

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 21 DECEMBER 2015 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mr Roland Stretch,
Mrs Helen Brownjohn, Mr Eric Hamer

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2240 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr S Jones, Cllr J Leeman

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: Cllr S Rogerson, Cllr M Thomas, Miss Ailsa Gibson, Mr Ronald Hummelnik

Apologies were received from County Cllr A P Jones

- Cllrs Thomas and Rogerson explained that Lancaster City Council had again be discussing the Lancaster Local Plan including the need for new housing and the re-designation of Green Belt areas. A group of City Councillors had wished to look again at the Turley report commissioned by the City Council and which contains statistics relating to jobs and housing; however it was decided to bring in a local statistician so that the development of the Local Plan will not be held back and issues that need addressing such as the Green Belt re-designation can move on. It was noted that 344 letters concerning the Green Belt proposals had been received by Lancaster City Council.
- Ailsa Gibson stated that she was working as a consultant for the Environment Agency looking at climate change and enquired about the impact of the recent floods and power loss in the area on vulnerable groups. Some Awards for All funding has been acquired for workshops and community activities and she would like to make contacts to ascertain whether there is any local interest.

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

2241 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2242 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 November 2015
They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2243 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- Recreation field; JWK Solicitors have been asked if they will request that the surveyor reports as soon as possible.
- Recreation Field path; M Ashton, lengthsman, has been informed that the Council has put a deadline of the 31 December 2015 on the completion of the work on the path. If this is not met attempts will be made to obtain further quotations for the work. Mr Ashton has made preparations for installing fencing on the verge alongside the woodland on Hanging Green Lane.
- Scout & Guide HQ; the planned meeting to discuss the formation of a new management committee had to be cancelled but it is hoped to make progress in the New Year. The present lease is being reviewed as it is in the name of the previous, now defunct, management committee rather than in a corporate body, either the Scout or Guide Association.
- Local Government Boundary Commission- Electoral Review of Lancashire: Draft Recommendations for Lancashire County Council -no comments
- Lancashire County Council: Consultation on Proposed Budget Options -no comments

2244 **Administration**

Neighbourhood Plan; the meeting planned for Monday 7th December had to be cancelled but a new one will be arranged in the New Year. An application form needs to be completed for Lancaster City Council and this is being attended to. So that information about the progress of the Plan is kept up-to-date it has been suggested that draft minutes of each meeting are published on the website -this was approved.

Consideration of Lancashire County Council's proposed parish based public transport scheme -the document was circulated to all members along with a letter from the clerk of Morecambe Town Council outlining that Council's comments and proposal for a meeting of local councils. A number of hurdles were seen in setting up such a scheme, for example, organisation and the need for staff to run the scheme, use of volunteers and their recruitment and training, safety issues, legal matters, cost implications and the

fact that it would too late to include provision on the 2016/17 budget, and the need to further investigate whether there is a demand. Comments are to be forwarded to the County Council team.

2245 Financial matters

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

Current Account £3,882.72 Savings Account £53,310.49

To consider for approval the report of the internal audit carried out by the Chairman on 26th November 2015. No issues of concern were raised.

Resolution: to give approval to this report.

Consideration of the payment of the subscription for the clerk's membership of The Society of Local Council Clerks. The annual fee is £149. The clerk regularly attends meetings.

Resolution: to pay the membership fee for 2016.

2246 Open Spaces

To approve the areas for the planting of memorial trees and the ordering of the trees -Lancashire County Council has no objection to trees being planted on the triangle on Coastal Road near to the level crossing, provided that they are placed such that they will not obstruct signs and site lines at the crossing; Lancaster City Council has given approval to the planting of two trees at Manor Crescent and some on the land on Shady Lane/Manor Avenue corner. Planting of some trees on Parish Council land, possibly on the memorial hall field and the recreation field, is being considered. The cost of the trees would be covered by the collection made at the funeral of Peter Jones and dedicated to his memory. Following discussion about the number of trees proposed and that others may wish to plant memorial trees it was decided that the number of trees should be restricted to one in each of the above areas.

Consideration of the problem of dog fouling on the Memorial Hall field and ways of dealing with it; as this is an area used for children's activities it was decided that dogs should be kept on a leash and an appropriate notice is to be erected, also including a reminder to pick up dog fouling.

2247 Burial Ground

It has been noted that the paths are covered with moss and have a tendency to be slippery in wet weather. The lengthsman has sprayed them with moss killer. Also the surface of the drive is deteriorating. It was decided that the drive is to be concreted. It was agreed that quotations should be obtained to carry out improvement work -the Chairman to find contact details of contractors. To overcome the problem of delays a deadline for completion should be included in any contract made. Funds are held in reserve for cemetery improvement works.

2248 Highways

Safety outside St Luke's school on Shady Lane; concerns have been raised about inconsiderate and dangerous parking and the potential for an accident. The school has taken some measures by providing temporary signs and writing to parents but the concerns continue to exist. This is again to be brought to the attention of the County Council Highways safety team and the possibility of making some parking restrictions is to be investigated.

An initiative by Morecambe Town Council to give publicity to the problems of parking outside schools and to involve Bay Radio to get the message across was given consideration but doubts were expressed about its long term effectiveness and it was decided that funding would not be provided towards this.

2249 Planning Applications

Applications received

15/01409/FUL 16 Peacock Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EN

15/01417/FUL 1 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6DZ

No issues were raised on the above applications.

15/01560/FUL 5 Peacock Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EN

Some concerns were expressed about the size of the proposed development and in particular the garden store

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

The Council is not averse to the updating of equipment and improved communication but concerns were expressed about the proposed height of the mast, 6m higher than the present one, and its visual intrusion because of the attachment of dishes and antennae. Suggestions were made that this could be offset by reducing the height, colouration or camouflage so that it better fits into the rural/coastal location

15/01421/FUL Williamsland Farm, Hasty Brow, Slyne, LA2 6AE

Several issues were raised on the application. The development is in the North Lancashire Green Belt and it is seen as an inappropriate development and conflicting with both Green Belt and Local District policies. It is not seen as being exceptional circumstances for development and is not designed to meet rural housing needs or for those in agricultural employment. It is feared it could set a precedent for future development in this area and in the Green Belt. The development of four dwellings with ancillary buildings and services on this site is thought to be too intensive and would impact on the surroundings. There is also concern about increased vehicle movements and linked safety issues because there are no public transport routes in close proximity and occupants of the properties would be reliant on private vehicles. Hasty Brow Road is a narrow road which is hazardous because of the speed of traffic, the lack of pavements or pedestrian refuges and lack of street lighting.

Notification of permission granted

15/00931/LB Whitewalls, 39 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EZ

15/01309/FUL Tiverton, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AL

15/01409/FUL 16 Peacock Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EN

15/0143/TPO The Lodge, 92 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

Notification of permission refused

15/00943/FUL 1 Hatlex Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HA

2250 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to approve retrospectively the additional payment to JWK Solicitors for the recreation field Surveyor's fees.

Resolution: to approve the payment of the accounts as listed:

	DD	Eon	7.08	electricity bill-burial ground
		BT	167.19	phone bill
Cheque	101858	Naphthens Solicitors	45.96	balance of fees for burial ground consecration
	101859	Printing Plus	236.65	village newsletter printing
	101860	Mr D Ruddick	8.34	website registration fee renewal (reimbursement)
	101861	Mrs D Brookes	853.09	clerk's salary & expenses
	101862	Petty cash	14.33	sundry items
	101863	Viking	119.87	ink cartridges & stationery
	101864	SLCC	149.00	annual subscription (see 2245 above)

2251 Matters raised by members for future consideration

Consider whether it is worthwhile renewing the LALC membership

2252 Date of next meeting Monday 18 January 2016 at 7.30pm.

Date of budget meeting Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm