

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2015 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mr Roland Stretch,  
Mr Stephen Jones, Mrs Joanne Leeman

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2227 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr S Jones

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr S Rogerson, Mrs H Brownjohn, Mr E Hamer, Mrs J Hamer, Dr L Bryan, Mr R Elliott, Ms A Harrison

- County Cllr Jones explained that there had been some problems with the construction of the Lune Bridge as part of the M6/Heysham Link Road causing delays but these have now been resolved and the new expected completion time is October/November 2016, a little later than the originally planned completion in September 2016.  
In response to a question Cllr Jones promised to find out when work would be completed on the resurfacing of Hest Bank Lane following the recent extensive drainage works. It would seem that the new system is working and relieving flooding.  
Cllr Jones also explained that some unpopular decisions may need to be made due to Lancashire County Council budget cuts. It is very likely that some non-statutory services will be reduced but every effort is being made to maintain statutory services.
- City Cllr S Rogerson reported that a group of City Councillors had been in contact with Planning Officers about housing numbers and proposals to alter the boundaries of the Green Belt areas with a view to potential development. Lesley Bryan enquired about the Parish Council's response to the Green Belt Consultation and was assured that the Council would be responding and taking into account the proposals for all the sites in this area. The Save our Villages Group had contact with CPRE and it was said that they would be willing to provide advice for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group if requested and consideration will be given to this once the Group is established.

Members of the public, except the candidates for new councillors, left the meeting. Standing Orders were re-instated.

2228 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2229 **Co-option of Councillors**

Letters of application had been received from Mrs H Brownjohn, Mr E Hamer and Mrs J Hamer and the co-option of two new councillors had been fully discussed by the Council. It was decided to offer the vacant places to Mrs Brownjohn and Mr Hamer.

Both accepted and signed Declarations of Acceptance of Membership of the Council.

2230 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 October 2015  
They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2231 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- Consecration of the new Church of England burial area at Slyne Cemetery took place on Tuesday 3 November by the Bishop of Lancaster. Mr Stephen Crossley -Diocesan Solicitor, Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley, Cllr R Stretch, the Clerk and Rev P Bicknell, Vicar of St Luke's Church were present.
- The play tower at the children's play area on the recreation field has been painted by City Council and Mike Ashton, lengthsman, has cut off the remaining fence posts at the back of the play area and carried out some minor repairs to the equipment.
- A meeting has been arranged to discuss the formation of a new Scout & Guide Management Committee for management of the Scout & Guide HQ. This is on land leased to them by the Parish Council and has been causing some concern because of its deteriorating state of repair.

## 2232 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan; a meeting was held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November attended by 12 people. It was agreed that a Steering Group should be set up and a draft of the Terms of Reference was presented along with the draft of the Letter of Designation of the Area for the Neighbourhood Plan which is to be sent by the Parish Council to Lancaster City Council. Volunteers for Officers for the Steering Committee were requested. The next meeting is to be held on Monday 7 December at 7.30pm at the Memorial Hall.

Consideration of the application to Lancaster City Council for the Area of Designation for the Neighbourhood Plan. A draft of the letter has been sent to all councillors. The area is to be all the land within the parish boundaries and a plan indicating this is to be sent along with the letter. Although a separate Steering Committee for the development of a Neighbourhood Plan is to be set up, the application and other matters of administration are the responsibility of the parish council.

Resolution: to approve the letter of designation and to make application to Lancaster City Council.

Following approval by Lancaster city Council there will be a six week public consultation.

To consider the terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Resolution: to approve the Terms of Reference as presented

Lancaster Local Plan consultation -proposals for re-designation of the Green Belt areas -much work has been done by Cllr S Jones and Cllr J Leeman on the response to the proposals for the Green Belt areas, on Lancaster City Council's maps, Central Area GB4, Slyne/Bolton-le-Sands, East of Morecambe GB2, Slyne with Hest/Torrisholme and North of Lancaster GB1, Hammerton Hall, Slyne (Beaumont/Green Lane), Halton. The response takes into consideration, National Green Belt Policy, the attributes of Green Belts along with the specific proposals for the re-designation of the Green Belt in this area putting forward arguments for the retention of the Green Belt areas but at the same time taking a holistic view and acknowledging that in parts there may be some reasons for changes. The latter more specifically in GB1 where the new link road has already eroded the Green Belt despite assurances in the past that it would not affect the Green Belt designation.

Resolution: to give approval to sending the response to Lancaster City Council's consultation.

It is intended to make the full report available on the Parish Council's website

Also it was suggested that Bolton-le-Sands parish council is contacted to find out how they are responding and whether a joint approach should be taken.

Consideration of Lancashire County Council's proposed parish based public transport scheme; the deadline for a response has been extended to 31 December 2015, therefore the matter was deferred to the next meeting for discussion in order to give councillors more time to read the report on the proposals.

## 2233 Financial matters

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

Current Account £6,902.73 Savings Account £53,310.49

Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; two wreaths had been supplied for the Annual Remembrance Service.

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

## 2234 Open Spaces

Recreation field issues; it has been confirmed by JWK Solicitors that they have contacted the Independent Surveyor, Mr Andrew Hill of Strange, Strange & Gardner and they envisage that the next step will be for Mr Hill to contact them to arrange a site visit

Recreation field; the play area safety inspection report has indicated that some remedial work is required and some has already been carried out by the lengthsman. Wood chip beneath the pieces of play equipment needs to be topped up. However because of the wet conditions it was decided to defer this until early Spring 2016.

Planting of memorial trees; Lancashire County Council has no objection to the planting of trees on the triangular area of land by the level crossing as it is not shown as adopted highway, however they caution on the number of trees and where they are planted so that they do not obstruct signs for the rail line for safety reasons. County Council does not wish to have trees planted on the verge on Shady Lane, opposite Manor Avenue as they would be too close to the footpath/highway and also the possible presence of services in the area could be a problem. Lancaster City Council has given approval to planting two trees at Manor Crescent. It was suggested that they are approached again to see if they would approve the planting of trees on the land at the corner of Shady Lane and Manor Avenue. Consideration was given to the list of trees drawn up by Cllr Jones and this will be finalised when all the areas have been fully approved

## 2235 Burial Ground

Numbering of grave spaces; examples of discs were shown at the meeting and enquiries had been made about methods of fixing the discs. Headstones and memorials belong to the individual purchaser and there could be issues in fixing discs to them. Fixing of stones, posts, markers etc. into the ground could also prove problematic, especially when it came to grass cutting. It was felt that the overall cost of the discs would be too great and unless and until another solution can be found the matter was left in abeyance.

## 2236 Planning Applications

Applications received

15/01309/FUL Tiverton, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AL  
 15/01006/FUL 54 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank. LA2 6BS  
 15/01131/FUL 17 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DD

No issues raised on the above applications.

Notice of Appeal

15/00012/REF 6 The Moorings, Mowbrick Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DJ

No addition to comments made to the original applications.

Notification of permission granted

15/01044/FUL & 15/01045/LB 39, Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EZ  
 15/01041/FUL 6 Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET  
 15/01072/FUL 17 Manor Lane, Slyne, LA2 6JF  
 15/01074/LB Manor Farm, 128 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ  
 15/01090/FUL Hillcroft Nursing Home, Throstle Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AX

Notification of permission refused

15/01181/FUL 38 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BT

Notification of new Tree Protection Order

TPO 563(2015) 6 Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET

## 2237 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to approve the payment of the accounts as listed:

	DD	Eon	8.70	electricity bill-burial ground
Cheque	101852	Mr S Brade	250.32	groundsman's pay + expenses(Sept/Oct)-paid
	101853	Mr S Brade	150.00	groundsman's pay (Oct/Nov)
	101854	Mrs D Brookes	831.72	clerk's salary
	101855	Petty cash	25.00	sundry items including remembrance service expenses (\$137)
	101856	Mr M Ashton	228.64	materials & items for work on foreshore and recreation field
	101857	RBL Poppy Appeal	60.00	donation to appeal as approved (\$137)

2238 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Work on the path on the recreation field -this was agreed in July and work has not yet started; it was suggested that Mr Ashton is given a deadline of 31 December 2015.

Flooding is reported to still be bad outside the shore café, some attention to this could be the Council's responsibility and some County Highways

Information received about the increase in size of a communications mast on Marine Drive is to be circulated to all members for comments.

2239 **Date of next meeting** Monday 21 December 2015 at 7.30pm.

**Date of budget meeting** Monday 11 January 2016 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm