

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2009 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, County Cllr A P Jones

**1212 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

none from councillors

Also Pc D Lowe, City Cllr S Rogerson

**1213 Resignation of Councillors**

Notice of resignation from the council has been received from Mrs Andrea Johnson giving her reasons as:- the council is too inward looking and not supportive of outside initiatives and agenda items are often not as fully considered as she feels they should be.

Notice of resignation from the council has been received from Mr Carl Willett because he is relocating out of the parish to the West Midlands.

Both of these were accepted by the Council. The Lancaster City Council Returning Officer will be informed and requested to instigate the procedure for the election of new members.

Change of signatories on the bank accounts in view of Mrs Johnson's resignation

Resolution: to change the signatories on the Alliance and Leicester Commercial Bank accounts by the removal of Mrs Andrea Johnson and the addition of Mr Julian Newbold.

**1214 To receive declarations of interest none**

Standing Orders were suspended

**Open Forum**

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting -not held in the absence of PC Lowe, however a report received from PC Lowe stated that six crimes had been reported in the previous month (7 in same period last year). These included a road rage incident, theft of a lawn mower and entry into the bungalow of an elderly resident and property stolen. Only one incident of anti-social behaviour had been reported (3 last year).
- County Cllr A Jones reported on the changes made by County Council to the proposed footway improvements on Hest Bank Lane following the recent consultation. The proposed build out has been removed, lines painted on the highway and warning signs will designate the pedestrian area. It was suggested that better lighting would improve pedestrian safety; also that the removal of the central white line could, by making the road appear narrower, have the effect of slowing down drivers and roadside bollards could afford extra protection for pedestrians. Cllr Jones will report these ideas to the Highways Officers. There will be a further consultation period and only if any objections are raised will the matter will be passed on to the Lancaster Locals meeting for a decision. (see later in agenda)  
Cllr Jones reported that Mr J Marginson of County Council is preparing a lengthy report regarding the snicket between Hest Bank Lane and Sea View Drive. There is some doubt about the ownership and responsibility for the maintenance of the snicket. (see minute ref 1158)
- City Cllr M Thomas passed on further information about the Lancaster City Council's decision to do away with 'Special Expenses' in the parishes that will result in an increase in the council tax paid by residents of the parishes.  
He also explained the City Council's Street Pride Scheme and asked for suggestions of any streets or areas which might benefit from it. In the scheme the City Council provides deep cleansing,

gully emptying, tree pruning, information on waste disposal and recycling and the residents voluntarily sign up to a charter which raises awareness of their responsibilities in maintaining the district in a clean and tidy condition.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1215 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Resolution:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 December 2008 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1216 **Progress reports -given by clerk, for information only**

- Work has started on the cycle way on Marine Drive, confirmation received from City Council
- Newsletter-draft produced -request that one or more councillors approve contents and proof read it -PM agreed to do this
- Annual Parish Meeting -the date had been published as 27 April but due to problems of room availability in the Memorial Hall, the meeting will now be held on Monday 11 May.
- New rota for attendance at community coffee mornings was distributed.
- Lancaster City Council is to carry out an appraisal of Conservation Areas -noted that consultation event is to be held -date not yet fixed.
- The printer has broken down, enquiries suggest that it would be a more economic proposition to replace it rather than pay for repairs, urgent replacement is necessary.

1217 **Administration**

Payment for lease of land on foreshore; (minute ref.1203- December 2008) the amount demanded (£100 plus VAT -the lessee had already been informed that the rent for parking a tractor was subject to VAT) has not been paid in full and there is an apparent reluctance to pay the VAT; a suggestion had been made that from the amount already received, three months rent from 1 October 2008 should be taken, three months notice to terminate the agreement should be given and the rent for this period also deducted, then the balance of the payment reimbursed to the lessee

**Resolution:** to ratify the above suggestion; to inform the lessee of the council's decision and give three months notice of termination of the lease.

1218 **Financial matters**

**(i) Resolution:** to accept the receipts and expenditure report for the third quarter of the year presented by the clerk/RFO.

Current Account £2,103.84 Savings Account £23,106.97

Tenders for grass cutting 2009 season; to date only one has been received.

As an alternative to employing a contractor, the lengthsman had produced some figures for the purchase of a mowing machine and employment of a part-time groundskeeper.

Decision deferred to give time for some further thought to this.

**(ii) Resolution:** to accept the quotation from City Council (Direct) Services of £477 +VAT for the monthly inspection and report on the children's play equipment on the recreation field and to award the contract to them for the year 2009/10.

**(iii) Resolution:** to give financial assistance to the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Management Committee by awarding a grant of £2000 from the 2009/10 budget towards the general running costs of the hall.

**(iv) Resolution:** to support the Slyne with Hest Bowling Club financially by awarding a grant of £800 from the 2009/10 budget and to inform the Club that any future grants are likely to be less than this.

**(v) Resolution:** to make a one-off payment of £1000 to Slyne with Hest Tennis Club from the 2009/10 budget towards the cost of resurfacing the courts, subject to satisfactory details of the scheme and invoices being received.

(vi) Resolution: to approve the increase in the cemetery fees from 1 April 2009, previously considered at the November meeting (minute ref 1191), that is to double the current fees for all residents of the parish and to increase these fees by a further 50% for non-parish residents.

Budget -councillors had been provided with information on the financial position of the council, an estimate of receipts and expenditure in the financial year 2008/09 and projected receipts and expenses for 2009/10, as a result of which a budget had been put forward for consideration by the full Council.

Following discussions a budget for 2009/10 had been proposed

(vii) Resolution: to adopt the proposed budget for 2009/10

(viii) Resolution: to authorise the precept requirement of £28,702 from Lancaster City Council to meet the expenses of the parish council in the financial year 2009/10.

(ix) Resolution: not to make a contribution to the North West Air Ambulance Appeal.

## 1219 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

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| DD         | Lancaster City Council | 16.00  | 10 <sup>th</sup> instalment- burial ground rates |
| chq 101128 | Lancaster City Council | 30.48  | play equipment monthly inspection                |
| 101129     | Mr R McGuire           | 102.40 | groundsman's pay                                 |
| 101130     | Mrs D Brookes          | 796.79 | clerk's salary & expenses                        |
| 101131     | Petty cash             | 5.40   | postage  |
| 101132     | HM Revenue & Customs   | 453.29 | NIC & PAYE payments                              |

## 1220 Planning Applications

Application No.

09/0004/FUL                      10A Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG  
erection of a rear conservatory and extension to raised rear patio  
this seems to be within planning regulations, no objections raised.

Applications granted

08/01282/FUL                      North Barn, 8 Slyne Hall Heights, Slyne, LA2 6EH  
08/01213/FUL                      49 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY  
08/01323/FUL                      7 Slyne Hall Heights, Slyne, LA2 6EH

Applications refused

08/01237/FUL                      Folly Barn, Folly Lane, Slyne, LA2 6AB  
08/01251/FUL                      74 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, Lancaster, LA2 6HQ

## 1221 Foreshore

Interpretation panel; work is proceeding on this, the Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board would like the funding to come out of its 2008/09 budget.

Deed of Easement across Council land for access to West Cairn - at a meeting in December 2007 to discuss the title to possession of land on which the garage stands, the Council indicated that it would be prepared to grant a deed of easement for access to the property. Since then correspondence and agreements have focused on the registration of the land but there has been no action regarding the deed. It was agreed that the Council's solicitor should be contacted for advice.

## 1222 Highways

Consideration of provision of grit/salt bins; this follows a suggestion made at the December meeting; the prices of the bins are £131.67 for a slimline and £167.20 for a 370 litre capacity size. It was decided to ask County Highways for their policy on the provision and filling of the bins and no further action is to be taken until this is known.

Footway improvements on Hest Bank Lane; following the recent consultation, notice had been received of the modifications to the County Council's scheme to improve pedestrian safety on part of this lane (see report in Open Forum)

Resolution: to support the modified scheme and to ask for consideration to be given to the additional suggestions (see Open Forum above)

Lancaster City Council's consultation on the introduction of Dog Control Orders (DCO)- completion of a questionnaire on areas to be designated for DCOs; there was a divergence of opinion on this, therefore decisions were deferred to give time for further thought. Councillors were asked to put their opinions on paper. A request will be made for the extension of the consultation period.

#### 1223 Open Spaces

Risk Assessment Inspections of Council Open Spaces

Resolution: to use the same format as in previous years.

Councillors will carry out inspections of designated areas; completed forms to be returned by March meeting.

To consider entry into North West in Bloom competition 2009; entry fee is £40. After gaining a certificate of merit last year, Arden Close Residents Association is keen to take part in the competition again. There is a possibility of getting some of the school children involved in a tree planting project.

Resolution: to enter the NW in B competition this year, as this provides an impetus for the tidying and improvement of the village.

Recreation field play area -work on swings; -the monthly inspection reports have highlighted problems and repairs required. It was agreed to obtain an estimate from City Council (Direct) Services for the work needed on the swings.

#### 1224 Burial Ground

Planning Application for entrance; the submission of the application -or lack of it!- is being followed up with the architect.

Annual inspection of memorials;

Resolution: to use the same format as in previous years.

Councillors will carry out inspections of designated areas; completed forms to be returned by March meeting.

To be noted; the electricity supply to the building has been reinstated by Eon at no cost to the Council.

#### 1225 Correspondence

Communities and Local Government- Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity - consultation

Lancashire County Council - Consultation on the Future of Hornby High School

Both of the above to be circulated and any comments passed to the clerk who is to reply on behalf of the Council.

#### 1226 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

*For information only -decisions cannot be taken*

Further complaints about vehicle parked on Shady Lane, allegedly causing traffic problems.

Damage to track at end of foreshore being caused by vehicles of contractors working at installation in adjacent field.

#### 1227 Date of next meeting

Monday 16 February 2009 at 7.30pm.

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.