

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 15 JULY 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS)
Ms Moyna Hargest(MH), Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1901 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr S Jones

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr S Rogerson, J Leach, A Rooney, A Wilkinson,
B Halhead, K Halhead, N Martell

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting;** no police officers were present at the meeting and no report had been received.
- County Cllr Jones reported that the hearing of the legal challenge over the M6/Heysham Link Road will be held in Manchester on 22/23 July. If the outcome is in favour of County Council work is planned to begin in mid-September.
- Concern was raised by members of the public over a planning application for Brantholme, Hasty Brow to install 205 photovoltaic panels in a field adjoining the property. It was explained to them that they need to find valid planning reasons to object to the development. Cllr Rogerson offered to look into the application and raise any matters with Lancaster City Council. The Council will make a submission on the application.
- Mr Rooney explained that he was having problems of noise nuisance with a neighbour. He had taken steps with the City Council and Police to try to resolve the issue and there had been some improvement. He was assured that he had done the right thing.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1902 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

1903 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 June 2013 as a true record.
They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1904 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- The Field Day went well despite the uncertainty of the weather and the condition of the recreation field. Thanks are to be conveyed to the members of the May Fair Committee for all their work in organising the event
- A new Fields in Trust plaque has been received and together with other one will be erected at the field
- Cutting back of the bushes near to the sub-station on Coastal Road; County Highways has discovered that there is doubt about who owns the land and therefore has responsibility for carrying out the work.
- The addition of bark chippings beneath play equipment to improve safety; Lancaster City Council will supply and lay them at a cost of £106+VAT. There is still £52 left out of the 'free repairs' so actual cost will be £54. They have been authorised to do the work if possible before the start of the school holidays.
- Logs at Manor Road play area -Lancaster City Council has been contacted and it seems unlikely that there will be any cross contamination from the logs that were used.
- Potholes; a report has been received from Lancashire County Council explaining how they deal with potholes -noted and circulated to members for information.
- New Lancaster District Local Plan-Sustainable Rural Housing Growth -noted and circulated to members for information.

1905 **Administration**

- Appointment of a second representative on the Memorial Hall committee deferred from last meeting- under the terms of the constitution there should be two Parish Council members on the committee. No decision made.

1906 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £1187.08 Savings Account £53,370.99

Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2013 -the audit has now been completed by BDO LLP. No matters were raised by the Auditors which require attention by the Council.

Resolution; to approve and accept the Annual Return.

A notice of the conclusion of the audit will be displayed on the main council notice board for 14 days, as required

1907 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field project; a meeting has been held with the contractors and project manager and a few final items still need attention, including a safety sign for the pond, which it is hoped will be in place very soon. The contractors will return in autumn to cut the football pitch, trim round the wetland area and finish some planting, Bird and bat boxes are to be produced and put in place by volunteers. A plan of the area to indicate where grass can be cut has been promised and the Lancaster City Council mowing team is to be advised of this. The Council acknowledges the support of the May fair Committee and the following funders: Lancashire Environmental Fund, Lancashire County Council, Awards for All, Elizabeth & Richard Wilson Charity, Fields in Trust, Green Partnership Awards, Plymouth Brethren.

The jubilee royal oak tree provided by Fields in Trust is to be planted on the field.

Items to be included in the second phase of development have been discussed and include a multi-use games area. Cllr Leeman will make enquiries about art work for an interpretation board.

The painting of the equipment at the play area by the Community Payback Team; notification that this work can be done has been received and an assessment is awaited.

Inspections of open spaces; the following matters were brought to attention -burial ground-filling in of some sunken graves; recreation field -safety round the pond, wetland area and boardwalk, position of picnic bench and seats, fencing round play area. No issues raised on Memorial Hall field, Peacock Lane garden, church triangle and pound (in excellent condition)

1908 **Foreshore**

Report from the Environment Agency about the Red Bank dyke culvert- an inspection has indicated that there is damage to the culvert where it runs through Council land on the foreshore. As land owners it would seem that it is the Council's responsibility to carry out any necessary repairs. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the Environment Agency to find out further details, urgency of the repair and possible costs.

Restoration of some sections of the hard surface areas -a quotation for the work has been requested but not yet received -deferred

1909 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

13/00592/FUL Manor House Farm Barn, 10 Manor Lane, Slyne

13/00625/FUL 44 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BT

No issues were raised on the above applications

13/00551/FUL Brantholme, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

Change of use of land for the installation of 205 solar photovoltaic panel arrays and erection of a 1350mm high post and wire fence with hedgerow.

While the Council appreciates the need for sustainable energy generation it asked for the following comments to be taken into consideration:

- the scale of the installation, with 205 solar voltaic panels, would seem to be disproportionate to the size of the domestic premises' needs and appears to be an industrial development,
- this is within the North Lancashire Green Belt and appears contrary to the policies and aspirations for the Green Belt and detrimental to it,
- inappropriate use of agricultural land and could be seen as contrary to Local Plan policies.

Some concern has been expressed to the Council by residents local to the site about the visual impact and glare from the very large number of solar panels.

Application permitted
13/00458/FUL 13 Beech Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AS

1910 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £5,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account. This is necessary to cover payments in both July and August as there is no August meeting

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

Cheque	101611	P Walton	80.00	work on trees
	101612	Cllr P Millard	50.00	Chairman's allowance
	101613	Cllr S Jones	10.00	Councillor's allowance
	101614	Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley	10.00	Councillor's allowance
	101615	Cllr J Leeman	10.00	Councillor's allowance
	DD	E.on	3.45	burial ground-electricity bill
	101616	Viking	78.37	office supplies/stationery
	101617	Travis Perkins trading Co. Ltd	8.10	open spaces maintenance
	101618	Lancaster City Council	1612.29	grass cutting -April-June
	101619	Mr R McGuire	144.00	groundsmans's pay
	101620	Mrs D Brookes	779.87	clerk's salary
	101621	Petty cash	8.28	sundry items
	101622	HMRC Revenues & Customs	405.41	PAYE & NIC
	101623	BDO LLP	360.00	auditor's fee

1911 Matters raised by members for future consideration

The Slyne with Hest May Fair Committee has held its Annual General Meeting and Officers were re-elected. The Committee has yet to make a final decision on the type of event it will hold next year. Much will depend on the level of support that it is given.

1912 Date of next meeting Monday 16 September 2013 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm

ADDENDUM TO JULY MINUTES 2013

1913 Accounts paid in August 2013

	DD	Eon	3.08	burial ground electricity bill
	DD	BT	126.85	phone bill
Cheque	101624	OC Cleaning Limited	26.77	bus shelter window cleaning
	101625	Lancaster City Council	537.43	grounds maintenance -July invoice
	101626	Lancaster City Council	64.80	playground maintenance
	101627	LALC	5.00	extra contribution as agreed
	101628	Mr R McGuire	134.40	groundsman's pay
	101629	Mrs D Brookes	780.07	clerk's salary
	101630	Petty cash	30.52	sundry items
	DD	Eon	1.92	burial ground electricity bill

1914 Planning Applications dealt with between July and September meetings

Applications received

13/00822/FUL 5 Hatlex Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HA

Notification of permission granted

13/00498/FUL Beaumont Grange Farm, Green Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BG

12/00887/RENU 2 The Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6DQ

13/00592/FUL Manor House Farm Barn, 128A Manor Lane, Slyne

13/00625/FUL 48 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BT

Notification of permission refused

13/00551/FUL Branholme, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG