

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 20 JULY 2009 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS),  
Mrs Beverley Melici (BM)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

**1304 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr J Newbold -absent due to shift working commitments. Reason for absence approved.  
Cllr P Millard

**1305 Declarations of interest none declared**

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

**Open Forum**

Present for the Open Forum;- Pc D Lowe, County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr M Thomas and two members of the public. Apologies were received from City Cllr S Rogerson

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe reported that in the previous month 8 crimes had been recorded (compared with 5 in the same period 2008) and these included burglary, theft assault and motor crimes. One incident of anti-social behaviour had occurred (compared with 7 last year). Overall crime in Lancashire has fallen although there is concern about the increase in domestic burglaries. It is hoped that operation 'Night Owl' will reduce the number of summer evening crimes.
- County Cllr Jones commented on some of the issues raised at the meeting which had been held to discuss the flooding issue and felt that many of the answers given by representatives of the authorities were unsatisfactory. A further meeting is scheduled for October and it is to be emphasised that Managers/Senior Members of the Authorities will be expected to be present to provide the information demanded.
- City Cllr Thomas commented on Stagecoach's 50% reduction in bus services through the village which had been brought about without consultation. The Council will consider making representation to the bus company -see below
- A resident explained proposals to make changes to the drive of a property adjacent to the Memorial Hall to improve safety and ease of exit on to Hanging Green Lane. Permission was being sought to incorporate a small corner of Council land into the new access. -consideration to be given -see below

The visitors left the meeting. Standing Orders were reinstated.

**1306 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 June 2009 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

**1307 Reports given by the clerk for information only**

Invitation to consultation meeting of Lancaster City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Task Group to discuss

'Special Expenses' and financial matters concerning Parish and Town Councils -SJ to attend  
Attention brought to correspondence in Lancaster Guardian about spraying of thistles and nettles on the foreshore -left in abeyance

**1308 Financial Matters**

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

Current Account £969.72 Savings Account £37881.59

Request by clerk for payment of the fee of £20 and travel expenses to attend a course on 'Power of Wellbeing' which is being run by the Lancashire and Merseyside Training Partnership at Penwortham

Resolution: to pay the fee and expenses as requested.

### 1309 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to authorise the RFO to make arrangements for the payment of invoices and salaries due in the month of August without the need for a meeting.

Resolution: to transfer £6000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account. (to cover payments due in July and August)

Resolution: to make a payment above the normal wages to Mr McGuire because extra work had been carried out and to apply this principle to payments for work on future special projects providing the scheme remains within budget. To pay the other accounts as listed:

	DD	Lancaster City Council	17.00	4th instalment- burial ground rates
Chq	101188	Bay View Garden Centre	709.01	bedding plants for tubs
	101189	Lancaster City Council	45.71	monthly playground inspection
	101190	Lancaster City Council	631.68	grass cutting -May invoice
	101191	Lancaster City Council	261.05	repair of play equipment
	101192	Mr R McGuire	131.20	groundskeeper's pay
	101193	Mrs D Brookes	773.27	clerk's salary
	101194	Petty cash	39.39	sundry items
	101195	HM Revenue & Customs	463.64	NIC and PAYE payments

### 1310 Planning applications

Consideration of applications received

Application No.

09/00473/FUL & 09/00491/LB St Luke's Church, Shady Lane, Hest Bank

No issues were raised on this application, all seems to be within planning regulations.

Resolved not to make any comments on it.

09/00465/OUT West Sheen, The Drive, Hest Bank LA2 6DQ

received notification of application, however on making enquiries with Lancaster City Council it is apparently not fully validated and more information will be forthcoming -left in abeyance

Notification of permission granted

09/00321/FUL, 74 Coastal Road, LA2 6HG

09/00403/FUL, 31 Coastal Road, LA2 6HB

09/00410/FUL, 82 Main Road, LA2 6AU

09/00226/FUL, The Cemetery, Bottomdale Road, Slyne LA2 6BG

Notification of permission refused

09/00427/FUL, 8 Thorns Avenue, LA2 6HR

09/00426/FUL, 64 Coastal Road, LA2 6HQ

### 1310 Burial ground

The planning application for alterations to the entrance and car parking has been permitted, however there is a number of conditions attached. One of these is visibility splays to be provided at each side of the junction to the satisfaction of the local planning authority, in the interest of highway safety and convenience -Council needs more information on what exactly is required and clerk to pursue this with County Council highways department. Due to the costs involved it was decided to leave in abeyance the employment of a civil engineer.

### 1311 Open Spaces

Further review of grass cutting by City Council -recent cuts seem to have been reasonably satisfactory but not as frequent as in previous years -to be kept under review but any further action deferred to end of season

Consideration of outcome of meeting which had been held to discuss flooding issues -there was some disappointment at what appeared to be a lack of progress towards solving the Hest Bank Lane flooding problem although the meeting had been assured that discussions were in progress between the various authorities including those linked with the planning for the M6/Heysham Link as this could have a bearing on the provision of improved drainage for the area. It would seem that a number of technical problems still need to be resolved and further investigations will be required. Another meeting is to be held on Friday 2 October to report on progress.

Consideration of request regarding use of a small area of land to enable changes to be made to the driveway of a property adjacent to the Memorial Hall - the Council had some sympathy with the proposals to improve access however there were concerns about the safety aspects if the access was to cut across the corner at the front of the Memorial Hall. It was suggested that, rather than extending the access closer to the Memorial Hall, the possibility of having the dropped kerb on to the highway extended to the south by a metre or so along with the removal of a section of the highway grass verge should be explored with Lancashire County Council Highways. This would give straight safer access on to the road and the Council would not raise any objections to such alterations.

### 1312 Foreshore

Proposed plaque -Pryorsigns are continuing to work on the plaque, further information has been supplied.

It had been agreed to go ahead with a plaque (minute ref 1287) however a firm order had not been placed.

Resolution -to now confirm placing an order for the plaque.

### 1313 Leases

Land for Scout & Guide HQ -Scout & Guide Management Committee has requested that the lease is written in the name of the committee rather than the Girl Guides Trust Corporation as in the previous lease which is now out of date. Bannister Bates Solicitors to be asked to draw up a new lease.

Tennis Club; an informal approach is to be made to committee members to discuss and try to overcome the only remaining factor holding up the finalising of the lease. This is the insistence of the Club's solicitors that rent increases are based on the RPI in force at the time of a review.

### 1314 Highways

Stagecoach has reduced the frequency of the no. 55 bus service through the village to one per hour. The Council has not been consulted or formally notified of the change. It was agreed to make representation to the bus company and request an explanation of the changes as it was felt that the use of public transport should be being encouraged rather than services being reduced.

### 1315 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

*For information only -decisions cannot be taken*

Enquire whether County Council will consider replacement of trees felled on Marine Drive/Coastal Road

Grass cutting on Memorial Hall field- look into lack of strimming round edges and into corners behind properties

### 1316 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting will be on Monday 21 September 2009 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

