

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 16 APRIL 2012 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1727 To receive apologies for absence none

1728 To record Declarations of Interest none

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, Ms M Hargest

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting: the Police Officer was not present -no report had been received
- City Cllr Thomas will pass on any information about the Lancaster City Council 'street pride' programme that he receives and the Parish Council will be able to decide whether to nominate any streets. The possibility of Manor Lane and Manor Road being considered for nomination was mentioned.
- Moyna Hargest informed the Council that she is investigating the re-opening of footpaths that have been blocked by a farmer. These are from 'Old Bob's' Lane and through the fields by the side of the canal. She has been in contact with Lancashire County Council and they require further information and any evidence of past use.

1729 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 March 2012  
They were duly signed by the Chairman

1730 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Copies of the Spring Village Newsletter have been distributed
- The location of some of the potholes has been reported to Lancashire County Council.
- The Council is still waiting for more information about the 20mph 'stickers' being produced by Lancashire County Council
- Two new trees have been planted on the verges of Peacock Lane by Lancaster City Council on behalf of Lancashire County Council

1731 Administration

Fields in Trust -the dedication of the recreation field as a Queen Elizabeth II Field has already been decided. The confirmation and signing of the Deed of Dedication that has been slightly amended is needed.

Resolution: to accept the amended Deed and to sign it accordingly.  
The Deed was signed by the Chairman and Vice-chairman

Community Payback Scheme- information has been received from Lancaster City Council about their involvement with the scheme that finds jobs for those punished by the courts by serving a number of hours working for the community. The possibility of the use of the scheme will be considered for work in the parish, for example on footpaths,

1732 Financial Report

Resolution: to accept the end of the financial year receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.  
Current Account £3,318.79 Savings Account £43,548.46

The parish precept for 2012/13 of £30,700 has since been received

Consideration of the payment of the 2012/13 subscription to the Local Councils Review magazine at a rate of £15.50 for 1x quarterly copies.

Resolution: to pay the subscription for this year and to review it again in 2013.

Consideration of the payment of the fee for the clerk's attendance at the Society of Local Council Clerks Cumbria Branch Conference to be held in Kendal on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2012. The fee is £39 +VAT. This gives the clerk the opportunity to keep up-to-date with current information and legislation affecting parish councils and local government.

Resolution: to pay the fee for the clerk's attendance at the conference.

### 1733 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed.

	DD	EON	5.92	electricity bill for burial ground
Cheque No.	101486	RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	26.77	bus shelter window cleaning
	101487	Lancaster City Council	75.60	playground repairs
	101488	Lancaster City Council	131.92	hire & emptying of bin at burial ground
	101489	Viking	58.99	ink cartridge & stationery
	101490	Printing Plus	265.82	printing of village newsletter
	101491	P Walton Tree Services	80.00	work on trees
	101492	Mr R McGuire	105.60	groundsman's pay
	101493	Mrs D Brookes	776.27	clerk's salary
	101494	Petty cash	32.62	sundry items
	101495	HM Revenue & Customs	414.92	NIC & PAYE payments
	101496	SLCC	46.80	conference fee
	101497	NALC	15.50	LCR subscription

### 1734 Open Spaces

Recreation field project: Penny Bennett, the landscape architect has produced comprehensive and detailed reports for submission with the invitations to tender for the work. Letters have been sent to three contractors and tenders are to be returned to Mrs Bennett, who is acting as project manager on behalf of the Council, for her assessment. The tenders will be passed to the Council for a decision.

Consultation on Lancaster City Council's proposed Dog Control Orders for open spaces; the City Council wishes to extend the orders to give a more extensive cover of public places and to tighten up the controls. No issues were raised on the City Council's proposals.

### 1735 Burial Ground

Improvements to the entrance; some progress has been made by Lancaster City Council Planning Office towards the discharge of the conditions attached to planning consent for work on the entrance, construction of a parking area and development of a new burial area. Some further details have been requested on one aspect. Final confirmation of the discharge of the conditions is awaited. In the meantime it was agreed that the marking of the new line of the wall should be done as soon as possible so that the rebuilding of the wall can get underway.

Numbering of memorials; Cllr Cohen-Kingsley has obtained a price for small number discs. The cost is £120+VAT for 500 discs plus £3 delivery charge. The number of discs for each section of the burial ground needs to be worked out. A disc will not be attached to any memorial if the family has requested that it should not be numbered.

Resolution: to purchase discs and number the memorials.

### 1736 Foreshore

Erosion of the salt marsh and potential for flooding; there has been some concern because the changing channels in the Bay have led to the loss of an extensive area of salt marsh. The salt marsh normally helps to protect the foreshore from the high tides and thus reduces the chances of flooding. The Chairman and Clerk have met with Officers from Lancaster City Council to discuss the City Council's role in coastal protection and sea defences and the responsibilities of landowners for protection of land and property. The situation is being monitored by the City Council.

Reports have been received from Mr A Sledmore who leads cross-bay walks. The position of the channels has given some concern over the viability of early season walks from Hest Bank. However the channels may be changing course again and are being watched closely to determine how safe it will be to cross the Bay.

1737 **Planning applications**

Application No.  
12/00222/FUL                      49 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6ED

Some concern was expressed about the size of the proposed development resulting in the forward extension of the building line at the front of the property

12/00242/FUL                      15A Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET

No issues were raised on this application

12/00248/FUL                      Beaumont Grange Farm, Green Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BG

No objections were raised on this proposal provided that the design and use are strictly adhered to and it does not evolve into yet another building on the site.

1738 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

Report of a sunken boat in the canal to the south of Occupation Bridge; also erosion of the canal bank and towpath between Occupation Bridge and Raikes Head Bridge.

1739 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 21 May 2012 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm