

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2007 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

Also present for Open Forum Mr J Stelfox, PC D Lowe

869 **Apologies** none

Standing orders were suspended

**Open Forum**

Mr J Stelfox has some concerns about the protection of Reanes Wood and suggested that the Council should write to Lancaster City Council Tree Officer to point out the need for vigilance. He reported further damage to the canal bridges and asked the Council to act urgently to try to protect them and to write to British Waterways and Lancashire County Council. He also has concerns about the speed of traffic especially along the southern end of Hest Bank Lane and urged action on this. JN had been trying to obtain action from Lancashire County Council on this section of road to improve safety and particularly with regard to the problems being caused by parked vehicles near to the junction and reported that he had met with an Officer from County Highways and was hopeful that progress towards a solution would be made. PC Lowe offered to look into the possibility of having a traffic count set up; he explained that the hand-held radar devices are not available at present because of a requirement for extra training for users. Another person had expressed concern about the speed of vehicles on Throstle Grove.

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe reported that there had been no crimes recorded during the previous month and there had been only four instances of anti-social behaviour. In 2006 there had been an overall reduction of crime of 39% on 2005.

The visitors left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated

870 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record; proposal made by AJ and seconded by SJ.

871 **Matters arising from the minutes**

It was noted that there will not be a community coffee morning in April because the Memorial Hall will be closed for work to the floor.

written into the budget. Resolution to make a grant of £2000 to help towards the general running costs of the Memorial Hall, proposal made by PM, seconded by SS and carried unanimously.

Verification of donation to RNLI (see minute ref. 842); it was resolved to make a donation of £150 to RNLI and also pay £15 to Mr Powell, the RNLI officer, this being the Council's 50% share of the expenses that he claimed; proposed by AJ, seconded by CW.

Rents paid by the Tennis Club, Bowling club and Football Club: some of the rents have not been claimed because of the negotiations over new leases which have been taking place for more than twelve months. It was decided to write to the clubs to request the monies due for rent and to remind them of their obligations to enable them to retain their current position regarding the use of the land; along with this they will be given an assurance that once negotiations are completed the Council will look to adjust any differences which accrue on either side. –proposal made by PM and seconded by AJ.

873 **Payment of accounts**

It was resolved to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account, proposed by PM, seconded by JC-K.

It was resolved to pay the invoices as listed, proposed by JC-K and seconded by SS.

Chq No.			
100909	Lancaster City Council	29.38	play equipment inspection
100910	Mrs D Brookes	692.04	clerk's salary and expenses
100911	Petty cash	3.36	sundry items
100912	Viking Direct	115.86	stationery
100913	HM Customs and Revenue	540.26	PAYE and NIC payments
100914	Mr J Powell	15.00	expenses (ref.872)
100915	RNLI	150.00	donation (ref 872) (\$137)

874 **Open spaces**

Risk Assessments; these have now been completed by councillors, no major outstanding issues. RNLI assessment report on foreshore and signage being followed up, play equipment inspections done professionally by City Contract Services and looking at renewal of contract for next twelve months. Exit from recreation field sight lines need attention, will look to having some of vegetation cut back and include improvements to exits in recreation field improvement project.

Play equipment; improvement to safety surfaces beneath equipment. Bark chippings have to be topped up fairly frequently, therefore agreed to look at cost effectiveness of alternative surfaces, DB to contact firms for advice and quotations.

Dog waste bin at Hatlex Bridge; over the Christmas period there had been complaints because the bin had not been emptied on schedule and a lot of debris had spilled over on to the canal towpath. This was apparently due to a problem over a contract between British Waterways and City Contract Services. The

when Dr & Mrs Pearson had acknowledged the Council's ownership and their request to purchase the land had been turned down by the Council. There was a further reference made 2004 when the Council offered to rent the land to them. Prior to the boundary changes this land was in Bolton-le-Sands parish and was later transferred to Slyne with Hest and registered as Common Land in the name of the Council. Dr & Mrs Pearson are also making claims over the road and adjoining verges in front of their property. This is strongly opposed by the Council and Miss Glading is to be asked to continue to act for the Council in resolving this issue.

RNLI Inspector's report and provision of safety signage; the report contained an assessment of the shore and suggestions for signage, one large primary sign at the entrance near to the level crossing and three reminder signs along the foreshore. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss the exact content of the signs and then contact will be made with Bolton-le-Sands PC and Lancaster City Council to finalise the requirements and arrange for their manufacture.

Highway and car parking areas; Lancashire County Council had carried out work and made minor improvements to the edges of the highway and promised further action in Spring, funds permitting, to improve the drainage. An estimate of £450-500 had been obtained for boulders and gravel to fill up the potholes on the parking areas and to place larger boulders at the edges of the grassed area on the seaward side. It was resolved to purchase the boulders and to employ Mr T Cowperthwaite along with the lengthsman, M Ashton, to carry out the work; proposal made by SJ and seconded by AJ.

876 **Planning applications**

Application No.

06/01556/FUL refurbishment, alteration and extension to create a new care home for Hillcroft Nursing Homes, Slyne House, Throstle Grove no comments

Dealt with by sub-committee

06/01523/FUL erection of garage and bedroom extension to side for Mr & Mrs A Kennon, 15 Throstle Grove no comments

06/01551/FUL erection of a dormer and 2 velux windows to south elevation and 3 velux windows to north elevation for Fairfield Developers Ltd, 2 Warren Drive no comments

Applications granted

06/01269/FUL Mr & Mrs S Bowker, 8 Hatlex Drive  
 06/01336/FUL T & K Hanley, Bottomdale Caravan Park, Bottomdale Road  
 06/01425/FUL Mr & Mrs P Worley, 51 Sea View Drive  
 06/01441/FUL Mr & Mrs I Hall, 64 Coastal Road  
 06/01337/FUL E & K Livermore, 20 Hest Bank Lane -there is some concern linked with this application relating to the preservation of the milestone on Hest Bank Lane - clerk to write to Mr S Gardner, City Council Conservation Officer

877 **Burial ground**

Improvements to entrance and condition of building over the street and M Ashton had met Mr T Gill...

Gate at Beaumont Gate Farm opening on to east side of A6 from the house; SJ had noticed that it seemed to be being used and a new set of posts had appeared. It is the Council's belief that this entrance is not to be used on a regular basis but vehicles are to drive through the yard to the more southerly gate. A check is to be kept on this.

879 **Memorial Hall**

Information had been received from the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee that as a result of a tentative enquiry, linked to the possible leasing of part of the building, made by the Committee acting as trustees of the Charity some doubt had been thrown up over the Council's status regarding trusteeship or ownership of the land and building. There are references in the Council's minutes over a period of years and it would seem that the hall was built from public subscriptions and eventually handed to the Parish Council to be held in trust but no actual document has been traced. It was decided to let the matter lie for at least the time being.

880 **Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct; Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Local Transport Plan, 2006/07 to 2010/11; Lancaster City Council Bid for Unitary Local Government Status-information; Lancaster City Council Corporate Plan and Budget 2007/08, invitation to a meeting of the Budget and Performance Panel on 31<sup>st</sup> January; Lancaster City Council Accident Prevention Partnership, invitation to a Multi Agency Open day on 7<sup>th</sup> February -all above circulated

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

SS- reported that a number of street lights are out -if the name of the road and identification number of the lamp post are supplied to the clerk she will contact Lancashire County Council Highways.

Complaints were made about the overgrowing hedges outside nos. 126 and 128 Coastal Road- to be passed on to Bolton-le-Sands parish clerk.

882 **Date of Annual Assembly**

Monday 23 April 2007 at 7.30pm

883 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 19 February at 7.30pm JN gave his apologies in advance.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm