

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 DECEMBER 2012 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM) -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K)
 Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL), Ms Moyna Hargest(MH)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1816 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr S Jones, Cllr S Scothern

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: PC I Nickson, PCSO S Brown, Mr J Leach, Mr R Greaves
 Apologies were received from County Cllr A P Jones

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting: PC Nickson reported that there had been a reduction in the number of incidents recorded (55) compared with the previous month (59) and only four reported crimes, an attempted burglary, a theft, a minor assault and an internet fraud. No vehicle damage had been reported and one person has been warned about the anti-social use of a motor vehicle. Following discussions at the November PACT meeting PC Nickson had spoken to the police traffic facilitator who has passed on the concerns regarding parking and its impact on safety around Beaumont College to Lancaster County Council Highways Department and the problem is to be reviewed. In January there will be a "road-watch" during which the speeds of vehicles, especially on Hest Bank Lane and Manor Lane, will be assessed. Also Enforcement officers will be visiting the area around St Luke's School to examine the parking and to enforce the parking restrictions. There have been concerns about a horse tethered on the foreshore, and these are being followed up by the RSPCA. PC Nickson will report on any action that is being taken at the next meeting.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1817 **To receive Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and requests for dispensations**

Under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 any councillor who has an interest in property and land in the parish, including his/her own dwelling, has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) when the budget and setting of the precept is being discussed at any meeting. Under the terms of the Act, councillors may request a dispensation to allow them to take part in discussions but this must be agreed by the Council.

Resolution: to grant dispensations to all councillors to which DPIs apply for the annual budget meeting and at any council meeting at which the budget and setting of the precept for 2013/14 is discussed.

1818 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 November 2012 as a true record.

They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1819 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- The process for registration of the council's land with the Land Registry is continuing and further contact has been made with Bannister Bates Property Lawyers who are dealing with this.
- Lancaster City Council has been asked by Lancashire County Council to fell two large diseased beech trees on Peacock Lane.
- As a result of the trees being felled Mr Cocker, Lancaster City Council has promised to use parts of the trunks to create natural play items for the Manor Lane play area.
- Ash Dieback; it is noted that Lancashire County Council have produced an action plan that they will apply but little information about how the problem should be dealt with by parishes

- M6 to Heysham Link: a report from Mr S McCreesh, Lancashire County Council, about the on-going debate about the possible effect of construction work on otters on the Lune was noted.
- Lancaster City Council: Parish Partnership Project -a proposal to set up working groups to address rural housing needs was noted
- Lancashire County Council, Three Tier Forums, notes from a recent workshop have been circulated

1820 Financial matters

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

Current Account £3480.58 Savings Account £18,284.25

Consideration of the payment of the subscription for the clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks -the clerk regularly attends meetings

Resolution: to pay the subscription of £127 for the year 2013

1821 Open Spaces

Recreation field project - some more work has been done, the area by the side of the bowling green has been levelled, some of the features of the dipping pond have been installed and investigation of the drainage problem is on-going. However temporarily the contractors have pulled off the site again.

A further approach has been made to EDF regarding funding with more details of the recreation field project and suggested items that they might wish to consider funding.

QEII Field; Fields in Trust has made a further minor amendment to the Deed of Dedication -the Deed has been signed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman and now accepted. The Council is now entitled to erect a plaque, which has the QEII designation, at the field and this has been ordered. Also an order has been placed with Fields in Trust for a free royal oak sapling which will be planted at the field.

Manor Road play area- a donation for a seat has already been received from the Plymouth Brethren and it was decided to order a seat from Glasdon. This will a bench type with armrests and constructed of recycled material which should withstand weather and other hazards with little maintenance.

1822 Burial Ground

It has been noticed on a map sent by Lancashire County Council that a footpath is shown running from the burial ground lower entrance across the burial ground and adjacent fields to join up with the Public Right of Way (PROW). The actual PROW is from the kissing gate on Bottomdale Road, at the edge of the small paddock. The clerk suggested, to avoid future confusion, dispute etc., it would be sensible to act on it now especially as the section shown in the burial ground is near to where the next consecrated burial area is intended to be. While there is a permissive path through the burial ground it is not a PROW and there is sign at the Burial Ground indicating this. The ways in which this could be reinforced were discussed.

Resolution: to close the path on one day each year, this being the 21st December.

1823 Planning applications

Applications received

12/0115/TPO 116 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

This application was discussed with the Tree Warden. It was suggested that reduction of the size of the tree by a professional arboriculturist should be considered as an alternative to felling it.

12/01112/FUL Slyne Lodge, 92 Main Road, Slyne. LA2 6AZ

12/01053/FUL St John's Hospice, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AW

No issues were raised on these applications

Notification of permission granted

12/00714/FUL 6 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY

12/00777/FUL 2 Bryn Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX

12/00874/FUL The Sycamores, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AS
 12/00880/FUL Hest Bank Hotel, 2 Hest Bank lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DN
 12/00817/ADV Hest Bank Hotel, 2 Hest Bank lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DN
 12/00783/FUL 11 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6ES

Notification of application withdraw

12/00915/FUL Throstle Farm, Throstle Grove, Slyne. LA2 6AX

1824 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

Chq	101557	OC Cleaning Limited	26.77	bus shelter window cleaning
	101558	Mr R McGuire	108.80	groundsman's pay
	101559	Mrs D Brookes	781.87	clerk's salary
	101560	Petty cash	10.50	sundry items
	101561	Printing Plus	221.52	printing of village newsletter

1825 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

none

1826 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 21 January 2013 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10pm