

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 DECEMBER 2018 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chairman, Mr Roland Stretch, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2654 To receive apologies for absence Cllr S Jones, Cllr T Scott

Open Forum

There were no city or county councillors or members of the public present for the Open Forum.

2655 To record Declarations of Interest none

2656 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 November 2018. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2657 Progress Reports (*for information only*)

- Christmas trees and lights have been erected at the Memorial Hall. It was agreed to send a 'thank you' voucher to Mike Ashton for helping with this
- Posters about dog fouling have been put up at the recreation field and burial ground.
- County Council have informed that work on the gullies on the foreshore has been done.
- Burial Ground path closure; as is usual each year, the path through the burial ground will be closed for one day on 21 December. This is a permitted path not a public right of way.
- County Cllr Stuart Morris has been making some enquiries about the repair of the canal bridges but little funding seems available for this. County Council has apparently offered to erect warning signs of the unsuitability of the bridges for large vehicles. It was reported that damage has been caused to the bridge at Hasty Brow Road.
- Community Emergency Plan -information has been sent out to all households. We are grateful to the churches for arranging this.
- North West Flood Hub which provides information and advice on flooding issues; there is a link on the Council website or it can be accessed at <https://thefloodhub.co.uk>
- A new provisional Tree Preservation Order has been put on trees at Uplands, 21 Hatlex Lane.
- Grass cutting -arrangements are being made to meet Lancaster City Council Officers to discuss arrangements for the maintenance of various open spaces in 2019/20.
- A decision of a meeting with Lancaster City Council to discuss dog fouling and control issues is to be left over until the New Year.

2658 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan; Cllr Stretch reported on a recent NP meeting at which Bowcliffe Limited outlined plans for development of the present VVV site should it become available. This is in the North Lancashire Green Belt and discussion between the developer and the Parish Council and Lancaster City Council would be needed if the designation of the land was to be changed. A development statement produced by Bowcliffe limited is to be circulated

Further discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

Community Development Group; the Christmas Fayre organised by the Group had been well attended and the Council acknowledges the work done by the Group in organising this.

No information was available on the distribution of a consultation survey to all households.

Dates of Parish Council meetings; they will as usual be held on the third Monday of the month except for August. The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Monday 20th May 2019 at 6.30pm
City Council and Parish Council elections are to be held on Thursday 2nd May 2019.

2659 Financial matters

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

Current Account £3108.86 Savings Account £88,178.56

The BT package has been updated to provide faster broadband access at no extra cost and to modify the services available.

Consideration of the payment of the subscription for the clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks and the Association of Local Council Clerks

Resolution: to approve this.

2660 Open Spaces

Recreation field; JWK Solicitors has become part of Simpson Millar LLP. Consent was approved for Simpson Millar LLP taking over the conduct of the Council's case.
The Standstill Agreement with BLM is due to terminate on the 31st December 2018 and it was decided to agree to the proposal put by JWK to extend it to the 31st March 2019. This will allow more time for the Expert Witness report to be considered by the other party.
Contact has been made with Duncan Ross Ltd concerning drainage work on the field and work is still scheduled for early 2019 when ground conditions are suitable.

Tree safety inspections; advice has been sought from Lancaster City Council's Tree Protection Officer and from LCC's Public Realms Manager on how the tree inspection should be carried out and how often. A meeting is being sought with Officers from LCC to discuss the issues.
Further discussion was deferred to a future meeting when it is hoped further information will be available.

World War I memorial on the Memorial Hall field; the Royal British Legion scheme for 'silent soldiers' has now finished. Information has been accessed on a firm that can supply them or WWI memorial benches -further discussion and decision deferred to next meeting.

2661 Highways

Suggested footpath on Hanging Green Lane alongside the church triangle; enquiries on the feasibility of a path have been made to Lancashire County Council but a reply is still awaited. There is a Tree Protection Order on the trees on the council-owned church triangle land and enquiries have been made about the steps that would be necessary to protect the trees if a path were to be constructed across the land. More information is needed and further discussion was deferred.

2662 Planning Applications

Applications received

18/01299/ADV roundabout at junction A683 Bay Gateway, Slyne Road, Slyne

Some concern was raised on this application because of safety aspects of distraction of drivers caused by these signs.

18/01353/FUL St John's Hospice, Slyne Road, Slyne, LA2 6ST

No issues raised on this application

18/0206/TPO 23 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

No objections provided that the Tree Protection Officer is satisfied with the proposals for the considerable number of trees affected by the proposal.

Applications permitted

18/00572/VCN land adjacent to Rosegarth, Slyne

18/01301/FUL 5 Peacock Crescent, Hest Bank, LA2 6EW

18/0132/TPO 25 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

Application withdrawn

18/01438/FUL 4 Bryn Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX

Applications refused

18/0170/TPO St Luke's C of E School, Shady Lane, Slyne, LA2 6JL

18/0174/TPO 11 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6ES (split decision -partial refusal)

2663 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolution; to authorise the transfer of £2000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account

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

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| | DD | Eon | 7.38 | electricity bill -burial ground |
| Cheque | 122189 | Envirocare Maintenance Solutions | 876.00 | grounds maintenance -November |
| | 122190 | Printing Plus | 236.27 | village newsletter printing |
| | 122191 | Mrs D Brookes | 891.12 | clerk's salary & expenses |
| | 122192 | Mr S Brade | 366.00 | groundsman's pay & Christmas trees |
| | 122193 | Society of Local Council Clerks | 156.00 | clerk's membership fee |
| | 122194 | Association of Local Council Clerks | 40.00 | clerk's membership fee |

2664 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Safety of trees throughout the parish

2665 **Date of next meeting** Monday 21 January 2019 at 7.30pm

Date of budget meeting Monday 7th January 2019 at 7.00pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm.