

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 JULY 2017 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Also present Mrs Tracey Scott

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2466 To receive apologies for absence none

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: City Cllr S Rogerson, City Cllr M Thomas, Mr Mark Woodhead

Apologies were received from County Cllr A P Jones

- Comments were made about complaints received about the closure of various roads in the parish and the length of time that some works by Virgin and others seem to be taking.
- Mr Mark Woodhead, Lancaster City Council Public Health & Housing Officer explained the application of the City Council's Dog Control Orders to public open spaces Enclosed play areas and sports pitches are covered by the Dogs on Leads Order and all open spaces are covered by the Fouling of Land by Dogs Order. In addition if needed and following consultation Public Space Protection Orders can be requested for some specific areas. Mr Woodhead offered to look at increasing the presence of Dog Wardens in the parish and encouraged the reporting of recurring offenders. More signs setting out the Dog Control Orders are to be supplied for the recreation field and other open spaces.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

2467 To record Declarations of Interest none

2468 Co-option of a new council member

Resolution; to co-opt Mrs Tracey Scott as a new member of the Parish Council

Agreed unanimously.

Mrs Scott signed the Agreement of Acceptance of Office and was welcomed to the Council.

2469 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 19 June 2017 as a true record.

They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2470 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Signage at the canal bridges; Lancashire County Council Officers are looking at proposals to introduce new signs in the area.
- Sightlines Manor Lane/A6 junction; Lancashire County Council acknowledges difficulties exiting this junction with limited sightlines but funding priority is given to schemes where there is a proven safety issue. This area has a good safety record over the previous five years.
- The start of work by Playdale at Manor Lane has been booked for 14 August and work is due to commence on the erection of the fencing.
- Seat outside the Memorial Hall; this needed urgent repair which it is now undergoing
- Memorial seat on the foreshore; permission has already been given for this. A position for the seat has been determined and the work needed to fix it in place has been agreed with the owner.
- Foreshore grass cutting; additional cutting of the area on the landward side between the houses and the service road to the caravan park is required. Envirocare is to be asked to quote a price for the work.
- Road along the foreshore; comments have been received about the occasional excessive speed of vehicles with potential safety issues with a suggestion that a low speed limit should be imposed as

this is adjacent to an open space area. The Council has doubts about whether County Council would agree to any traffic control measures but will try to monitor the road over the summer months.

- Preschool storage hut; the Proprietor has now forwarded details of a proposed new hut. As this is a like for like replacement it was decided that this would be acceptable and can be erected.
- The Council has received a compliment on the high standard at which the Burial Ground is kept and it will be passed on to Mr Brade, the groundskeeper.

2471 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan; Cllr Stretch reported on his attendance at a recent meeting of the Steering Committee. Work is progressing on identifying the ownership of land within the parish. So far only two small areas have been identified as suitable for development. The work on the development of a Coastal Path which will pass along the foreshore is progressing and this will be conveyed to the Committee. The Steering Committee has a further meeting with Officers from Lancaster City Council on 5th August to discuss progress of the Plan.

2472 Financial matters

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

Current Account £3,048.62 Savings Account £89,968.63

Insurance cover for Manor Lane play area; there will be an increase in the premium of £106.73 to insure the equipment and surfaces but this will not be charged until the renewal date at the beginning of October. Liability cover comes within the present terms of the policy.

Recreation Field Drainage dispute; as the defendants are now not being sued, JWK Solicitors are attempting to negotiate some recompense through their insurance companies on the grounds of unsatisfactory work. The Council has been requested to obtain quotations for remedial work to pass on to the insurers. In the meantime the recommendation is that work should not be commenced on the field in case the insurers wish to inspect it.

2473 Open Spaces

Recreation field drainage; a quotation for drainage work has been received from Duncan Ross Ltd. A meeting has been held with Barton Grange Landscapes and a quotation from them is awaited. Left in abeyance until two quotations are in hand and can be compared.

Tennis Club proposals for the recreation field; Mr Bird's comments were discussed. It was decided to ask the Tennis Club for detailed plans of the proposals for developments at the recreation field for both the tennis court and the MUGA including dimensions, works required, materials, costs and details of funding applications. Until these are received, discussions held and agreements reached the Council is unable to proceed any further at this time.

Appointment of a new lengthsman; Mr S Brade, groundsman has indicated that he would be willing to take on extra hours. The number of hours each week that he feels comfortable with is to be discussed with him.

Resolution: to appoint Mr Brade as the lengthsman at a rate of £12.00 per hour with the number of hours each week to be confirmed.

Consideration of whether any action should be taken to control dogs on open spaces; the Council will take the advice of Mr Woodhead as discussed above and monitor the open spaces.

Consideration of any issues arising from the risk assessment and annual inspection of open spaces; only two have been completed -deferred to next meeting.

2474 Planning Applications

Applications received
17/00771/FUL Deep Dene, 95 Hest Bank Lane, Slyne, LA2 6AH
No issues raised on this application

17/00792/ADV 6 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HN

Some concern was raised on this application concerning the change of emphasis on the type of food it is proposed to serve, how it is served and in the opening hours. The previous application for a change of use 17/00398/CU along with 17/00399/ADV have been withdrawn but residents still have concerns about the use of the premises. In the application there is no indication of the wording on the proposed signs and it was questioned whether there should be any indication of this being a take-away outlet if it is to remain as a café. Also it was suggested that note should be taken of the illuminated sign being very close to the level crossing and being a potential distraction.

Applications permitted

17/00492/FUL 8 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY

17/00591/FUL 14 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

Applications refused

17/00514/FUL Grange Court Deer Park, Hasty Brow Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6AG

Application withdrawn

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

2475 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £12,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

	DD	Eon	8.17	electricity bill -burial ground
cheque	122053	Envirocare Grounds Maintenance	876.00	grass cutting -June invoice
	122054	Mrs D Brookes	842.72	clerk's salary
	122055	Mr S Brade	195.00	groundsman's pay
	122056	HMRC	327.71	NIC & PAYE
	122057	Cllr S Scothern	50.00	chairman's allowance
	122058	Cllr R Stretch	10.00	councillor's allowance
	122059	Cllr J Cohen Kingsley	10.00	councillor's allowance
	122060	Cllr S Jones	10.00	donated towards memorial trees
	122061	Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall	45.00	Neighbourhood Plan meetings
	122062	Mrs J Holmes	93.72	Neighbourhood Plan petty cash

2476 Matters raised by members for future consideration

Future funding for additional items at Manor Lane play area.

2477 Date of next meeting

Monday 18 September 2017 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm

NB July addendum page & paragraph numbering