

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 AUGUST 2007 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Cllrs present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ) -Chairman, Mrs Andrea Johnson(AJ), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS),
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K), Mr Carl Willett

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

Also present for Open Forum Pc D Lowe, County Cllr A P Jones

967 **Apologies** Cllr Peter Millard, Cllr Julian Newbold

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; Pc Lowe reported that three crimes had been committed and there had been seven incidents of anti-social behaviour, three of which were youth related. These figures were down on the same period last year. PC Lowe had received from Cllr Newbold copies of photos of inappropriate parking near to the Hest Bank Hotel and discussions about this problem are continuing.

County Cllr A Jones affirmed that the reported reduction in crime figures were in line with those of the district in general. He encouraged attendance at the Police Authority Community Meeting at Morecambe Town Hall on 4 September. He also outlined the change in personnel in the Police Authority along with some changes in the structure.

Cllr Jones had spoken at the recent Lancaster Local meeting about some concerns he had about the proposed cycle route linking the canal at Hest Bank to Morecambe promenade and associated safety matters. The meeting had requested that the scheme should not proceed and had recommended the investigation of an alternative route. It is expected that it will be a subject at a Lancaster Local meeting in the near future.

County Cllr Jones and Pc Lowe left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated.

968 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record and they were duly signed by the Chairman; proposal made by JC-K and seconded by AJ.

969 **Matters arising from the minutes**

The new signs at the foreshore are now in place, however it was reported than the one near to VVV had been moved and turned round- this will be followed up with Lancaster City Council.
Bus shelter, Manor Lane/A6 junction; SJ had suggested moving it to Marine Drive, near to VVV junction; a decision was left in abeyance, pending investigation on how feasible it would be to move it.
Cleaning of drains and gutters; the clerk had spoken to D Berry from Lancashire County Council highways maintenance team and the policy is to clean them once a year with additional cleaning if any severe problems are reported. Two areas to be considered are Marine Drive, outside Hest Bank Post Office and the road outside the Shore Café.

970 **Financial matters**

The clerk presented the monthly receipts and expenditure report.

Current Account, £1769.52, Savings Account, £31458.78

Retrospective agreement was requested for the purchase of special stencils to mark disability access parking areas. An order for two had been placed with Parker Merchandising, cost £37.48. It was resolved to endorse this expenditure, proposed by SJ, seconded by JC-K.

971 **Payment of accounts**

It was resolved to transfer £3000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account; proposer AJ, seconded by JC-K

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed; propose JC-K, seconded by SS

DD	Lancaster City Council	14.00	burial ground rates, 4 th instalment
DD	BT	124.78	phone bill
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100971	Parker Merchandising	37.48	disability parking stencils
100972	Viking Direct	33.25	stationery
100973	Viking Direct	9.25	stationery
100974	Lancaster City Council	709.55	signs on foreshore
100975	Lancaster City Council	1035.18	goal posts for recreation field
100976	Lancaster City Council	446.50	contribution to painting of foreshore toilets
100977	Lancaster City Council	59.52	play equipment monthly inspection
100987	RBS Finance (Olympia Cleaning)	23.83	cleaning bus shelter windows
100979	Lancaster City Council	716.16	grass cutting
100980	Mrs D Brookes	694.34	clerk's salary and expenses
100981	Petty cash	18.49	sundry items

972 Open spaces

Recreation field -topping up bark beneath play equipment- a quotation had been received from City Contract Services –apparently the level of the bark is not yet critical. It was decided to leave it for the time being and if it fails one more inspection to then reconsider the position. In the meantime SS is going to try to make further enquires about the cost of alternative surfacing.

Recreation field development project; further contact has been made with Community Services and it has been suggested that the work should start in September.

973 Foreshore

Claims on foreshore land; Bannister Bates Solicitors had indicated that there had been some progress on this but a letter was awaited and therefore the matter was deferred to the next agenda.

Dyke by Shorefield Caravan Park ; a further letter had been received from Mr Gallacher but it was decided to give this further consideration before making a response –deferred.

It was noted that the cockle beds in the Bay are to be opened from 1st September 2007.

974 Planning applications

Application No.

07/01175/CU	change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage for Mr & Mrs J Clough, Sherbourne, Lancaster Road, LA2 6AN objection to this as it is a further incursion into the Green Belt. Permission was granted in 2006 (05/01557/CU) for the incorporation of some land into the domestic curtilage and it questioned why factors like emptying the septic tank were not taken into consideration at the time that the original consent was given to extend the property.	
07/01157/FUL	erection of a two storey side extension for Mr & Mrs Curwen, Meadowside, Lancaster Road, LA2 6AN	no comments
07/01129/FUL	extension of two storey rear extension, garage to side and front porch for Mr J Rowley, 24 Hanging Green Lane, LA2 6JB	no comments
07/01171/FUL	erection of a new porch to replace existing for Mr & Mrs Rowlinson, Aikrigg, Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6AH	no comments
07/01144/FUL	proposed demolition of single storey flat roofed extension and replacement with 3 storey pitched roof extension, erection of an Arts and Crafts studio and change of use of land to form new car parking area for Cancercare, Slynedales, Lancaster Road, LA2 6AW	no comments
07/01051/FUL	conversion of an existing coaching horse barn into a ground floor bedroom with ensuite and first floor playroom with WC room for Mr C Harker and Ms Bell, Lowlands, The Shore, LA2 6HW	

objection to this proposal as the property is in the North Lancashire Green Belt and close to important conservation areas. As stated in the Village Design Statement it is imperative to protect these and the Council does not wish to see any development of the area.

07/00929/FUL erection of a perimeter fence
for St John's Hospice. Lancaster Road, LA2 6AW no comments

Planning Permission granted

07/00371/RENU Mr & Mrs Parker, Greenroyd Residential Home, 27 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DG
07/00590/FUL SCOPE, Beaumont College, Lancaster Road, LA2 6AW
07/00632/FUL John Guiver, 3 Highfield Drive, LA2 6DH
07/00684/FUL Mr T M Hanley, Slyne Caravan Park, Bottomdale Road, LA2 6BG
07/00748/FUL Mr & Mrs J Shaw, 26 Peacock Lane, LA2 6EN
07/00767/FUL Mr & Mrs P Thornton, 44 Bay View Avenue, LA2 6JS
07/00810/FUL Mr P Wilkinson, 11 Goodwood Avenue, LA2 6LA
07/00838/FUL Mr & Mrs Gilmartin, 12 Hanging Green Lane, LA2 6JB
07/00853/FUL VVV Health and Leisure, The Shore, LA2 6EQ
07/00863/FUL Mr & Mrs Hill, Land North of Beaumont Grange off Green Lane, Bottomdale Road

Refusal of planning permission

07/00820/FUL Mr Parkinson, 49 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DB
07/00692/FUL, 07/00694/LB Marstons, Slyne Lodge, 92 Main Road, LA2 6AZ

Reanes Wood TPO- response to Mr Fish's letter regarding this; TPO requested by local resident and not the Parish Council, granted by Lancaster City Council, seems to be fulfilling its intention to protect the trees on this important heritage site.

Ashworth Drive, building of steps & landing stage, Council not aware of planning permission being sought, checks to be made as to whether this is necessary.

975 **Burial ground**

On site discussions of how to progress the alterations to the access and development of a parking area had been held, a meeting with Ms J Swainson, Lancaster City Council Planning Officer and Mr T Gill, architect had taken place and agreement had been reached regarding the size and level of the parking area and amendments to the original planning application which had been submitted to Planning Services. A meeting with Mr R Bracewell, Lancaster City Council Disability Officer has been arranged on 22 August to look at any implications regarding disability access which might occur during the developments. It was agreed that if necessary a new application should be submitted as soon as possible and in the mean time work could commence on preparations to resite the wall.

976 **Highways**

Traffic issues; JN had e-mailed photographs of parked cars to Lancashire County Council Highways Division-also see Open Forum above.

Proposed cycle link from Rushley Drive to Morecambe promenade; the Lancaster Local meeting had resolved 'that given the concerns about safety issues associated with the proposed footway conversion to cycle track, the County Council's Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development be requested not to proceed with the scheme but that a feasibility study of a more appropriate alternative route be undertaken and the Lancashire Local informed of the outcome when consideration could be given to whether surpluses from on-street parking income might be used to help fund the scheme'

Improvement of pedestrian safety at Hasty Brow; a exploratory suggestion had been made by Lancashire County Council to construct a public footpath through the field along the south side of Hasty Brow from the crossroads to the field track to link up with Summerfield Drive. However after discussion the owner of the land, Mr Fish and the tenant, Mr Burrow are not in favour of the footpath for several reasons. The information was passed on to County Council

Signs and advertising boards on pavements and verges; the clerk was asked to write to a local business to explain the Council's position regarding these and concerns about safety of pedestrians.

977 **Leases**

Football Club; a copy of the Lease agreed by Slyne with Hest Football Club and its solicitors had been received for signing, however it had subsequently been pointed out that as the Lease is over seven years it will need to be registered at HM Land Registry and confirmation of the title needs will be required – deferred for this to be actioned.

Tennis Club; confirmation had been received that a revised Lease had been forwarded to the solicitors acting for the Tennis Club- further action deferred until any comments are received.

Memorial Hall; the Lease is due for renewal in April 2008 and consideration will need to be given to the terms which will be offered.

978 **Logo for the Council**

Several examples of designs were produced by members. They will all be circulated for consideration.

979 **Correspondence**

Lancashire Youth Association, Annual Review; Amery Mouchel, notification of upgrade of junction 34 of the M6 and road closures to allow work to progress; Lancashire Minerals and Wastes, Preparation of Site Specific Policies and Alterations; The Lancashire Partnership, Strategy for an Ageing Population; Local Councils Update; Army Presentation team, invitation to a presentation on 10 October
Lancashire County Council, Developing a Parish Charter- Work in Progress Document –response required by 7 September;
Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Integrated Risk Management Action Plan 2008-09, Consultation Document- response required by 5 November;
North Lancs Teaching Primary care Trust, Opinions of local residents sought, views of NHS in ten years time
-response by mid-September;
Lancashire County Council, Parish and Town Conference on 15 September
Post office, notification of the reopening of Slyne Post Office at the Londis Store on 1 October
-all above noted and circulated.

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

None

981 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 17 September 2007 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.25pm