

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 18 JUNE 2012 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM) -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K)
Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS), Ms Moyna Hargest (MH)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1754 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr J Leeman

1755 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: PCSO L Jolly, PCSO S Brown, Mr R Greaves.

Apologies for absence were received from PC I Nickson, County Cllr A P Jones

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting:** in the previous month there had been reported four incidents of anti-social behaviour including neighbour disputes and noise nuisance, two thefts and two burglaries at properties which included a pedal cycle being stolen from an insecure shed.
- Moyna Hargest reported that she is still receiving information about the closed paths and is in the process of putting together an application to Lancashire County Council for consideration of their re-opening
- Mr Greaves gave his view about the development project for the recreation field.

The visitors attending the Open Forum left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1756 **Co-option of a new councillor**

Ms Moyna Hargest was invited to become a member of the council and accepted.

Resolution: to co-opt Ms Moyna Hargest to the Parish Council to fill one of the vacancies -agreed unanimously.

Ms Hargest signed the form of acceptance and was welcomed as a new member.

1757 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 May 2012 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1758 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- Burial Ground -work has started on reconstruction of the wall. £500 has been received from the insurance claim.
- Burial Ground -attachment of numbers to memorials -after consulting legal documents it is thought wise to further publicise this, giving information about the size of the number plaques that it is intended to attach.
- Flooding on Hanging Green Lane- notification has been received that drainage work will start within the next few days.
- Website -links to social networking sites, Facebook, Twitter etc. -left in abeyance
- A complaint about the danger of an overgrowing hedge at the Prospect Drive/Peacock Lane junction has been reported to Lancashire County Council
- A complaint about overgrowing vegetation on the Rushley Mount path has been reported and will be dealt with under the Rights of Way agreement in the lengthsman scheme.
- Localism Act 2011 and new Code of Conduct for Councillors -some information has been received from the Lancaster City Council Monitoring Officer but further clarification is awaited. Councillors were provided with information and the forms to declare pecuniary interests -deferred to July meeting.
- The examination of the proposals for the M6/Heysham Link road -the information received from the Planning Inspectorate and from Lancashire County Council was noted

- Slyne with Hest Football Club -notification has been received that they are investigating the improvement of parking facilities and enquired about the use of a small field off Bottomdale Road leased to Mr G Riley. The Council is prepared to consider negotiating a change of lease for this land. Also the Club is intending to construct a small building for storage purposes at the rear of the pavilion. The Council did not raise any objections to this provided that the Club makes enquiries about planning permission and the building will be subject to a satisfactory inspection by the Council on completion
- Memorial Hall car park -the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Management Committee (SHMHMC) is looking into the cost of resurfacing the car park at the side of the hall. The car park area is incorporated in the agreement between the Council and SHMHMC for the lease for the hall. The Council has no objections to the resurfacing of the presently tarmacadamed area but would object to an extension of the parking area as this could potentially cause damage to the large trees.

1759 Administration

Queen Elizabeth II Field -Deed of Dedication; a slight amendment to the previously signed Deed had been deemed to be necessary because the Council does not have seal.

Resolution: to approve the signing of the amended Deed along with the plans showing the land to be included in the dedication.

Consideration of the inclusion of advertisements in the Village Newsletter; interest had been shown by local businesses and other organisations in advertising in the newsletter. There would be an increase in the cost of printing the newsletter because of extra pages needed to accommodate the advertisements but this could be offset by the charging of advertising fees. Further enquiries are to be made about costs. These along with a policy for advertisements will be discussed by the chairman, clerk and newsletter editor and their suggestions will be relayed to a full Council meeting.

1760 Financial matters

Resolution: to accept the monthly receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.
Current Account £2,438.10 Savings Account £73,284.25

Payment of chairman's and councillors' allowances to elected members; the allowances are paid so that no-one is out of pocket in spending on council related matters, they are reviewed each year.

Resolution: to authorise the payment of allowances, in line with the council's policy.

1761 Open spaces

Recreation Field project; an application to LIF for a grant of £5000 has been rejected. Some reductions have been made to the estimated cost of the project but with the inclusion of 5% contingency it is still at £71,000 and still over budget. A further meeting with the contractors, the landscape architect and County Council Officer has been held to discuss means of making further reductions to the price. One of the highest costs is the importing of topsoil. The use of compost made from recycled materials along with topsoil may be an option in helping to reduce the costs. This is being investigated. Some small alterations and cuts in other areas that could reduce the cost are also being considered. The contractor confirmed that a team is on standby to start the work on 9th July provided that the funding problems can be resolved.

Claim of adverse possession for the piece of land to the north of the recreation field (minute ref 1683)- the claim to ownership of this land needs to be resolved quickly because of the work on the recreation field project. Bannister Bates Property Lawyers have been consulted and the clerk has met the solicitor and signed a form on behalf of the Council confirming information about the piece of land.

Resolution: to give approval to the claim for adverse possession and to pay the necessary fees.

Voluntary registration of land with the Land Registry (minute refs 1669, 1683) -Bannister Bates Property Lawyers hold all the Deeds. The areas owned by the Council have been checked [parts of the foreshore, part of memorial hall field (one section is already registered), Peacock Lane garden, recreation field and church triangle, cemetery and fields at Bottomdale].

Resolution: to give approval to the voluntary registration of Council-owned land with the Land Registry and to pay the necessary fees.

1762 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

12/00453/FUL

13 Kirklands, Hest Bank, LA2 6ER

12/00482/FUL

Beaumont Grange, Kellet Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BJ

No issues were raised on the above applications

Notification of planning permission granted

12/00204/FUL

Belmont Farm, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

12/00248/FUL

Beaumont Grange Farm, Green Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BG

Notification of planning permission refused

12/00222/FUL

49 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6ED

1763 **Payment of accounts**

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £2,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.
This will be done by letter signed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

	DD	BT	126.55	phone bill
	DD	Eon	2.46	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque no.	101506	Printing Plus	221.52	printing of village newsletter
	101507	Bay View Garden Centre	975.65	plants for tubs
	101508	Lancaster City Council	523.72	grass cutting -May invoice
	101509	Mr R McGuire	105.60	groundsman's pay
	101510	Mrs D Brookes	808.61	clerk's salary & expenses
	101511	Petty cash	21.53	sundry items
	101512	Bannister Bates Property Lawyers	250.00	land registration fees
	101513	Cllr P Millard	50.00	chairman's allowance
	101514	Cllr S Jones	10.00	elected councillor's allowance
	101515	Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley	10.00	elected councillor's allowance
	101516	Cllr J Leeman	10.00	elected councillor's allowance

1764 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

SS -sunken boat still not been removed from canal and concerns about erosion of the canal bank.

SJ -lighting on footbridge at level crossing

1765 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 July 2012 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm