

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2012 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM) -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K)
Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1702 To receive apologies for absence Cllr S Scothern,

1703 To record Declarations of Interest none

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: Mr J Leach, Mr R Greaves. Apologies were received from PC I Nickson

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting: PC Nickson sent a report of the crimes recorded in the previous month. They included burglaries from two properties, damage to the paintwork of a parked vehicle, two domestic related assaults and one harassment case. No anti-social behaviour had been reported, however concerns had been raised about motorcyclists on the shore. Following a request last month regarding community volunteers monitoring speeding traffic, there is an existing scheme called Carnforth Road Watch for which volunteers would be welcome.
- Mr Greaves raised a number of concerns about matters in the village and in the district but as these were outside the parish council remit he was directed to speak to the relevant authorities or to the local Member of Parliament

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1704 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 January 2012
They were duly signed by the Chairman

1705 Progress Reports (*for information*)

- No further information has yet been received from Lancashire County Council regarding the relief of flooding at some houses in Hanging Green Lane
- Some of the information on the parish website has been updated by Mr F Foster, the webmaster.
- Heysham to M6 Link Road -this is now with the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC). The Parish Council is registered as an 'Interested Party'. The role of the IPC is to look objectively at the submitted planning proposals and to evaluate all the evidence put forward.
- Lancashire County Council has put forward proposals in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for 'No Waiting at Any Time' on both sides of a length of Shady Lane near to St Luke's School and on both sides of Hest Bank Lane near to the junction with Shady Lane. The Parish Council supports the scheme which is intended to improve safety near to the school.
- There is concern about the parking of vehicles in front of the gates at the Memorial Hall and particularly the danger to pedestrians and other drivers as the vehicles are reversed on to the road. The Council will consider giving support to any plans that the Memorial Hall Management Committee put forward to alleviate the problem.
- A complaint has been received about the emptying of sewage from canal boats directly into inspection chambers at the rear of the closed toilet block on the canal towpath as this causes unpleasant smells and could be a potential health hazard. This is to be referred to British Waterways Authority and Lancaster City Council

1706 Administration

Consideration of entry into the North West in Bloom and Lancashire Best Kept Village competitions; there will be much other activity in the parish during the summer months related to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics. Also the large development project for the recreation field should be

underway by summer. It was therefore decided not to enter the competitions this year. The Arden Close Residents Association will be entering the North West in Bloom independently in the 'Small Neighbourhoods' category.

1707 Financial Report

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

Current Account £9,262.71 Savings Account £38,548.46

Donation to North West Air Ambulance Charity in response to their appeal for funding towards operational costs.

Resolution: to make a donation of £50 under Section 137 of the LGA 1972

Payment for additional hours worked by the lengthsman; in the lengthsman scheme, the allocated hours for this parish for 2011/12 have been used up, but there are still jobs to be done

Resolution: to pay the lengthsman, Mike Ashton, for any additional hours worked at a rate of £12 per hour to the end of the current financial year.

Electricity for the Burial Ground; a new two-year contract has been negotiated with E.on which will reduce the tariff and result in savings on the cost of electricity. Also payment by Direct Debit gives a discount of 4%.

Resolution: to approve the new contract and to set up a new Direct Debit payment.

Review of the Financial Regulations of the Council and Financial Risk Management -copies of the documents have been provided to all councillors for examination- Para. 6.7 of the Financial Regulations states that the approval of use of a variable direct debit should be renewed by resolution of the Council at least every two years.

Resolution: to approve the continuation of payments to BT, E.on and the Information Commission by Direct Debit

Resolution: to approve, without amendment, the Financial Regulations and to approve the Risk Assessment and Management Register.

Review of the Council's assets -an up-to-date list of the Council's assets and their values has been given to all councillors

Resolution: to approve the record of assets.

Five year review of Slyne with Hest Bowling Club's lease and the rent paid; under the terms of the lease an increase in the rent to £200 per annum is due on 1st April 2012

Resolution: to record that a review has taken place and the rent increase approved.

Five year review of Slyne with Hest Football Club's lease and the rent paid; under the terms of the lease an increase in the rent to £350 per annum is due on 1st April 2012

Resolution: to record that a review has taken place and the rent increase approved.

Ten year review of Network Rail's lease for land on the Hest Bank foreshore and the rent paid; under the terms of the lease the annual rent is £500

Resolution: to record that a review has taken place and the rent will remain at £500 per annum.

1708 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

Chq No.	101471	Printing Plus	265.82	printing village newsletter
	101472	RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	26.77	cleaning bus shelter windows
	101473	Viking	76.12	stationery
	101474	Frances Truscott	967.95	work on planning at burial ground
	101475	Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council	3175.25	lengthsman scheme contribution
	101476	Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundsman's pay
	101477	Mrs D Brookes	776.27	clerk's salary
	101478	Petty cash	71.58	sundry items

1709 **Open Spaces**

Recreation Field project; for its part in the project the May Fair Committee has received an offer of £2000 from the Elizabeth & Richard Wilson Trust and an offer of £4,612 from Awards for All -both subject to confirmation. Also an application for £5000 has been made to the Lancashire County Council Local Initiative Fund.

An extra £5000 has been offered to the Parish Council by Lancashire County Council through the Environmental Project Officer.

It is felt that we are now in a position to move forward and a meeting is to be arranged to discuss the next steps with the Environmental Projects Officer and Landscape Architect.

Play Equipment maintenance 2012/13; Lancaster City Council Environmental Services has offered four free maintenance checks in the 2012/03 financial year which will be followed up by a written report. LCC will stand the first £100 of any repair requested by the Council.

Resolution: to accept the offer from Lancaster City Council and request that the inspections are carried out.

Repair of play equipment; a recent report highlighted the need for a number of minor repairs to the play equipment and an estimate of the cost of the work is to be requested from Lancaster City Council. In the agreement for 2011/12, LCC will pay the first £100 of any repairs requested by the Parish Council.

1710 **Burial Ground**

Improvements to the entrance: the outcome of an application for the discharge of conditions attached to the approved planning proposals is awaited.

Once the go ahead is received, work on the wall can be started. Following a second crash and further demolition of the wall, the insurance broker has been contacted. As requested quotations for further repairs have been obtained.

Resolution: to accept the lowest quotation, to submit it to the insurance broker and request that he negotiates a settlement between all parties involved.

1711 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

11/01170/FUL 32 Peacock Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EP

11/01181/FUL 15A Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET

No issues were raised on the above applications

12/00025/FUL 10 Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX

Some concerns were raised about the size of the extension which seems excessively large with complex roof lines and an over-development of the site and could be seen as contrary to statements within the Village Design Statement 2006

Notification of permission granted

11/01056/FUL 9 The Knoll, Hest Bank, LA2 6BU

11/01020/FUL & 11/01021/LB The Coach House, Beaumont Grange, Kellet Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BJ

11/01101/FUL Gate House, Beaumont College, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AP

1712 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

For information only

Concerns have been raised about the erosion of the salt marsh and the increased potential of flooding on the foreshore

1713 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 19 March 2012 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

