

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 25 JULY 2011 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

1619 To receive apologies for absence none

1620 To record Declarations of Interest none declared

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: PC Ian Nixon, PC Laura Jolley, County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr M Thomas, Mr D Mowle, Mr R Greaves. Apologies were received from City Cllr S Rogerson.

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting: PC Nixon reported 6 incidents of anti-social behaviour, 4 vehicle related incidents and 4 crimes which included burglary, theft and possession of drugs. Concerns had been reported about the use of and damage to Hest Bank Lane bridge by HGVs that are prohibited by weight to use the bridge. The amended proposals for the introduction of double yellow lines near to St Luke's School were discussed and in general were considered favourable. Cllr Leeman reported that on occasions groups of youths were congregating on Black Castle Lane and the Officers are to keep an eye on this.
- A summary of the proposed changes in the Lancashire Constabulary with the loss of some Officers and other staff was given by County Cllr A P Jones
- City Cllr M Thomas commented on Lancashire County Council's (LCC) proposed introduction of 20mph zones in residential areas. In this village Hest Bank Lane, from Hasty Brow crossroads to the A6, Throstle Grove, Summerfield Drive and Hasty Brow have not been included. The speed of vehicles on these roads causes concern and representation is to be made about their lack of inclusion. County Cllr Jones offered to speak to LCC.
- Lancashire County Council Local Members Grant Scheme -County Cllr Jones has offered a grant to the parish and a suggestion was made that it could be offered to the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee towards improving the acoustics in the main hall. This would benefit a large number of hall uses. Investigations of feasibility and cost are to be made.
- Mr Greaves expressed concern about the use of land for building and the seeming erosion of parish boundaries.
- Mr Mowle explained his and the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee's proposals for double-glazing of the windows in the Memorial Hall to reduce heat loss and energy consumption. This would be using plastic sheeting fixed on the inside of the present windows. The Council's preference is the use of clear plastic. It was suggested that further investigation is made of the methods to be used and the costs involved, starting in the small hall, and Council would be prepared to give consideration to the proposals.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1621 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 June 2011 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1622 Progress Reports (*for information only*)

- Co-option of councillors -members were reminded that the Council needs to continue to seek two new members
- Litter bin at Recreation field play area -Lancaster City Council (Mr Cocker) has agreed to supply a bin and to emptying it on a three month trial period as discussed. The bin has not yet arrived.
- The Scout & Guide lease has been signed by members of their committee. This is now complete and it will be forwarded to Bannister Bates Conveyancing for safe-keeping.
- The May Fair committee is already planning events for next year and a celebration will be held on Sunday 3 June 2012, which is in the holiday weekend designated to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

### 1623 Administration

Parish Plan Review; the report of the five-year review which has recently been carried out was received by the Council. The document will be used for reference in planning for the development of the parish. Resolution: to accept the report and to record the Council's appreciation of the work of the review committee and especially that of Cllr Leeman who chaired the committee.

Copies of the report are to be made available to residents and it will also be published on the Parish Plan website (www.swhparishplan.co.uk). It was noted that this website has a fairly high target rate.

Memorial Hall -see above

Lancaster City Council's anti-litter campaign; proposals to try to reduce the amount of litter in the District- support given to this. It was also suggested that it could be linked to the Morecambe Bay Partnership Beach Clean Scheme which a number of residents already take part in.

Lancaster City Council's consultation on the Local Development Framework -the Development, Management and Land Allocation Development Plan document. Cllr Millard had attended a meeting on behalf of the Council and councillors had been made aware of the consultation -no comments proposed

Lancashire County Council -Household Waste Recycling Centres -Assessment of Closure Options -noted

Lancashire County Council -Consultation on Draft Policy for Managing Unauthorised Encampments on County Council Owned Land -noted

Lancaster City Council -Polling Stations and Polling Places Review -circulated for consultation and comments.

### 1624 Financial matters

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

Current Account £2,281.00 Savings Account £49,048.46

### 1625 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to retrospectively approve the transfer of £2500 from the Savings Account to the Current Account to enable the payment of the 10% deposit for the play equipment.

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £4,000 (to cover July and August payments) from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

Chq No.	101416	Playdale Playgrounds	2463.36	deposit required for new play equipment
	101417	Lancaster City Council	537.43	grounds maintenance -June invoice
	101418	Mr R McGuire	163.20	groundsman's pay
	101419	Mrs D Brookes	776.27	clerk's salary
	101420	Petty cash	64.06	sundry items
	101421	HMRC	426.72	NIC & PAYE contributions

### 1626 Open spaces

Further work and safety measures for the well in Hanging Green Wood - a quotation of £530 +VAT had been received from Mc Gaffigan & Sons, Engineers for the winding rod and safety cover. It was decided that this level of spending on the well could not be justified. Cllr Millard will speak to Mr Greaves and alternatives will be considered.

Recreation Field development project; following discussions by the May Fair committee, some further suggestions had been sent to County Council Projects Team and an update on the plan along with estimates for the cost of some of the initial work is awaited.

Work on installing the two new pieces of play equipment is scheduled to begin on 25 July. Once these are in place, the scheme will be publicised and the source of the grant acknowledged as this is a condition of receipt of the grant.

The registration of the recreation field with the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge and Fields in Trust - this is an initiative linked with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics in 2012 and aims to

protect public open spaces and playing fields. An application enquiry has been made in respect of the recreation field

Resolution 1: to give approval to the registration of the recreation field with the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge

Resolution 2: to dedicate the Recreation Field as a public playing field and recreation ground for the benefit of the inhabitants of the parish and to set up a Charitable Deed of Dedication between the Slyne with Hest Parish Council and the National Playing Fields Association operating as Fields in Trust (FIT). The field will be known as the Jubilee Recreation Field.

#### 1627 Highways

Lancashire County Council's proposals for 20mph zones -see Open Forum -the proposals were welcomed, subject to further consideration of the issues mentioned above.

Lancashire County Council's proposed scheme for parking restrictions near to St Luke's School, Shady Lane and Hest Bank Lane -following a consultation some amendments are proposed by County Council -no further issues were raised and it was agreed to accept the proposals

Bus Shelter on Main Road (A6) at the junction of Manor Lane -this is no longer used and is becoming an eyesore. It was decided that to ask M Ashton, lengthsman, to look at it with a view to its demolition.

#### 1628 Foreshore

Consideration of making a contribution towards the cost of litter pickers to be used for beach cleans carried out by the beach clean team run in partnership with Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council. A suggestion was made to buy 10 new litter pickers @ £10 each, sharing the cost with Bolton-le-Sand PC, i.e. £50 from each council.

Resolution: to agree to the purchase of the litter pickers.

Parking of vehicles on the grassed areas of the foreshore: during some cross bay walks a boulder and litter bin have been moved to allow access for cars to be parked on the grass area opposite the café and houses -permission has not been sought. Interfering with council property and the bringing of a motorised vehicle on to council grounds both contravene the byelaws. A meeting with organisers of the walks to discuss parking arrangements was suggested.

#### 1629 Burial Ground

Wall damaged by collision -insurance and the repair of the wall -Came & Company Insurance Brokers are looking into the insurance. Three estimates for repairs have been received.

Resolution: to accept the estimate of £1000 to carry out repairs received from M Ashton and to forward this to Came & Company for the insurance claim.

No further information had been received about the alterations to the entrance

#### 1630 Planning Applications

Applications considered by full Council

11/00488/FUL                      5 Slyne Hall Heights, Slyne, LA2 6EH  
installation of solar panels on the roof

No issues were raised on this application

11/00561/FUL                      49 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6ED  
erection of a conservatory to the front

No issues were raised on this application

Notification of permission granted

11/00488/FUL                      5 Slyne Hall Heights, Slyne, LA2 6EH

#### 1631 Matters suggested by members for future consideration -for information only

Sign for United Reformed Church on Marine Drive -possible relocation

#### 1632 Date of next meeting                      Monday 19 September at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm

