

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 18 APRIL 2016 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mr Roland Stretch,  
Mr Stephen Jones, Mrs Joanne Leeman, Mrs Helen Brownjohn,

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2291 To receive apologies for absence Cllr Eric Hamer

**Open Forum**

The meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum -Standing Orders were suspended  
Present for the Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, Mr C Knowles, Mr M Gates and Mr M Briscoe

Apologies were received from City Cllr S Rogerson and County Cllr A P Jones

- Cllr Thomas reported that flooding issues were still being discussed and measures to try to resolve them were on going.
- Messrs Knowles, Gates and Briscoe were representing Slyne with Hest Football Club. Mr Knowles reported that a grant had been received by the Club for improvements to land drainage and to the pitch. A suggestion was put forward by the Football Club to take over some land leased to Mr G Riley for extension to the junior football pitch. Formal approval for work on the land and any changes to the lease is required under the terms of the present lease and the Club was asked to provide details so that this can be included as an item on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting. The Club is still hopeful that Costain will provide funds for extension and improvement of the car park. It was pointed out that Planning Permission may be needed and Cllr Thomas offered to enquire about this. Another possibility put forward was to enquire whether funding from Costain could be used to form a car parking area at the Burial Ground (permission for this is already in place) and this could be shared by the Football Club.

Members of the public left the meeting. Standing Orders were re-instated.

2292 To record Declarations of Interest

Cllr S Scothern as a member of the Bowling Club - item 6 - application for a grant made by the Bowling Club.

2293 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 March 2016  
They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2294 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Wenning Surfacing Ltd. -the work on the paths and drive at the burial ground is finished, the work at the southern entrance to the playing field and additional path has been done but the work on the path round the field is being held over until the ground dries out. It is hoped the work will be completed mid-May.
- A new Scout & Guide HQ Management Committee has been formed and is looking to make some progress with the hut. It has been decided to hold over the modification of the lease for the time being until the new committee has some more funds in place to cover any legal costs.
- Work on tree covered by a TPO at a property on Peacock Lane has been investigated and assurances have been given by the City Council that it is in the process of deciding what action will be taken.
- Natural England; improvements to public access along the coast, Silverdale to Cleveleys - information about forthcoming consultation with owners and occupiers of affected land -noted.
- The Boundary Commission, electoral review of Lancashire final recommendations -noted.

2295 Administration

Mr Mark Bartlett, Civil Contingences Officer with Lancaster City Council attended the meeting to discuss

Community Emergency Plans. He explained that in any incident that causes widespread disruption the emergency services would be stretched. Any community that has thought about and prepared for disruptive emergencies will be much better placed to support itself and vulnerable residents. Community groups are being encouraged to set up such plans and Mr Bartlett and the City Council will offer support. There is funding available to community groups to help to improve emergency resilience. The Council will take a further look at this and also consider which other groups within the parish could be involved.

Neighbourhood Development Plan; the designation area for Slyne with Hest Neighbourhood Plan was approved by Lancaster City Council on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016. A meeting of the Steering Group was held on 11<sup>th</sup> April at which it was decided to engage a consultant Mr E Taylor to guide the Group in formulating its plans. The Group discussed ways of promoting the Plan and engaging residents and others and the adoption of a logo for the Plan. A grant of £4500 has been obtained which will be used for expenses incurred in developing the Plan.

Consideration of Cancercare's request to use the foreshore for the start of the 2016 Cross Bay Challenge which will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2016 -agreed, all in favour.

## 2296 Financial matters

Resolution: to approve the monthly receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.

Current Account £1876.51 Savings Account £86,310.49.

The precept for the financial year 2016/17 of £46,600 has been received.

Consideration of the invitation from Lancashire County Council to opt into the Public Rights of Way- Local Delivery Scheme for 2016/17; this year's focus will be on vegetation clearance. A payment of £250 will be made to the Council towards this.

Resolution: to accept the conditions and to opt into the scheme.

Consideration of an application made by Slyne with Hest Bowling Club for a grant for the replacement of the roof of the pavilion; the total cost of this is £6060 inclusive of VAT. Discussion included whether a grant or loan should be made. The proposal to make a loan was defeated. It was suggested that the Council might consider making a contribution but only after it has satisfied itself that the Club is looking at alternatives including its own fund raising and applications to other sources for grants. This Council needs to be mindful of its commitments and other calls on funds.

Resolution; not to make a grant of £6060 at this stage but to convey the Council's recommendations and alternative suggestions to the Bowling Club.

Consideration of a review of the Burial Ground fees; these were last increased in 2013.

Resolution; to increase all the fees by 10%, rounding up the figures as appropriate, from 1st June 2016.

## 2297 Open Spaces

Recreation field issues; despite the supply of further information and several reminders, a report has still not been received from Mr Andrew Hill, Surveyor.

Play area safety; an inspection by Lancaster City Council indicates that a few problems need to be addressed and an enquiry has been made to Lancaster City Council Environmental Services for a quotation for work to be carried out. For safety reasons it was agreed that this needs to be done as soon as possible. Following up the discussions at the March meeting, enquiries have been made to the Council's insurers about playground safety inspections and while they do not have a definite policy for the frequency of the checks they do expect regular checks. It is therefore suggested that they should be done monthly using the check list drawn up and carried out by the lengthsman or groundsman -this was approved.

## 2298 Foreshore

Flooding of the highway and resurfacing of the area used for parking -deferred at last meeting; a quotation of £3,316.00 (£2930.00 + VAT £586.00) has been received from Mr T Cowperthwaite for resurfacing the car parking areas.

Resolution; to accept this quotation and to give Mr Cowperthwaite a dead-line of mid-July to get the work completed.

Some additional investigation of the drainage is still needed.

**2299 Highways**

Protection of the canal bridges in the parish, viz Hasty Brow, Hest Bank Lane and Hatlex Lane; there is concern about the deteriorating state of the bridges along with safety issues. They are unsuitable for wide and large vehicles and damage is being done to these listed structures. A request is to be made to the Canal & River Trust for an inspection and consideration of means to reduce the damage.

There is also a sunken boat near to Occupation Bridge which is to be reported to the Canal & River Trust.

Provision of a footway on the eastern side of the church triangle; this section of Hanging Green Lane can be hazardous for pedestrians with often fast moving vehicles and the road being quite narrow. A request is to be made to Lancashire County Council Highways to inspect the road and to consider the possibility of providing a pavement.

**2300 Planning Applications**

Applications received

16/00371/FUL 2 Rushley Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EF

No issues raised

Application permitted

15/01526/FUL Vodafone 37710, Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

Application refused

16/00237/FUL 81 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BS

**2301 Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £17,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Eon	10.07	electricity bill-burial ground
	DD	Information Commissioner	35.00	data protection
cheque	101888	United Utilities	129.48	waste water bill 20106/17 -cemetery
	101889	Wenning Surfacing Limited	15,360.00	resurfacing work at cemetery and rec field
	101890	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd	31.48	open spaces maintenance
	101891	Viking	87.39	stationery, ink cartridges
	101892	Slyne with Hest Football Club	384.21	50% of summer grass cutting as per lease
	101893	Mrs D Brookes	867.16	clerk's salary & expenses
	101894	Petty cash	6.48	postage
	101895	Mr S Brade	235.00	groundsman's pay
	101896	HMRC	362.56	PAYE & NIC

**2302 Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Throstle Grove path being used by horse riders

Request for a memorial bench on the foreshore -item next agenda.

Painting of signposts on recreation field

**2303 Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 May 2016 at 7.30pm. Annual Meeting of the Council  
Annual Parish Assembly Monday 9 May at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

