

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern (SS) Deputy Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K),
Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL), Mr Roland Stretch (RS)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Scothern

1942 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr P Millard, Cllr S Jones), Cllr M Hargest

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: PC Neil Smith, City Cllr M Thomas

Apologies were received from County Cllr AP Jones,

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting:** Pc Smith was welcomed as the new Community Beat Manager. 3 crimes had been reported in the previous month, a theft of a trailer, damage to a vehicle and a domestic related assault. There were no reports of anti-social behaviour. A visit had been made to St Luke's School in relation to the parking problems. Also speeding through the village is still a cause for concern and it is intended to try to address this through the Community Roadwatch Scheme.
- City Cllr Thomas reported that an appeal is due to be heard concerning a proposed housing development off Coastal Road at Bolton-le-Sands, the result of which could impinge on SwH. Lancaster City Council is considering the shortfall in its budget for the next financial year and it is not yet known how this will affect services or impact on parish precepts. Changes to registration on the electoral register are to be introduced from 2015 and there will be individual registration rather than by household.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1943 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

1944 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

A correction of the date on the minutes was made ...'minutes of the meeting held on 16 September changed to 21 October 2013'

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 October 2013.

They were duly signed by the Deputy Chairman.

1945 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- A new list of councillors' details and dates for meetings in 2014 has been produced. The date of the April meeting has been changed because the third Monday of the month is Easter Monday. The meeting will be held on the second Monday, 14 April
- M6/Heysham Link -a further appeal by TSLM has been rejected but they can still make an appeal for an oral hearing. TSLM have asked for an oral hearing which is due to take place on 28 November. Contractors for the County Council have apparently already started some preparation work
- At the date of the meeting the pony has not been on the foreshore for several weeks but the situation will continue to be monitored
- Mr Walton has inspected the tree on the Memorial Hall field and suggested taking off a few of the lower branches that overhang the neighbouring garden and will go ahead with the work
- The new seat at Hasty Brow crossroads is in place.
- Lancaster City Council, consultation on planning applications -in future information will be sent electronically and all access will be through the City Council website.

1946 **Administration**

Lancaster City Council's consultation on Development Management DPD and Morecambe Area Action Plan - this has been circulated -no comments were forthcoming

Lancaster City Council's Review of Localised Council Tax Support -information has been passed to all councillors and comments invited.

The new Lancaster City Council electoral ward of Bolton and Slyne -as a result of a review and consultation the Local Government Boundary Commission for England has in its final recommendations created the new ward which covers Slyne with Hest and Bolton-le-Sands and will be represented by three city councillors.

Carnforth Town Council is seeking to promote tourism in Carnforth & District including the re-establishment of the Local Information Centre and has invited comments and input from neighbouring parishes -noted.

1947 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £20,456.87 Savings Account £25,370.99

Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; two wreaths had been supplied for the Annual Remembrance Service at a cost of £34.00

Resolution: to make a donation (Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972)) of £60 to the RBL Poppy Appeal

Report of the half-year audit carried out by a member of the Independent Audit Group on 6th November 2013; everything was found to be satisfactory and no issues were raised.

Resolution: to accept the Independent Internal Auditor's assessment.

Payment of the withheld cheque for Newground CIC -some further work has now been carried out, strimming of grass (mowing was not possible because of ground conditions) and re-erection of a sign. However the Council is still not satisfied with the standard of work and especially the condition of the surface of the football pitch which, it was felt, could be dangerous to play on. It was suggested that a meeting with the contractors should be arranged to discuss the problems.

Resolution; to pay £10,000 of the outstanding balance and withhold the rest until a satisfactory outcome is reached.

Charges for advertising in the Village Newsletter

Resolution; to confirm the charge of £10 +VAT per quarter page black & white advertisement.

1948 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field project -to consider improvements to the embankment slide -a quotation for the work from McGaffigans is still awaited -deferred

-to consider further drainage work under the zip wire -the contractors for the recreation field project -Newground CIC- suggest that the very wet ground is caused by a nearby spring and that further work to resolve the problem is not within their contract. -deferred while further investigations take place.

Allotments; a meeting was held on 15th November, attended by PM, MH & DB with a representative from the Plymouth Brethren, at which the provision of allotments for the parish using council land at Bottomdale was discussed. Members of the Plymouth Brethren would, as a service to the community, be willing to put in a water supply to allotments. It was said that some of their members might be interested in having an allotment but they have no specific agenda to take on allotments.

Some issues that would need to be considered are the termination of the present lease held by Mr Riley, planning consent for change of use of the land, the provision of access and car parking space and the diversion of the Public Right of Way.

Reference to allotments will be made in the next Village Newsletter but until the level of interest is determined it was deemed not to be a current priority and the matter should be shelved for the present. A meeting is to be arranged with Mr Riley and Slyne with Hest Football Club to discuss the way forward following an enquiry about use of part of the paddock at Bottomdale by the Club.

Hedge adjacent to the football field at Bottomdale -this needs attention because it has become very overgrown and is restricting sight lines at the exit from the football field. One quotation for the laying of the hedge has been received. A decision was deferred until Slyne with Hest Football Club has been approached to find out what contribution they would be willing to make towards the cost.

1949 **Burial Ground**

Consideration of suggestions for the development of the car park -deferred for further information to be sought.

1950 **Foreshore**

Repair of worn car parking surfaces; in spite of reminders, a quotation for the cost of repairs has still not been received -decision further deferred.

1951 **Planning Applications**

Application no.

13/01049/FUL 7 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY
13/01081/FUL 5 Rushley Mount, Hest Bank, LA2 6EE
13/01116/FUL 3 Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX

No issues were raised on any of the above applications

Notification of permission granted

12/01078/OUT Birklands, Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG
13/00929/LB Beaumont Grange, Kellet Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BJ

1952 **Payment of Accounts**

The transfer of £2000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account as referred to on the agenda -as only part payment is to be made to Newground CIC (see minute 1947) and a transfer of £20,000 was approved at the October meeting (minute ref 1939) a further transfer is not necessary and therefore no approval was given.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	Eon	4.28	electricity bill -burial ground
Chq	101650 Lancaster City Council	1612.30	final invoice -grass cutting 2013
	101651 Glasdon UK Ltd	495.09	purchase of a new seat
	101652 Mr R McGuire	108.80	groundsman's pay
	101653 Mrs D Brookes	780.07	clerk's salary
	101654 Petty cash	26.00	postage & remembrance service expenses (S137)
	101655 Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	60.00	donation for wreaths (S137)
	101656 Newground CIC	10,000.00	recreation field works (part payment of invoice)

1953 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Damaged safety barrier at Coastal Road/Station Road corner- repairs still not carried out.

Overhanging trees on Shady Lane

1954 **Date of next meeting** Monday 16 December 2013 at 7.30pm.

Date of budget meeting Monday 6 January 2014 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50pm