

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 19 MARCH 2007 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard (PM) – Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K), Mr Carl Willett (CW), Mr Julian Newbold (JN), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

Also present for Open Forum Mr G Riley, Mrs M Pearson

897 **Apologies** Cllr Andrea Johnson(AJ), PC D Lowe

Standing orders were suspended

**Open Forum**

Mr Riley and Mrs Pearson as leaseholders of land at Bottomdale explained their position regarding the land. Slyne with Hest Football Club has requested use of part of the land presently leased to Mr Riley and Mrs Pearson for extension of the pitches. This would create problems regarding access to the remaining land. Mr Riley and Mrs Pearson indicated their willingness to pass over the lease to the farmer who farms the adjacent land.

The visitors left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated.

898 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record, proposal made by SJ and seconded by JC-K.

899 **Matters arising from the minutes**

North West in Bloom and Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competitions – Arden Close to be included in special categories. Task Force, first meeting of season on Wednesday 11 April. Mr and Mrs G Bagnall have decided that, due to other commitments, they are unable to be involved this year. They are to be thanked for their work in previous years.

Heysham/M6 link- the date set for the commencement of the Public Inquiry is 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.

Provision of extra police car for the district- it is understood that Carnforth Town Council has paid the cost -it is as yet unknown whether requests for contributions towards tax, fuel etc. will be made.

Traffic on Hest Bank Lane- JN reported that Lancashire County Council has drawn up plans for improvements to the A6 junction and is waiting for comments from PC D Lowe.

900 **Financial Matters**

A report of receipts and payments during the previous month was presented by the clerk .

Current Account £5388.40, Savings Account £12742.78

St Luke's School Playground Improvement Appeal- retrospective agreement to 'buy a brick' at £25. This had been informally discussed and agreed by three members of the Council as the deadline was 28<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

It was resolved to uphold this decision, proposal made by CW and seconded by JC-K.

Burial fees; the clerk had researched the burial fees at a number of local cemeteries and provided the information to the Council. These are generally considerably higher than the fees charged by the Council. It was resolved to increase the fees, proposal made by PM, seconded by SJ and from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 they will be as follows:

For residents within the boundary of the parish of Slyne with Hest

	£
purchase of plot and exclusive rights of burial; issue of deed for same	150.00
1 <sup>st</sup> interment	100.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> interment	100.00
erection of a headstone	40.00
added inscription	20.00
purchase of plot in Garden of Remembrance and interment of cremated remains	60.00

placement of memorial plaque in Garden of Remembrance	20.00
added inscription	10.00

For all residing outside the parish boundary the above fees will be doubled

#### 901 Payment of Accounts

It was resolved to transfer £500 from the Savings Account to the Current Account ; proposal made by SJ and seconded by CW.

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed; proposal made by JC-K and seconded by SS.

Chq No.

100925	St Luke's School	25.00	'buy a brick' playground appeal
100926	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	10.00	entry fee
100927	North West in Bloom Competition	25.00	entry fee
100928	Mains Business Equipment	18.54	photocopier service contract
100929	Lancaster City Council	29.38	playground equipment monthly inspection
100930	Mrs D Brookes	697.86	clerk's salary and expenses
100931	Petty cash	8.36	sundry items
100932	United Utilities Water plc	7.12	water charges, burial ground
DD	Information Commissioner's Office	35.00	data protection

#### 902 Open spaces

Land at Bottomdale leased to Mr G Riley and Mrs M Pearson (see Open Forum above)  
The clerk was asked to write to Mr E Burrows who farms the fields adjacent to this land to find out whether he would be interested in taking on the lease for the land.

Slyne with Hest Football Club lease; a letter had been sent to the Solicitor confirming the land which is to be included in the lease and that which is excluded, but to date no reply had been received.

Proposed work on two trees in Hanging Green wood; a quotation for the work of £450 had been received from Mr P Walton. It was resolved to accept this and to employ Mr Walton to carry out the work, proposal made by PM and seconded by JC-K. As there is a Tree Protection Order on the wood the work is subject to permission being received from Lancaster City Council and, if agreed, will only be carried out at the appropriate time of year for the sake of wild life protection.

#### 903 Foreshore

Claims on foreshore land; this matter is still being dealt with by Bannister Bates Solicitors and copies of correspondence between the Council's Solicitor, the claimants Solicitor and the Land Registry had been received. As, on the Council's behalf, the Solicitor continues to object to the claim, it seems likely the matter will have to be referred to the Adjudicator for a decision.

Provision of information signage; the clerk, along with the clerk of Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council, had arranged to meet Mr Ian Robinson of Lancaster City Council on Wednesday 21 March to discuss the production of the signs.

Work on drainage dyke adjacent to caravan park; SJ and the clerk had met Mr Cowperthwaite on site to discuss the proposed work to clear the dyke of all the gravel and debris which is partially filling it and to restore it to its original level. The inspection had confirmed that there is encroachment on to Parish Council land due to various fences and structure having been erected. The Land Registry plan indicates that the boundary of the caravan park is a straight line, but this is no longer apparent. It was decided to write to the Shorefield Owners Co-op Ltd to inform the owners of the proposed work and to give them the opportunity to remove any structures from the Council land before the work begins.

#### 904 Planning applications

Application No.

07/00255/LB

re-siting of milestone -Hest Bank Lane  
for Mr and Mrs K Livermore, 20 Hest Bank Lane  
strong objection to this proposal, grade II listed structure of historical importance, should be given protection and English Heritage consulted for a full survey of site; moving it would undermine its relevance; may need some restoration because it is leaning; also suggestion that strip of pavement in

front of property is restored to a grass verge, as it probably was originally and milestone would be set in that.

07/00198/FUL erection of porch to side, installation of garden furniture and 3 no parasols with associated planting and masonry wall and glazed screen to side and rear boundaries  
for The Brewery, Slyne Lodge, 92 Main Road, LA2 6AZ no comments

07/00221/FUL installation of solar panels, erection of lean-to extension, installation of new window and removal of condition 2 on application 06/00176 regarding obscure glazing  
for Arthur and Lynne Dickson, 17 Hatlex Drive, LA2 6HA no comments

07/00315/FUL erection of a replacement attached garage  
for Iain and Carol Briggs, 31 Coastal Road, LA2 6HB no comments

Applications granted  
06/01556/FUL

Hillcroft Nursing Home, Slyne House, Throstle Grove, LA2 6AX

Further consideration of protection of some buildings and structures within the parish; there is still concern about potential changes to some buildings and the Local History Group is to be approached again for any suggestions about which of these would be worth protected status.

#### 905 **Burial ground**

The testing of the memorials had been completed and those giving some cause for concern noted; it was decided that any action would be deferred for six months to give grave owners the opportunity to carry out any remedial work.

A letter regarding memorial testing had been received from the Government Minister at the Department of Constitutional Affairs and from this was noted 'although managers will need to take practical steps to discharge their responsibilities... .. authorities should bear in mind -the need for a proportionate response to the actual risks presented; the importance of adequate prior public notice of inspection plans and remedial work; the impact on individuals and communities if memorials are laid down, cordoned off or removed unexpectedly; the need for great sensitivity and careful planning in the way the work is undertaken.

Improvements to entrance; no plans received from Mr Gill -deferred again

#### 906 **Highways**

Canal Bridges; reports of damage to be sent to British Waterways; Mr S Gardner, Conservation Officer, Lancaster City Council had responded to a letter in which the Council's concern about the continuing problem had been reported to him and he is fully aware of the problem and also concerned about these Grade II listed structures and had inspected the bridge at Hest Bank Lane with the Heritage Advisor from British Waterways. In discussions with British Waterways he had raised the issue of restrictions on the bridge but had been informed that it is an important bus route and restrictions would cause major problems. Mr Gardner had not been aware of the damage to the listed canal bridges at Hatlex lane and Hasty Brow. There are ongoing discussions between English Heritage and the Highways Authority to address the problem of damage caused to historic bridges

Proposed Cycle Link involving Rushley Drive; Mr G Bowker, Lancaster City Council, had promised a full report of the safety audit of the roads in this area by the May meeting, at the latest. -discussion deferred.

Community Concern Mobile Enforcement Sites- Public Consultation- an application had been made for speed checks along Marine Drive and Coastal Road

#### 907 **May Fair**

A meeting of the May Fair Committee had been attended by the clerk, as representative of the Council: plans are progressing well, the procession will start from St Luke's School at 1.00pm on 12 May; a variety of entertainments has been booked; the Committee proposes to present two trophies for the shield

competition, one to an individual entry and one to a group entry. The Council will make arrangements for the barbecue with which councillors have offered to help. PM will attend the next Committee meeting.

908 **Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct; Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members; Lancashire County Council, Proposal to Change the Age Range of Lancaster Ryelands Primary School from 4-11 to 3-11-consultation; -all above circulated

Lancaster City Council, Consultation on Proposal to Create a Morecambe Town Council; Slyne with Hest Parish Council welcomes this proposal -consultation questionnaire returned.

909 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

JN -hedge at Pointer Parrock, Hest Bank Lane needs attention to improve site lines  
CW- public toilets on Hest Bank foreshore are in need of urgent improvement.

910 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 April 2007 at 7.30pm

Confirmation of date of Annual Parish Assembly as Monday 23 April 2007 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.