

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2008 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: PC D Lowe, Mr J Leach

1185 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Mrs Andrea Johnson (AJ) due to family health problems -this may continue for a period of time and in relation to LGA 1972 s85, it was resolved that this should be accepted as an approved reason for absence from meetings.

Mr Stewart Scothern -working late shift -approved

County Cllr A P Jones

1186 To receive declarations of interest none

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe reported that over the previous month two crimes had been committed and there had been five instances of anti-social behaviour, a considerable reduction on the same period last year.

Mr Leach commented on the proposals for a Traffic Regulation Order on the junction of Hest Bank Lane and Peacock Lane to prohibit parking and questioned how it would be enforced.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

1187 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 October 2008 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1188 Highways

- Proposals had been put forward by Lancashire County Council for the improvement of pedestrian safety on a section of Hest Bank Lane, from approx. Highfield Drive to Sunningdale Avenue. This includes new footway construction and marking, priority build out and markings on the carriageway and new signage. Four Officers from Lancashire County Council, County Councillor, City Councillors, Parish Councillor, PC Lowe, the clerk and six residents had met on site to look at the proposals and then followed a lengthy meeting to discuss the issues. The residents' complaint was that there had been insufficient consultation on the proposals. There was considerable opposition to the scheme from the residents and it seems likely that the issue will have to go before Lancaster Locals for further appraisal.
Members had some misgivings about the proposed scheme but, as the Council has been pressing for improvements to road safety over a period of time, it was felt that it should not be rejected out of hand and that a chance should be given to modifications being agreed which will be acceptable to all concerned.
Resolution: to support the scheme to improve pedestrian safety on Hest Bank Lane, albeit with some probable modifications as a result of the consultation.
- Traffic Regulation Order, Prohibition of Waiting on Hest Bank Lane, north side at the junction with Peacock Lane -a notice of the proposals and public consultation had been issued by Lancashire County Council.
Resolution: to support the proposed order.

1189 Clerk's report -for information only

Government Office of the North West -The North West of England Plan Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021 report -no comments recorded

Communities and Local Government -The making and enforcement of byelaws -a Consultation -no comments recorded

Lancashire County Council-cycle link between Rushley Drive and Morecambe promenade, report received that design and planning work is now complete and everything is in place for the works, including the 'Toucan' crossing to start early in the New Year.

1190 Administration

Lancaster City Council -a Consultation on the Future of Special Expenses; this refers to the allocation of funding over the parishes and towns within the Lancaster City Council Authority.

Resolution: to give support to Option 1 of the two options put forward in the Lancaster City Council report.

Parish Logo; looking at some minor modifications to the design put forward.

Parish newsletter; some interest had been shown by members of the public and it is hoped to set up an editorial group with the aim of publishing a revamped newsletter at the beginning of March 2009.

1190Financial Matters

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

Current Account £2693.04, Savings Account £26,106.97

Annual Return for year ended 31 March 2008; the audit has been completed by the external auditor and on the basis of the review, in the auditor's opinion, the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to attention giving rise for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Resolution: to approve and accept the Annual Return.

Resolution: to make a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for the supply of two wreaths.

Resolution: to purchase and erect three small Christmas trees outside the Memorial Hall.

Resolution: to make changes to the fees charged for the Burial Ground as from April 2009 and to incorporate the changes into the budget for the next financial year.

1192 Burial Ground

Improvements to entrance; a final draft of the proposals had been received from the architect.

Resolution: to approve the proposals and to ask the architect to submit a planning application to Lancaster City Council along with the fee of £150.

1193Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	Lancaster City Council	16.00	8 th instalment- burial ground rates
101106	Mr F Foster (re. Hostway)	13.91	balance of website hosting fee
101107	Lancaster City Council	31.14	play equipment monthly inspection
101108	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	364.25	audit fee
101109	Mrs D Brookes	806.51	clerk's salary & expenses
101110	Petty cash	22.26	sundry items
101111	The R B L Poppy Appeal	50.00	donation for poppy wreaths
101112	Lancaster City Council	170.00	Burial ground-planning application fee

1191 Planning Applications

Application No.

08/01133/ADV

installation of 15 hoarding signs
for Mr Christopher Knowles, Slyne with Hest F.C., Bottomdale Road, Slyne
The Club is sited within the North Lancashire Green Belt and reference is made to Policy R8 of the Local Plan; while the Council does not object to some hoardings it is felt that the proposed number could have some visual impact on the area.

08/01213/FUL

erection of a single storey rear extension and porch to front
for Mr E Parkinson, 49 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY no objections raised

08/01237/FUL

erection of porch side extension
for Mr M Huntington, Folly Barn, Folly Lane, Slyne, LA2 6AB no objections raised

08/01254/FUL

erection of a conservatory to the rear
for Dr C Hodgson, 44 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BX no objections raised

08/01251/FUL

erection of a two storey side extension and raised patio area
for Mrs M Pennington, 74 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ no objections raised

08/01282/FUL

erection of a single storey extension to accommodate new swimming pool
for Mr I Rawlins, North Barn, 8 Slyne Hall Heights, Slyne, LA2 6EH
no objections raised

04/01733/FUL
amendment

revised application to 04/00541/FUL for the erection of a single dwelling to
replace existing (permission to demolish already granted)
-amended plan -replacement hedge
for Mr & Mrs C Barton, Marnwood, 52 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BS
no objections raised

08/0110/TPO

Monkey Puzzle Tree-wish to remove deadwood from crown and remove three small
side shoots
for Charlie Barton, 52 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BS no objections raised

Applications granted

08/01020/FUL

Brantholme, Hasty Brow Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6AG

08/00818/FUL

6 Hatlex Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HA

08/01019/ADV

2 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

1195 Foreshore

Interpretive panel for plinth; Cllr Jones, Cllr Cohen-Kingsley and the clerk had met with a representative from Pryor signs to discuss the format of a new plaque. It had been suggested that it should include a panorama as seen from the foreshore along with a depiction of some of the history of the foreshore area. Facts and suitable photographs are being sought. The clerk continues to investigate possible funding for the project.

Resolution: to progress the project.

1196 Open Spaces

Trees in Hanging Green Wood; a felled tree is required to be replaced; also several areas are in need of some replanting; the Tree Wardens, along with Mr P Walton are anxious to plant trees and also to get local children involved in the work. Mr Walton has recommended a tree nursery for sturdy stock. Tree prices range from approx. £10-20 depending on size and species.

Resolution: to encourage this project and to leave it to Mr Walton's professional expertise, in consultation with the Tree Wardens, to obtain and plant suitable specimens.

1197 Correspondence

Communities in Control: Real people, real power. Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees-a consultation

Commons Registration Authority -Part 1 Commons Act 2006 Implementation in Lancashire- Review of Registers of Common Land

both above circulated -comments requested

1198 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

(For information only)

JN reported that the flooding issues at Croft Avenue seem to have been resolved -debris which was blocking a drain has been removed

Foreshore near to VVV, the safety sign is facing the wrong way; also a seat is in need of repair -could be a hazard -not Council's -any details of owner requested so that they can be written to.

Seat on corner of Throstle Grove/Hest Bank Lane damaged possibly during gas maintenance work.

Burial Ground -improvement of paths by resurfacing them, reconnection of electricity supply to building

1199 Date of next meeting

Monday 15 December 2008 at 7.30pm

Date of budget meeting Wednesday 14 January 2009 at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25pm