

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 DECEMBER 2007 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ) -Chairman, Mrs Andrea Johnson (AJ), Mr Carl Willett (CW), Mr Peter Millard (PM), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K), Mr Julian Newbold (JN) from 8.15pm

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: PC D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas, County Cllr A P Jones, a representative of Lancaster City Council, a representative of Lancashire County Council, 11 residents

1031 To receive apologies for absence

None

1032 To receive declarations of interest

None

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting -PC Lowe's report

- During the previous month 5 crimes had been reported, these included damage to vehicles and theft from vehicles, also there had been 2 incidents of anti-social behaviour
- Parking on Marine Drive continued to be monitored

Hest Bank to Morecambe promenade cycle link, the case for the Lancaster Locals Committee's favoured option using Rushley Drive was put forward. This proposed improvements to Marine Drive to convert the footway on the south side to a cycle track for uphill cyclists, a cycle lane on the carriageway for downhill cyclists, a refuge near to the VVV entrance to enable both cyclists and pedestrians to cross and opening a locked gate at the end of Rushley Drive to provide a better route for cyclists onto the canal. A subsequent modification of the scheme proposed the provision of a toucan crossing to replace the refuge. Residents of Rushley Drive and Highfield Drive aired their views and objections to the scheme; these included safety at the Rushley Drive junction, problems of increased on-street parking on Rushley Drive, impact on the residents by increased usage of the road.

The proposed provision of a toucan crossing was welcomed. However to accommodate both cyclists and pedestrians on the shared pathway, the moving of the bus stop and lamp posts to the back of the verge and the regular maintenance of the hedge alongside the south side of Marine Drive need consideration. An offer was made to open the gate from the canal on to the end of Rushley Drive for a trial period to assess the impact.

Other matters raised by members of the public; a resident had concerns about the erosion of the foreshore with the potential dangers of flooding. It was explained that the Council was well aware of the movement of the channels and changes to the foreshore and problems of potential flooding should be taken up with the Environment Agency

Members of the public left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

1033 Minutes of the previous meetings

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

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Monday 3 December as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1034 Financial matters

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

Current Account £1705.97 Savings Account £ 26458.78

Resolution: because of lack of its use in this parish, not to make a contribution towards the funding of a second police car for Carnforth and the rural areas.

Resolution: to pay the disputed Contract Services invoice for the supply of bark chippings (further information having been provided) but to write to them saying that it is unacceptable for them to supply goods on the basis of an enquiry and in future they must wait for written confirmation.

Resolution: to renew the clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks and to pay the annual subscription of £113.

1035 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

Chq No.			
101007	The Timber Centre	1459.76	replaces 101004-cost of materials reduced
101008	Bay View Garden Centre	47.76	plants for tubs
101009	Viking Direct	78.44	stationery
101010	Mrs D Brookes	721.79	clerk's salary and expenses
101011	Petty cash	4.09	postage
101012	RBS Invoice Finance Limited	23.83	bus shelter window cleaning (Olympia CS)
101013	Allianz Insurance plc	106.36	additional premium-fidelity guarantee

1036 Highways

Proposed cycle link from the canal to Morecambe promenade

Resolution: to support the option using Rushley Drive and Marine Drive, as this is considered to be the most cost effective, provided that, as discussed with the representatives from Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council, consideration is given to including a toucan crossing in the scheme, moving the bus stop and lamp posts, implementing a scheme for regular maintenance of the hedge alongside Marine Drive and adopting a trial period of the opening of the gate from the canal on to Rushley Drive to include the Easter period to enable an assessment of the impact on the area to be made.

1037 Foreshore

Dyke adjacent to Shorefield Caravan Park and position of boundary of caravan park

Resolution: to refer to the Environment Agency for observations on the status of the dyke and an assessment of its impact.

Mr Gallacher to be thanked for the copy of the report on the land occupied by the caravan park.

1038 Burial Ground

Amendments to proposed policy for memorial seats -further decisions deferred until more information is obtained.

1039 Leases

Slyne with Hest Bowling Club; consideration of points raised by the Club regarding the draft lease: it was agreed to write to the Club pointing out that in the Council's opinion it would be in the best interest of the Club to take over the buildings as the Club will be in a better position than the Council to be able to access grants for repairs and renewals etc.; a long term lease will be beneficial when making grant applications. The drains and sewers outside the Club's boundary would be the responsibility of the

Council whereas those within the boundary of the land leased by the Club would be the Club's responsibility.

1040 **Planning applications**

Consideration of changes as to the way planning applications are dealt with;

Resolution: to discuss and make decisions on the planning applications received at each Council meeting.

If necessary a request will be made to the Planning Office of Lancaster City Council for an extension of the consultation period.

Application No.

07/01547/FUL

erection of a dormer to the rear
for Mr James Edmonds, 58 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6BS

no comments

Applications granted

07/01326/FUL

5 The Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6DQ

07/01358/FUL

34A Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BT

07/01359/Ful

7 Rushley Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6ER

07/01384/VCN

Croftlands, Main Road, Slyne. LA2 6AU

07/01475/FUL

23 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DF

1041 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 21 January 2008 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.