

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 16 JANUARY 2017 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern- Chairman, Mr Roland Stretch, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mr Stephen Jones, Mr Eric Hamer, Mrs H Brownjohn

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2391 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr J Leeman

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson, 4 members of the public
Apologies were received from County Cllr A P Jones

- There is a current proposal to build five dwellings on land behind Kirklands and Hanging Green Lane and Cllr Rogerson explained that the Lancaster City Council Planning Officer dealing with this application was due to visit the site that week.
The Lancaster Local Plan will be out for scrutiny at the end of January. Following strong representation the Green Belt area GB4 is retained within the Plan, however some housing and commercial development can be expected within the Parish and is most likely to be between the Bay Gateway and Lancaster
- Members of the public raised issues about the proposed housing development, the area is outside the Green Belt but is green field agricultural land not 'brownfield' as suggested in the planning application. There are two main areas of concern, the flooding of the land and its suitability for housing development and access from Hanging Green Lane. It was claimed by residents that the site is often flooded but an inspection by developers was made after a dry spell when there was less water on site. The site is in Flood Zone 1 but as only five dwellings are proposed the site does not need a Flood Risk Assessment. Linked with this is drainage from the site and whether the existing sewers and drains have the capacity to cope with additional input. The plans indicate a single track road from Hanging Green Lane on to the site. Concerns were raised about possible traffic congestion and safety on Hanging Green Lane especially that this section of the lane is near the memorial hall and recreation field and is already, at times, busy and congested. Representation is to be made to Lancaster City Council Planners.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

2392 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2393 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20 December 2016. -agreed
They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2394 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- It is likely that the Hest Bank Lane canal bridge will be closed until the end of January because of on-going repair work. Concerns have been sent to the Canal & River Trust about some damage to the Hatlex Lane bridge and the protection of all the bridges in the parish. Enquiries have also been made to the River & Canal Trust about cutting back overgrowing vegetation adjacent to the canal bridges.
- Lancashire County Council Highways Officer has inspected Bottomdale Road and as various warning signs are already in place has stated that there is little more that can be done to ensure the safety of pedestrians. No serious accidents have been reported for a number of years. The Bay Gateway seems to have reduced the amount of traffic on Bottomdale Road.
- The Public Right of Way between the canal, Rushley Drive and Marine Drive has been inspected and Lancashire County Council has been contacted.
- It was noted that the time of monthly Community Coffee Mornings held at the Memorial Hall has been changed and they will now be held 10.30am to 12.00pm.

2395 **Administration**

Neighbourhood Plan -there had been no meeting since the last report but it was stated that the sub-groups are progressing well in putting together information.

Community Emergency Plan- a meeting is to be held on Monday 30 January to finalise any details. Cllr Stretch and the clerk are to attend a meeting, arranged by Lancaster City Council Emergency Contingency Officer, with other parishes that have developed an Emergency Plan. A metal storage cabinet and a gas-powered water boiler have been ordered.

Publication of the draft Lancaster Local Plan –no comments were forthcoming.

2396 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £3,207.40 Savings Account £65,649.03

Annual Review of Clerk's salary

Resolution(i): not to make any change in the salary paid to the clerk for 2017/18

Consideration of the quotations received for grass cutting on council-owned land in the parish in 2017. As the Council has been very satisfied with the work carried out by Envirocare over the last two seasons, quotations had been obtained for spring/summer 2017. The cutting schedule is on a five working day basis with grassed areas mown, edges strimmed, cuttings not collected but not to be left on paths and surrounds. The total cost for all areas was quoted as £8260 +VAT.

Envirocare offered an alternative quotation of £8760 +VAT (invoiced at a monthly price of £730 +VAT) for a yearly maintenance programme, as well as grass cutting, to also include trimming of overgrowing vegetation, application of weed killer on paths by the cut sites and collection of litter, leaves etc. detrimental to the appearance of the site, throughout the year.

Resolution(ii): to accept the quotation supplied by Envirocare for yearly maintenance commencing in April 2017.

Budget -councillors had been provided with information on the current financial position of the Council, an estimate of receipts and expenditure to the end of the financial year 2016/17 and projected receipts and expenses for 2017/18. A budget meeting was held on Monday 9 January 2017 at which the budget recommendations and therefore the precept requirement for 2017/18 were considered. The Council holds reserves for work at the recreation field when on-going legal negotiations have still not been completed

Resolution(iii): to adopt the proposed budget for 2017/18.

Resolution(iv): to raise a precept of £50,000 to meet the expenses of the Parish Council in the financial year 2017/18.

The parish tax rate on a Band D property will be £38.82, an increase of 1.86% on the previous year.

2397 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field project; a detailed letter had been received from JWK Solicitors laying out three possible options for taking further action over the dispute with the landscape architect and contractors, along with potential costs for each approach.

It was decided to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Council on Monday 23 January to enable full discussion of the options and the resulting course of action to be taken.

The Tennis Club's proposals for the development of a new multi-use games area; a meeting of three councillors with three members of the Tennis Club committee is being arranged, the date is yet to be confirmed.

Leasing of Manor Lane play area from Lancaster City Council; following the decision at the December meeting, a request to draw up a lease has been made to the City Council but to date it has not been received.

It was agreed that this should primarily be developed as a play area for young children, prices for fencing, resurfacing, equipment and additional insurance are to be sought.

Management of the lengthsman's time and tasks; this is still open for ideas on what should be included

but a draft work sheet is to be drawn up.

Purchase of some replacement trees for the foreshore- it was agreed that Cllr Jones and the clerk should look at the number and species thought to be required. The trees will replace some which were planted a few years ago but have not survived.

2398 Highways

New road signage at Slyne on the A6 in the vicinity of the Bay Gateway; a number of signs have been erected but comments have been received that they are not on the boundary of the parish and residents to the south of the parish feel excluded. Lancashire County Council to be contacted.

Protection of canal bridges; Lancashire County Council has been approached about an environmental weight limit being put on the bridges. A response is awaited.

2399 Planning Applications

Applications received

16/01530/FUL 33 Bay View Avenue, Slyne, LA2 6JS

16/01596/FUL Cote Farm, Strellas Lane, Slyne, LA5 8AB

16/01601/FUL 26 Manor Road, Slyne, LA2 6LB

No issues were raised on the above applications

16/01568/FUL 81 Hest Bank Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BS

Concerns were raised on this application because it is partially retrospective and also several applications have previously been made for work on this property and it is felt that work and conditions already agreed should be adhered to within planning guidelines.

16/01546/FUL land rear of Kirklands & Hanging Green Lane, Hest Bank

Concerns have been raised on this application because of flooding issues and site access as referred to above.

Applications permitted

16/01164/FUL Belmont Farm, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

16/01485/FUL 10 Peacock Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EN

Applications refused

16/01347/FUL 19 Hatlex Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HA

16/01112/CU Strand Meadow, The Shore, Hest Bank, LA2 6HW

2400 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £2,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Eon	9.80	electricity bill, burial ground
	DD	HMRC	348.96	PAYE & NIC payments
Cheque	122010	Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council	2942.50	contribution to lengthsman scheme
	122011	Mr D Ruddick	95.40	reimbursement, website hosting fee
	122012	Mrs D Brookes	836.12	clerk's salary
	122013	Petty cash	28.20	sundry items
	122014	SHMH Committee	78.75	hire of hall for Neighbourhood Plan meetings
	122015	Mrs D Brookes	748.78	reimbursed -items bought for emergency plan

2401 Matters raised by members for future consideration

Concerns about Hest Bank Lane and Coastal Garage

2402 Date of next meeting Monday 20 February at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm