines are still poor. PC Lowe offered to speak to the owner again. Questions were raised about whether the hedge was in fact the property owner's responsibility because of doubts about the exact boundary line between the property and the footpath.

No further information had been received about the proposed cycle link from the canal, via Rushley Drive, to the Morecambe promenade; there are still concerns about the crossing of Marine Drive and whether the present footpath is wide enough to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians safely. Cllr Thomas said that the scheme will probably go before the Lancaster Locals Committee for approval

CW reported to PC Lowe that a group of young people had been seen drinking near and on the railway footbridge at the level crossing; a check is to be kept on this.

Cllr Thomas reported that residents of Bay View Crescent had objected to St Luke's School's proposals to build a shelter for the children on the school field because of concerns about noise and disturbance by illicit users, especially in the evenings and at weekends. It would seem that groups of young people are playing on the field outside school hours. A meeting has been arranged by the School Governors and Head teacher to discuss the issues and Cllr Thomas and PC Lowe have been invited.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

912 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Amendment to the minutes, at the request of the clerk, because the date for the payment of a Direct Debit is in the next financial year; agreed

Under 901 'Accounts for Payment' delete the line -DD Information Commissioner's Office 35.00 data protection

It was resolved to accept the amended minutes as a true record; proposal made by AJ and seconded by JC-K.

913 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Toilets on foreshore; the clerk had made some enquiries about the possibility of improvements being

carried out and Mr P Cocker, Lancaster City Council, Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Manager had offered to attend a site meeting to discuss this. Arrangements to be made and JC-K, CW and clerk to attend.

914 **Financial Matters**

The clerk presented the monthly report which also included the total receipts and payments to the end of the financial year.

Current Account £5202.86, Savings Account £12242.78

Allianz Cornhill Insurance- review of items covered by the insurance; it was resolved to remove the 5-a-side football posts from the policy, but until the leases and agreements are settled with the Tennis Club and with the Bowling Club, to leave the toilets at the side of the tennis pavilion and the garage used by the Bowling Club on the policy; proposal made by PM and seconded by CW.

915 **Accounts for Payment**

It was resolved to transfer £500 from the Savings Account to the Current Account, proposal made by SJ and seconded by AJ.

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed, proposal made by AJ and seconded by SJ.

DD	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00	data protection
Chq No.			
100933	Lancaster City Council	197.35	burial ground-eurobin hire and weekly collection
100934	Lancaster & Morecambe College	252.00	printing of village newsletter
100935	Mrs D Brookes	694.98	clerk's salary and expenses
100936	Petty cash	9.41	sundry items
100937	HM revenues and Customs	540.30	clerk's PAYE and NIC
DD	Lancaster City Council	13.56	burial ground non domestic rates-1 <sup>st</sup> instalment

916 **Open Spaces**

Land at Bottomdale rented to Mr Riley; Mr E Burrow has indicated that he would be interested in taking over the land and had asked for details of the acreage and proposed rent. He is to be invited to supply a measurement of the land and the Council will accept his figure. It was suggested that the rent should remain the same as that presently paid by Mr Riley.

Plants for tubs outside the Memorial Hall and on the green at Station Road; it was resolved that the maximum to be spent on plants etc. for the whole season should be £750.00, proposal made by AJ and seconded by CW. JC-K was given authority to purchase the plants.

Recreation field improvements; the 'Peoples Millions' Lottery website had been looked at for funding but was thought not to be particularly appropriate.

It was decided to look into the cost of marking out a football pitch for casual use, to providing junior football posts and cutting the grass more often.

Slyne with Hest Football Club lease - no further developments to date – deferred

Slyne with Hest Tennis Club lease - no further developments to date – deferred

Slyne with Hest Bowling Club lease - no further developments to date – deferred

916 **Foreshore**

Claim on foreshore land- still awaiting further information from the Land Registry and the solicitor – deferred.

Provision of information signs; information had been received from Ian Robinson, Lancaster City Council that the cost of artwork would be £500, shared between Slyne with Hest PC and Bolton-le-Sands PC and in order to proceed this swiftly it had been decided that this should be paid. It was resolved to retrospectively approve this decision, proposal made by SJ and seconded by JC-K.

Work on drainage dyke adjacent to caravan park- to date no response had been received to the letter sent to the Shorefield Owners Co-op. It had been noted that there has been further encroachment on to the Council land and a further section of the dyke filled in. The possibility of speaking to individual owners to clarify the situation was discussed. Further action deferred to await a response.

917 **Planning applications**

Application No.

07/00375/LB installation of a stainless steel flue liner, a gather and a cowl to existing chimney pot  
for Mr J M Fish, Ashton House Farm, Main Road, LA2 6AZ no comments

Dealt with by sub-committee

07/00368/FUL conversion of bungalow into two storey accommodation with alterations and extensions  
for Mr & Mrs Stephenson, Loughrigg, Lancaster Road, LA2 6AS  
concern about increase in number of applications for conversion of single storey properties into two storey houses putting character of village under strain and in some conflict with Village Design Statement-this a further example

07/00371/RENU renewal of application No. 02/00123 for the demolition of single storey extension and erection of new extension to provide 16 bedrooms and alterations to existing to form 6 bedrooms and ancillary accommodation  
for Mr & Mrs Parker, Greenroyd Residential Home, 27 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DG  
no comments

07/00306/FUL erection of a dormer to front elevation  
for Mr S Anderson, 41 Bay View Avenue, LA2 6JS no comments

Applications granted

07/00039/FUL Mr & Mrs I Ireland, Londis Convenience Store, 13 Manor Road, LA2 6JY

07/00049/FUL Mr W Sharples, Station Road Deli, 2B Station Road, LA2 6HP

07/00086/FUL Mr & Mrs P Trevett, 25 Prospect Drive, LA2 6HZ

07/00176/FUL Miss K Duhs, 16 Goodwood Avenue, LA2 6LA

07/00190/FUL Mr & Mrs Butcher, 30 Manor Road, LA2 6LB

07/00073/FUL Mr M Davidson and Ms E Mattison, Slyne Grange, Main Road, LA2 6AU

07/00147/LB Mr M Davidson and Ms E Mattison, Slyne Grange, Main Road, LA2 6AU

07/00255/LB Mr & Mrs Livermore, Milestone, Hest Bank Lane

-it had been reported that work on the milestone was being carried out and there was concern as to whether the conditions of the granting of the application were being adhered to; Lancaster City Council Planning Office was informed.

Tree Preservation Order 156(1989), Hanging Green Wood, consent has been granted to reduce the height of Elm T1, fell Ash T2 and remove major deadwood from various trees.

918 **Burial Ground**

Improvements to entrance; plans had still not been received from the architect; M Ashton, lengthsman and the clerk had made a further site visit and looked at some possible modifications to the proposed scheme, along with the management of the infilling process and the implications on traffic movement on Bottomdale Road. It was decided to arrange a further site meeting with the architect and a meeting with a Highways Officer from Lancaster County Council and to try to move on the scheme as quickly as possible.

Path through and across the burial ground used by the general public; while the Council has no objections to the use of the path, especially as walking along the path through the burial ground is safer for pedestrians than using the road, it is not a fully designated Right of Way and there are concerns about liability. It was decided to erect two signs to indicating there is no right of way.

919 **Highways**

Canal bridges; serious damage has occurred to the bridge at Hest Bank Lane resulting in it being necessary to close the road and canal towpath while repairs are carried out.  
The need for some sort of restriction on use of the bridges, especially by long vehicles, is being pursued.

It had been noted by a member of the Council that advertising boards were being displayed on the green at Station Road/Coastal Road and this had been referred to Lancashire County Council Highways who, apparently, themselves have concerns about this and other matters and are monitoring the situation.

Cycle link at Rushley Drive -see Open Forum

920 **May Fair**

It was reported that the Organising Committee's arrangements for the event were progressing well. Members of the Council will join in the procession and the clerk will make a shield. SS and JN will run the barbecue and all profits will be given to the May Fair Committee.

921 **Correspondence**

Lancaster City Council, Proposal for Unitary Status- notice had been received that this has been rejected. CVS Streets Ahead, information leaflet; Connexions, Lancashire School Leavers 2006, information; Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Integrated Risk Management Plan 2007-08; Environment Agency, Decision on British Energy generation Limited's Nuclear Power Station Authorisations-details available on [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/benar](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/benar) ; all above circulated

922 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

AJ, parking of vehicle on Council land on foreshore adjacent to road opposite Lowlands and cutting back of some bushes to accommodate this; to be monitored and letter sent pointing out conditions covering use of foreshore land.

923 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 21 May 2007 at 7.30pm

Date of Annual Parish Assembly -Monday 23 April 2007 at 7.30pm.

Date of Parish Council Election Thursday 3 May 2007. This will be contested by 8 candidates

The meeting closed at 10.00pm