

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19 APRIL 2010 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stephen Jones(SJ) -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K),
Mr Peter Millard(PM), Mrs Beverley Melici(BM), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS),

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

1417 To receive apologies for absence none

1418 Declarations of interest none declared

The meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum -Standing Orders were suspended.

Open Forum

Present for the Open Forum; County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson,
PCSO J Dawes, PCSO S Leverton, Mr R Greaves

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting PCSO Dawes reported two incidents of rowdy/inconsiderate behaviour (one in the same period in 2009), no vehicle nuisance (one in 2009) and five crimes had been recorded (two in 2009) and these included criminal damage, burglary, theft from a vehicle and damage to a vehicle.
- County Cllr Jones commented on the new road markings on Hest Bank Lane. The new street lights are still not in operation and some of the trees will need trimming back so as not to obscure them. It was generally agreed that the road felt safer for pedestrians. Also noted was the information received from the project manager for the M6/Heysham link road about the redesign of the drainage on the link road and the replacement of the present drain at Slynedaes Culvert with a larger pipe to help solve the problem of flooding around the lower end of Hest Bank Lane. The main cost of replacing the culvert is included within the estimated cost of the link road scheme. Further works will be required on the A6 and in Hest Bank Lane, these cannot be funded with the link road but County Council is working with Lancaster City Council and the Environment Agency to provide additional funding. This was welcomed.
- City Cllr Thomas explained that there is a high probability of the children's play area at Manor Lane being closed by the City Council. The play area is presently out of use because of concerns about safety and insurance. It was suggested that there could be a possibility of negotiating some compensation linked with the council's own play area on the recreation field. He will be speaking to Cllr J Barry, City Council Cabinet member and the council is to kept informed of developments
- City Cllr Rogerson raised some points as a result of a letter from Ms O'Brien concerning the position of a memorial bench on the foreshore. A full explanation of the Council's decision not to move the bench was provided. A copy of the letter had been received too late by the Council for its inclusion on the agenda for the meeting.
- Mr Greaves raised a number of points including the condition of hedgerows and growth of ivy, the frequency of grass cutting in the village, the development of areas in the village and by the canal. These were noted.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1419 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 March 2010 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1421 Progress reports (*information only*)

- The new plaque on the foreshore is now in place -a grant of 50% of the cost has been received from Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board Ltd
- Resurfacing of some of the areas of the foreshore has been completed.
- The toilets on the foreshore have now been closed by Lancaster City Council
- Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition (LBKVC)-the Bowling Club, Whitewalls restaurant and the Keys Public House have been entered for Certificates of Merit
- Following a query from a resident the Council's action in neither supporting or opposing the M6/Heysham Link because it does not have a clear mandate either way was confirmed

1421 **Administration**

Consideration of moving towards Quality Parish Council status -the council now meets many of the criteria for quality status, however doubts were expressed about the value of this for the council at this time.

Resolution: not to take any action at this stage but to review quality parish status annually

1422 **Financial matters**

Resolution: to accept the end or year report of receipts and expenditure.

Current Account £4784.86 Savings Account £19,912.75

1423 **Payment of accounts**

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £2000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	Lancaster City Council	21.30	1 st instalment -rates for burial ground
Chq 101269	RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	26.21	bus shelter window cleaning (Olympia Cleaning)
101270	Lancaster City Council	136.86	refuse collection-burial ground
101271	E.on	23.87	electricity bill -burial ground
101272	Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundsman's pay
101273	Mrs D Brookes	773.27	clerk's salary
101274	Petty cash	28.70	sundry items
101275	Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall	2000.00	grant towards improvement of ladies toilets
101276	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	500.00	grant for pavilion repairs
101277	Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd	865.79	purchase of memorial seat (on behalf of resident)
101278	HMRC Revenue & Customs	456.44	NIC & PAYE payments

1424 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field play area

-replacement of damaged swing seat -quotation received from City Contract Services of £51 +VAT

Resolution: to accept the quotation and have the seat replaced.

-improvements to the embankment slide- some work is required to improve safety and make it more accessible. It was decided to seek quotations for (1) removing the slide completely or (2) to improve it and bring it up to the required standard -to be considered at next meeting

Summer maintenance jobs -extra work needed in the village during the summer months and particularly with reference to the entry into the LBKV competition -a list is to be drawn up. The likelihood of attracting any volunteers seems to be slim, councillors will continue with some tasks. The lengthsman and groundsman will be requested to carry out some jobs with extra imbursement if this proves necessary.

1425 **Highways**

Provision of a seat at Manor Lane bus shelter -a quotation had been obtained from Queensbury Shelters for a free standing seat unit to fit the shelter -prices ranging from £225 to £603 plus £135 for fixing +VAT and from Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd. for a free standing bench -price £199, plus £13.89 for a fixing kit +VAT
Resolution: to purchase a bench from Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd.

Response to a letter received from a resident concerning the school buses to Lancaster, particularly with reference to pupils using the buses to travel to Royal Lancaster Grammar School and to Ripley School - some enquiries had been made. During school term time four buses pass through the village at around 8.00am and as far as the Council is aware all buses, even those signed Ripley School, stop at Lancaster bus station and are available for use by all travellers.

1426 **Foreshore**

Consideration of a policy for placing memorial seats on the foreshore- a draft policy, based on the one used at the Burial Ground, had been drawn up by the clerk for consideration. Some amendments were suggested and discussed and these will be incorporated into a policy for approval at the next meeting.

1427 **Burial Ground**

Work on entrance and development of new burial area -the clerk has had further telephone conversations with the planning officer but he has still not given a definite answer regarding the conditions attached to the granted planning application. This will continue to be pursued.

1428 **Planning Applications**

Applications received and dealt with under Standing Orders(20)

Application No.

10/00211/FUL 14 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2

10/00227/ELDC 26 Hanging Green Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JB

No issues were raised on either of the above applications and therefore it was decided not make any comments.

Notification of permission granted

10/00091/FUL Slyne Lodge, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

Notification of permission refused

09/01777/LB & 09/01097/FUL Beaumont Grange, Kellet Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BJ

10/00173/FUL 74 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ

1429 **Lease for Scout & Guide Headquarters**

A draft lease for the Headquarters received from Bannister Bates Property Lawyers had been circulated to members. More time to consider it was requested and further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.

1430 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

No issues raised

1431 **Date of next meeting** Monday 17 May 2010 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm