

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19 MARCH 2018 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones, Mr Roland Stretch,
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mrs Tracey Scott

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2551 **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 Sylvia Rogerson, County Cllr Stuart Morris

The subjects discussed with the councillors included:

- Flooding on Hest Bank foreshore and whether the County Council will be going ahead with a scheme to relieve this and if it will be included in the capital funding for 2018/19.
- Damage to the canal bridges, the restoration of the temporary signs prohibiting HGVs and the request for permanent signs which the Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards.
- Parking at the southern end of Hest Bank Lane which at times can cause a hazard and a suggestion for double yellow lines on a section of this road to improve safety.
- Speed limits on the A6 between the Keys and the Bay Gateway -there appears to be confusion about what the speed limits are and there is thought to be inadequate signage.
- Potholes and the quality of the work carried out to repair them.

Cllr Morris will take the observations and comments back to Lancashire County Council.

The visitors left the meeting. Standing Orders were reinstated.

2552 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2553 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19 February 2018 as a true record.

They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2554 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- Elections 2nd May 2019 -an invitation to attend a meeting has been received from Lancaster City Council Elections Manager to explain election procedures -not taken up.
- Manor Road Play Area -a post installation inspection has been carried out. Minor faults will be pursued with Playdale Playgrounds for correction. The report has been passed on to Lancaster City Council with a confirmation of the request to carry out three-monthly safety inspections.
- Coastal Road bus shelter -a new shelter is on order with an expected installation at the end of April/beginning of May.
- Work to cut back overgrowing bushes near to the canal bridge on Hest Bank Lane has been carried out. Where there are hazardous overgrowing hedges in various parts of the parish contact is being made with the householders.
- Inconsiderate parking on pavements causing an obstruction has been reported to the Police.
- Members of the Community Emergency Plan Committee attended a meeting of CEP groups to keep up-to-date with what is going on amongst the groups in the District. A Lune Valley Flood Forum has been formed.
- Scout & Guide HQ - a request to put a light on the back of the Memorial Hall, noted at the last meeting but referred to the Memorial Hall Committee, has been rejected by the Committee. There is a way to the HQ across the area at the south of the hall and although some people cut across the field from the car park there is not a designated path. There are already lights on the outside of three sides of the hall. It was felt that further lighting of the field could encourage unsociable use of the field, cause unnecessary light pollution and annoyance to neighbouring properties.
- Lancaster City Council District Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents consultations were noted.

2555 **Administration**

Vacancies on the Council; following Mr Hamer's resignation, the casual vacancy has been advertised as prescribed but no one has come forward to fill it. The Council will now look to the co-option of two new councillors.

Neighbourhood Development Plan -Cllr Stretch had attended a recent Steering Group meeting. He reported that the Plan was progressing well and agreement had been reached on most of the policies. The draft Plan is to be submitted to their consultant for scrutiny and then to Lancaster City Council to ensure that it fits within the Lancaster Local Plan. A final copy of the Plan will then be put to the Parish Council for approval as it is being written in the name of the Parish Council.

Distribution of the Village Newsletter; it has come to attention that the distribution of the Village Newsletter is falling short of expectation and the number of outlets has dwindled. 350 copies are printed but many are not being taken.

Following some discussion on whether a three-monthly newsletter should be published, methods of distribution and other means of disseminating parish news it was decided to defer the matter to the next meeting so that some thought can be given to this.

2556 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £4827.95 Savings Account £53178.56.

Lancaster City Council has granted a full rates relief on the Burial Ground for 2018/19.

2557 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field drainage issues; no updates have been received from the solicitors

Recreation Field Play area; low risk safety issues highlighted on the recent inspection report are being dealt with. Envirocare is to be asked to cut back some willow trees which have grown tall and are obstructing the view of the play area. This is a safety measure.

Future development of the field -no decisions yet made.

2558 **Burial Ground**

Requests have been received about the location of two graves and the people buried in them. Some information has been supplied. This is linked with an investigation being led by the BBC's One Show. Subsequently a request has been received from the BBC to film at the Burial Ground.

Resolution; to grant the request but at the same time to ask if the BBC programme makers would make a contribution towards the up-keep of the burial ground.

2559 **Planning Applications**

Applications received

18/00113/FUL 23 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HB

Initially the Planning Committee did not raise any issues on this application but following submissions from the owners of nearby properties the City Council was requested to take their objections into account.

18/00162/FUL 8 Rushley Mount, Hest Bank, LA2 6EE

18/00165/FUL 7 Beech Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AJ

18/00205/FUL Brantholme, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

No issues were raised on the above applications

18/0033/TPO Barton Manor, Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BS

No objections were raised on this application but, as these are protected trees, this is provided that the work is carried out strictly as stated in the application by a qualified tree surgeon and any advice from the Lancaster City Council Tree Protection Officer is fully adhered to.

Applications permitted

18/00162/FUL 8 Rushley Mount, Hest Bank, LA2 6EE
 18/00037/FUL 4 Hayfell Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6DT
 18/00146/FUL 2 Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET
 18/0020/TPO 25 Throstle Walk, Slyne, LA2 6LD

Application withdrawn

17/01543/OUT Cote Farm, Strellas Lane, Slyne, LA5 8AB

2560 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £1,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

	DD	Eon	7.54	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque	122123	Envirocare	876.00	grass cutting February invoice
	122124	Lune Cleaning Co. Ltd.	35.03	bus shelter cleaning
	122125	Printing Plus	236.27	newsletter printing
	122126	Mrs D Brookes	842.72	clerk's salary
	122127	Petty cash	6.72	postage
	122128	Mr S Brade	234.00	groundsman's pay
	122129	Water Plus Limited	142.91	water charges at burial ground
	122130	P Walton Tree Services	80.00	work on fallen tree branches

2561 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

None

2562 **Date of next meeting** Monday 16 April 2018 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm