

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 JUNE 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1888 To receive apologies for absence Cllr J Leeman, Cllr M Hargest

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, PC I Nickson, Mr B Light
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Rogerson

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting: PC Nickson reported that there had been five crimes committed in the area in the previous month. These were a theft from Beaumont College, a burglary, a break-in but nothing stolen, criminal damage to property and an assault on a person. There had been little anti-social behaviour. Pupils from St Luke's School had taken part in a road watch on Hest Bank Lane. Twelve vehicles had been stopped for exceeding the 20mph limit and pupils had spoken to the offending motorists.
- Cllr Thomas pointed out that there is a consultation taking place on proposals by the Electoral Boundary Commission to alter the boundaries of the wards of Slyne with Hest and Bolton-le-Sands for Lancaster City Council electoral purposes. The proposal is to combine the two parishes into a three-member Bolton & Slyne ward. Cllr Thomas strongly objects to these proposals and put forward his views on them. (See below for the Parish Councils discussions on the matter). The revised proposals for the boundaries are linked to objections made to original proposals for the wards of Silverdale, Warton and Carnforth and would seem to be a compromise attempt to even out the number of electors in the wards across the area.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1889 Election of Deputy Chairman, Internal Reviewer of Accounts, Representatives on Memorial Hall Committee, Representative to attend LALC meetings

The following elections were made:

Deputy Chairman	Cllr S Scothern
Internal Reviewer of Accounts	Cllr P Millard
Representative on the Memorial Hall Committee	Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley (<i>a second representative -as noted in the lease agreement- is to be discussed at the next meeting</i>)
Representative to attend LALC meetings	Cllr P Millard

1890 To record Declarations of Interest

All members present recorded a potential interest in the increase of the burial ground fees

1891 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 May 2013 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1892 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Parish Plan website -Webwise was informed of the desire to discontinue the website but the domain name had already been re-registered for this year and it was agreed to let it run for this one last year
- Dog fouling-following discussion at the last meeting the complainant had contacted the Canals & Rivers Trust (CART), as advised, and has been informed that there is very little funding available for the supply of extra dog waste bins and their emptying

- Play equipment -repairs to the play tower have been carried out. Lancaster City Council will replace the damaged swing -free of charge- under the maintenance agreement which covers repair costs up to £100. Some of the equipment needs to be painted- enquiries are to be made with the Community Payback Team to see if they would be able to carry out the work.
- Former Manor Road play area; a question had been raised about logs placed there as a play feature, whether if they were derived from diseased trees, the disease could be spread to surrounding trees. Lancaster City Council that placed the logs there is to be consulted.
- Land Registry- details have been checked with the solicitors and most of the parish-owned land is now registered. Some more investigation is required on the ownership of two areas of land at the side of the Memorial Hall.
- Toilets on the canal bank at Hest Bank; the Council had been informed that a security door at the ladies toilet block had been damaged and access was possible. This was referred to both CART and Lancaster City Council to investigate the problem and to decide who is responsible for securing the premises.

1893 Administration

Annual review of insurance -preliminary consideration of insurance cover and any additional items to be included; renewal is due in September and the contract with Came and Co. Ltd. runs until September 2014. Additional items that need to be taken into consideration include those introduced in the recreation field improvement project and the seat installed at Manor Road.

Local Government Boundary Commission -electoral review: further consultation on the proposed boundaries for the electoral wards -Lancaster City Council -north west. The Council, having considered the points raised by Cllr Thomas (see above) and reviewed the plans decided to make a submission to the Boundary Commission, objecting to the revised proposals for the boundaries as follows:-

All the councils, except Carnforth and Warton accepted the first set of proposed changes and saw no reasons for any changes to the boundaries other than to regulate the number of voters in each area. It recognised that in terms of representation on the City Council there is a need for distinct areas with common values. The new proposals seem to be an exercise to accommodate objections to the draft recommendations made by other wards and merely to even out numbers of electors in each ward without consideration being given to the history, geography and demographics of this area.

Objections to the revised proposals come under the following headings:-

Community - the original proposal recognised the distinct areas of community and broadly kept to them, where numbers would allow

History - the original change also recognised the common history of the various areas, which together with their idea of community gives them their identity.

Representation - the original proposal, did as stated, create areas with a communal identity, thereby allowing the City Councillors a chance to represent their area's needs and wishes. This issue is a perfect example of what can and does occur without that common identity.

Clearly, some adjustment has to be made to allow for electoral numbers. The first proposal did that with the least amount of change and for the reasons above it should stand. Lancaster City Council's proposals were consistent with electoral numbers and needed no change.

The name Bolton & Slyne is nonsensical as it loses the identity of the two parishes. The parish of Slyne with Hest was formed by the amalgamation of the two settlements of Hest Bank and Slyne and both need to be acknowledged in the name.

The parishes of Slyne with Hest and Bolton-le-Sands are two separate communities with distinct characteristics and identities and representation on Lancaster City Council needs to reflect this.

1894 Financial matters

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

Current Account £3092.31 Savings Account £53370.99

Independent Internal Audit of Accounts by a member of the Independent Audit Panel and Internal Review of Accounts by Cllr Millard; these have been carried out and no matters of significance were identified.

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 Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 and amendment 2004 and the Council's policy on allowances.

1895 Open Spaces

Recreation field project -further work has been done on the field and the drainage appears to have been improved, the football pitch will need to be seeded and will not be available for use until later in the year, however there should be sufficient space for the planned field day to go ahead on the field- weather and conditions permitting. The May Fair Committee has received payment of part of the grant from LEF and the committee has resolved to donate this and the grants from Awards for All and the Elizabeth and Richard Wilson Charitable Fund to the Council to be used specifically towards the cost of the development project.

Wood at Bottomdale; the management of the wood has been discussed with Tarjia Wilson from Lancashire County Council and members of the Plymouth Brethren who have offered voluntary time; work required includes hedge laying and new fencing. The ownership of surrounding land and responsibility for maintenance is being looked into. The intention to seek grant funding through the Green Partnership Awards was approved.

Risk Assessment and annual inspection of open spaces owned by the Council; councillors will carry out the inspection of designated areas.

1896 Foreshore

Cross Bay walks- it has already been reported that Mr Sledmore has decided to retire and will only be organising three major walks this year. However several other people who previously helped Mr Sledmore have now decide to organise walks. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with them and Mr Sledmore to discuss the walks and to make the new organisers aware of the conditions for using areas on the foreshore for parking.

Repair of parts of the hard-standing areas; considerable work was carried out two years ago on the drainage on the foreshore and the improvement of the hard-standing areas. It has been noticed that there is some deterioration of the surface due to frequent use. It was agreed that a quotation should be obtained from Mr Cowperthwaite for repairs.

1897 Planning Applications

Application No.

13/0055/TPO 116 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

13/00562/PAD 4 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HN

No issues were raised on the above applications

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

It was noted that this is a retrospective application as work has already begun following a previous application but the size of the building and its impact is more extensive than on the originally agreed plan.

Applications permitted

13/00308/RENU 14 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

13/00259/FUL 24 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

13/0055/TPO 116 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

Application invalid

13/00421/FUL 19 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY

1898 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	EON	2.33	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque	101602	OC Cleaning Limited	26.67	bus shelter window cleaning
	101603	Printing Plus	257.61	newsletter printing
	101604	Travis Perkins Trading Co Ltd.	5.24	materials for work at burial ground
	101605	Dennison Plant Solutions	202.80	machine hire -work on burial ground wall
	101606	Playdale Playgrounds	602.66	parts for repair of play equipment
	101607	Webwise Solutions	25.00	registration of domain name -parish plan

101608	Mr R McGuire	124.80	website
101609	Mrs D Brookes	784.10	groundsman's pay
101610	Petty cash	17.80	clerk's salary & expenses
			sundry items

1899 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

none

1900 **Date of next meeting** Monday 15 July 2013 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm