

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 APRIL 2009 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Cllrs present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ)-Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Peter Millard (PM)
 Mr Stewart Scothern (SS)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Others present Mrs Beverley Melici

Also present for Open Forum: Pc D Lowe, City Cllr S Rogerson, City Cllr M Thomas

1259 **To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllr J Newbold -work commitment

1260 **To receive and record declarations of interest** none

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting:** PC D Lowe reported three crimes in the previous month compared to nine in the same period of the previous year and there had been one incident of anti-social behaviour. It was reported to Pc Lowe that youths are congregating at the Bowling Club during the evening, some damage has been caused and on one occasion a member of the public had been subjected to abusive and threatening behaviour.
- Recently, during extensive works on Hest Bank Lane, traffic lights had been used to control traffic over the canal bridge; discussion of this suggested that many motorists had felt that the present of the traffic lights may have lead to safer traffic movement and it was thought that it could be worthwhile considering as an option in the future for improvement of safety and reduction of damage to the bridge.

1261 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 March 2009 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1262 **Co-option of Councillor**

Resolution: to co-opt Mrs Beverley Melici to the Parish Council to fill one of the casual vacancies -agreed unanimously.

Mrs Melici accepted the invitation, signed the form of acceptance and was welcomed as a new member.

1263 **Progress reports** -given by clerk, for information only

- Network Rail claim that damage to foreshore has not been caused by their contractors. Further contact to be made refuting this as evidence suggests that it was heavy plant that caused most of the damage and this was done at the time when the contractors were working on erection of the mast in the adjacent field.
- Request received to use hard court area on recreation fields for netball practice -stressed that the team must have own insurance to cover third party risks.
- Carnforth Town Council along with LALC has arranged a meeting at Morecambe Town Hall to discuss the abolition of 'special expenses' by Lancaster City Council and its effect on rural parishes -PM and DB to attend
- Lancashire County Council highways funding allocations report 2009/10 produced for Lancashire Local -Lancaster District meeting - noted the comments on weed control on highways and removing street clutter and out of date signs; also reference to introducing a weight restriction on the three canal bridges to prevent further damage by HGVs- issue already under consideration by the Officers Road Safety Group.

1264 **Administration**

Review of Register of Common Land -Part 1 Commons Registration Act 2006 -Implementation in Lancashire
Parts of the foreshore are registered in the name of the Parish Council- following a review of other land owned by the Council the status quo will remain

Registration of parish land with the Land Registry-deeds relating to the land have been reviewed-one portion of land at the side of the Memorial Hall is registered. It is the opinion of the Council that, as matters stand, it is not crucial to register the land.

1265 **Financial Matters**

Resolution: to accept the end of year report of receipts and expenditure presented by the clerk.

Current Account £985.22 Savings Account £22,679.59

Electricity charges for burial ground; -consideration of a 3 year contract with e.on, standing charge @ 16.123p per day, normal units @ 10.29p each, giving a considerable saving on the present charges.

Resolution: to pay the bill now due and then, providing that the charges are fixed for the 3 year period (and this is to be checked), to enter into a contract and to give the RFO the authority to set this up on behalf of the council.

Review and renewal of insurance cover; having looked at the schedule of items covered, it was decided to remove the garage -now included in the Bowling Club lease, and the toilets- to be covered in the Tennis Club lease, and to add the safety surface beneath the play equipment on the recreation field. Bowling Club and Tennis Club to informed of above decision. Quotations from other companies to be sought - decision at next meeting.

1266 **Payment of accounts**

Resolution: to transfer £8000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition ; due to an administration error on their part, details of the entry fee and deadline for payment (which had already past but was being held over) had only been received after the publication of the agenda for the meeting

Resolution: to make an exception, due to the circumstances, and to immediately pay the entry fee of £15 to enter the competition

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

	DD	Lancaster City Council	15.35	1 st instalment- burial ground rates
	DD	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00	register entry -data protection
Chq	101149	RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	25.66	bus shelter window cleaning
	101150	Lancaster City Council	30.48	monthly play equipment inspection
	101151	Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council	3638.25	contribution to parish lengthsman scheme
	101152	Prontaprint	108.68	technical work for new logo
	101153	Centrewire	441.60	new kissing gate for recreation field entrance
	101154	Emorsgate Wild Seeds	15.60	reseeding of foreshore areas
	101155	Nickys Nursery Ltd	95.00	reseeding of foreshore areas
	101156	T Cowperthwaite	745.00	contracting work on foreshore and rec. field
	101157	Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundsman's pay
	101158	Mrs D Brookes	772.21	clerk's salary & expenses
	101159	Petty cash	36.86	sundry items
	101160	HM Revenue and Custom	478.89	NIC and PAYE payments
	101161	LBKV competition	15.00	entry fee
	101162	e.on	27.37	burial ground electricity bill

1267 **Planning Applications**

Application No

09/00053/FUL

Brantholme, Hasty Brow , Slyne LA2 6AG
erection of stables

This seems to be within planning regulations, no objections raised

- 09/00172/FUL Elkstone, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AS
demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension
This seems to be within planning regulations, no objections raised
- 09/00175/FUL 32 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB
proposed single storey extension to rear to replace existing extension and conservatory
This seems to be within planning regulations, no objections raised
- 09/00187/FUL Slyne Hall, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AW
09/00188/LB demolition of original internal timber screen and the erection of a new porch and steps
No comments, will rely on judgement of Conservation Officer
- 01/09/0279 various locations, M6/Heysham Link Road Scheme
Lancs County C work on additional parcels of land to facilitate the completion of the M6/Heysham link scheme and the development of a new farm access track at Beaumont Gate Farm
No comments made

Applications granted

09/00096/FUL, 18 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EZ

09/00077/PLDC, 5 Greenacre Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6 HD

09/00076/ELDC, Littlegarth, 6 Hasty Brow Road, Slyne , LA2 6AQ, split decision-applies to part of land

1268 **Open Spaces**

Consideration of purchase of summer bedding plants for tubs and planters

Resolution: to purchase plants up to a cost of £700. Cllr Cohen-Kingsley to make the arrangements.

Consideration of purchase of planters for the land near to the VVV Leisure complex entrance on Marine Drive -requested sponsorship had not been forthcoming, therefore it was decided, in view of the present economic climate, not to go ahead with this but to review it again next year.

Consideration of organising a task force to tidy up the village in preparation for the Lancashire Best Kept Village and North West in Bloom competitions- decided to go ahead, first meeting Wednesday 27 May - appeal for help to be made through the village newsletter, website and local press correspondent.

1269 **Burial Ground**

The planning application for improvements to the entrance had been submitted to Lancaster City Council but had not been verified because they had requested further information from the architect. Some of this information had been supplied by the clerk and it is to be stressed to the architect this application is a matter of urgency so that work can begin as soon as possible.

Memorial inspections; the annual inspections have not yet been completed. However a report by the Ministry of Justice called 'Managing the Safety of Burial Ground Memorials -practical advice for dealing with unstable memorials' has been found and this is to be circulated for consideration. Policies to be reviewed at next meeting

1270 **Foreshore**

Information plaque- work on this is continuing but there has been an unexpected delay on the part of the designer.

Report of horses being grazed on parish council land- this will be monitored but, as to date, there does not seem to have been any damage caused no immediate action is to be taken

Deed of easement for access over land on the foreshore -no response to letter sent- to be held in abeyance

1271 **Correspondence**

Lancaster City Council -questionnaire regarding improvement to Mayoral Reception -suggest the evening has a theme with a link between City Council and parishes, greater presence of City Council Officers and Councillors, identification of those attending.

Invitation to attend the Coastal Communities workshop -PM offered to go.

1273 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**
for information only

SS -restoration of verges left in poor condition following gas mains replacement

PM -repair of damaged seat on foreshore, improved fencing around recently restored areas

SJ -seat at Hest Bank Lane/Shady Lane bus stop is still not in place.

-to convey to PreSchool and SHMH committee that the Council has some reservations about the new door and ramp which have recently been built at the memorial hall and whether they comply fully with the regulations.

1274 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 18 May 2009 at 7.30pm. This is the annual meeting

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.