

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 15 MARCH 2021 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

A full coronavirus risk assessment had been carried out so that this could be held as a face-to-face meeting adhering to Covid19 regulations with social distancing and other safety measures in place.

Councillors present Mr Roland Stretch- Deputy Chair, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mrs Tracey Scott, Mr Stephen Jones, Mr Alan Connor, Mrs Joanne Bateman

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

:964 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr S Scothern

Open Forum

Apologies were received from City Cllr M Thomas.

No-one was present for the Open Forum

:965 **To record Declarations of Interest**

none

:966 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 February 2021.

They were duly signed by the Deputy Chairman

:967 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- Lancashire County Council was contacted again about the urgency of work on the collapsing wall at the Crescent and remedial work has been completed.
- Mr Brade, groundsman has replaced the damaged table in the climbing tower at the play area. Signs prohibiting overnight parking and camping have been put in place on the foreshore
- A good number of people took part in the litter picking initiative. The accumulation of litter at the recreation field play area is being monitored.
- Slyne with Hest Football Club has proceeded with the planning application.
- The Tennis Club has had the netting round the courts replaced.
- Concern has been expressed by a local resident about activity that is happening in Reanes Wood. This is a Biological Heritage Site and the trees are covered by a Tree Protection Order. Lancaster City Council has been asked to investigate and it has been reported to Lancashire County Council Environments Record Network who deal with Biological Heritage Sites.
- Slyne Caravan Park- concerns have been raised by a local resident about the number of cars accessing the Park and whether this is contrary to Covid 19 restrictions. This has been referred to Lancaster City Council which licenses the Park.
- Local Government re-organisation -consultation, information had been forwarded to councilors -noted but no comments forthcoming from the Council
- Electricity Northwest -on-line event about climate change and reducing carbon footprint- Cllr Scott to attend
- Lancaster City Council -Grassland Management Strategy 2021- -noted

:968 **Administration**

Neighbourhood Plan; the Steering Group has made good progress with the adjustments needed to the Plan following the report from Troy consultants. A detailed review of the policies involving green belt changes has been undertaken. A marine policy statement is being introduced which further protects land bordering the coastal area (Ramsar Site). Suggestions of villagers thoughts on describing the rural area to live, socialise and work in are being sought. Liaison with the Council about publicity was welcomed.

Further consideration of website and social media and ways of dispensing information; this was left in abeyance at

the last meeting as more information was needed. Advice about Communications Protocol and a Social Media Policy had been obtained; also information about an electronic newsletter is being circulated. Cllr Bateman is to look into the possibilities of the Council having its own 'Facebook' page which would be satisfactory to its requirements as a corporate body. Enquiries are to be made about the cost to update the website.

Best Kept Village competition 2021- information had been received; no uptake this year; may consider in future years.

:969 Financial Matters

Approval was given to the monthly summary of receipts and payments

Current account £4,776.11 Savings account £136,726.13

Electricity account for the Burial Ground; a new agreement has been set up with Eon on the same terms as last year. Payments will be taken quarterly by Direct Debit

Resolution: to give approval to this.

:970 Open Spaces

Recreation field; Duncan Ross Limited had supplied an updated quotation (£60,936) for the installation of a MUGA , also a quotation for lighting (£16,261) had been received. A planning application will be drawn up for these.

Resolution; to accept these quotations and to request that the work is done during the summer pending the outcome of the planning application. -unanimous agreement

A policy for the use of the MUGA is to be considered.

A quotation had been received for path works and car parking space for the disabled (£72,956).

As it is not a legal requirement to have a path and access for emergency vehicles nor to provide a car park for the disabled it was decided not to go ahead with this at the present time because the council does not have the financial resources for the work at present, although this may be reconsidered in the future.

The condition of the boardwalk is deteriorating and there are some concerns for safety.

Resolution; to accept the quotation for its replacement by the construction of a raised path along with further essential drainage work and to request that the work is done as soon as possible but at least before the end of April -unanimous agreement.

The boardwalk will continue to be monitored and any immediate necessary work carried out.

Consideration of the work required on the equipment on recreation field play area to ensure safety- a meeting has been held with Officers from Lancaster City Council to discuss the work and to request a quotation. This is awaited -left in abeyance.

Work has been done by Mountainstone Forge Ltd. to make the gates self-closing at the recreation field play area and at the Manor Road play area -a requirement highlighted in the recent report

Further consideration of the work on the roadway to the former VVV - another meeting has been held with Earth and Groundworks Ltd to consider what action to take to prevent the overnight parking of campervans and the like. Cllr Stretch visited the residents on this part of the shore who were grateful that something would be done because of the nuisance caused by these visitors.

A quotation has been received for placing large limestone blocks along the length of the road and thus narrowing it. Access will still be available for residents and emergency vehicles but with reduced width for parking vehicles. Signs are being considered to indicate that this is not a through road and is for access only.

Resolution; to accept the quotation of £102.50 +VAT each for the supply and fixing of up to 30 blocks and to request that the work is carried out as soon as possible. -unanimous agreement

Further consideration of the details for the construction of a small wall to include Covid stones; the structure is to be a circular shape and thought to be approx. 3 metres wide. It was suggested that it is elevated slightly on one side so as to be more visible. The design and construction is by volunteers and Cllr Bateman is to make contact with them to confirm the details. St Luke's School is to be contacted as many of the stones were decorated by children. A possible inscription for the wall will be discussed at the next meeting

Resolution; to have a wall constructed on the garden at the corner of Peacock Lane and Hest Bank Lane with a

limit on spending of £1000. -agreed

:971 **Foreshore**

An enquiry had been received about the replacement of a bench on the foreshore due to its deteriorating condition. The person had been informed that under the terms of the Memorial Bench Policy, the responsibility for the bench lies with the owner either for its repair or removal. A replacement would need to be agreed by the Council and information had been supplied.

No further contact has been received -left in abeyance. The bench will be monitored for safety.

:972 **Planning applications**

Applications received

21/00094/FUL 4 Lonsdale Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6DS

21/00153/FUL 6 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DD

21/00189/FUL 11 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DD

No issues were raised on the above applications

21/0028/TPO Alice Springs, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

Some concern was raised because of the lack of clarity on the position of the trees and what work was intended

Applications permitted

20/01254/FUL New House Farm, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AW

20/01317/FUL 2 Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX

:973 **Payment of Accounts**

Approval was given to the transfer of £3000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account

Approval was given to the payment of the accounts as listed:

	DD	BT	195.69	phone bill
Cheque	122376	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	780.00	grounds maintenance -Feb
	122377	Mr M Ashton	60.00	supply of Christmas trees
	122378	Mrs D Brookes	878.50	clerk's salary
	122379	Petty cash	9.91	sundry items
	122380	Mrs D Brookes	89.99	reimbursement-McAfee-auto-renewal
	122381	Mr S Brade	583.28	groundman's pay & materials
	122382	Water Plus Limited	142.33	waste water bill -burial ground
	122383	Lancaster City Council	462.00	planning application fee
	122384	Mountainstone Forge Ltd.	315.00	work on play area gates

:974 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Cllr Stretch -condition and stability of some of the headstones at the burial ground

:975 **Date of next meeting** Monday 19 April 2021 at 7.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm