

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2009 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Cllr S Scothern(SS),  
Mr Julian Newbold (JN), Mrs Beverley Melici (BM)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

**1332 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Peter Millard

**1333 Declarations of interest none declared**

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

**Open Forum**

Present for the Open Forum; PCSO J Dawes, City Cllr M Thomas, Mr G Bagnall, Mr J Stelfox, Mrs A Stelfox, Mr J Leach, Mr R Greaves, Mr B Parker. Apologies were received from PC D Lowe.

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PCSO J Dawes reported that in the previous month there had been no reports of anti-social behaviour and no reports of vehicle damage. Three crimes had been reported, one of damage to property and two minor assaults -all were being dealt with.
- Cllr Thomas reported that the Lancaster City Council cabinet had accepted an Environment Agency grant of £45,000 to fund the investigation into flooding at Slyne which will be done in conjunction with work being carried out by Lancashire County Council for the M6/Heysham link road.
- Mr Stelfox asked the Council to request the cutting back of the hedge at Pointer Parrock to improve site lines at the A6/Hest Bank Lane junction. He explained his dismay at action which had been taken by City Council in settling a matter concerning trees covered by Tree Preservation Orders and the complaint that he intended to make to City Council.
- Mrs Stelfox enquired whether the Council was aware of the reduction in bus services and the Chairman explained that the Council had not been consulted but had written to Stagecoach. In reply Stagecoach had explained that this was linked with lack of use of the service and funding cuts
- Mr Bagnall, while welcoming the proposed improved lighting on Hest Bank Lane was somewhat dismayed that the County Council had not taken up his offer of some of his land to incorporate into the Hest Bank Lane pedestrian improvement scheme as this, to his mind, could have resulted in a better plan and improved safety.
- Mr Greaves had concerns about the removal of a hedge and trees at land off Hasty Brow Lane and various other issues relating to trees throughout the village
- Mr Parker had concerns about the bough of a tree on the recreation field which is overgrowing his conservatory. The tree which is subject to a TPO has been inspected and the matter is already being dealt with.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

**1334 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 September 2009 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

**1335 Progress reports (information only)**

The following were noted

- Work on repairing the wall at the pound is now underway.
- A 'Warwick' seat has been ordered for the Burial Ground -the Buck family wish to supply a plaque.
- A further e-mail had been received from Mr Green with his continuing concern about the position of the seat on the foreshore

1336 **Administration**

Request for the provision of allotments in Slyne with Hest received from 7 residents -under its statutory duty the Council will give consideration to this but needs more information about the applicants' requirements and needs to identify suitable land, either owned by the Council or in other ownership and to consider the costs that will be involved and from where the money will be found. These matters are to be pursued and the applicants invited to provide more information.

Resolution: to purchase and erect three small Christmas trees outside the Memorial Hall. To be obtained as in previous years through the Carnforth Chamber of Trade.

1337 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £5458.90 Savings Account £31881.59

The Tennis Club had provided invoices showing the money spent on renovation of the courts

Resolution: to pay the grant of £1000 to the Tennis Club as provided for in the 2009/10 budget (minute ref 1218).

1338 **Payment of accounts**

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Lancaster City Council	17.00	7th instalment- burial ground rate
Chq	101212	M D Hanafin & Son	971.82	materials for board walk
	101213	RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	25.66	bus shelter window cleaning
	101214	Webwise Innovations	25.00	domain fee Parish Plan website
	101215	Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundskeeper's pay
	101216	Mrs D Brookes	800.92	clerk's salary & expenses
	101217	Petty cash	24.93	sundry items
	101218	HM Revenue & Customs	410.44	PAYE and NIC payments
	101220	Gill Dockray Architects	516.28	architect's fees- burial ground entrance
	101222	Slyne with Hest Tennis Club	1000.00	grant towards refurbishing courts

1339 **Planning applications**

Consideration of applications received

Application No.

09/00834/FUL West Cairn, The Shore, Hest Bank. LA2 6HN

Resolution: to comment as follows -the Council has acquiesced to the registration of land on which the present garage stands but there is some concern about the size of the proposed garage which is about twice the size of the original; also some concern about the colour and appearance and its intrusion and impact on the open coastal landscape.

Planning permission granted

09/00791/FUL 3 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DD

09/00792/FUL 5 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DD

09/00836/FUL 64 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ

Planning permission refused

09/00772/FUL 20 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY

1340 **Highways**

Replacement trees on highways; members had received a copy of the letter from Lancashire County Council Principal Engineer (Highways) stating that there is no provision in the highway maintenance budget for the planting of new or replacement trees, however a Parish Council may replace a tree which has been removed for safety or operational reasons with a tree of an appropriate species in approximately the same location, subject to approval, but the highway authority will maintain such trees. In addition Section 96 of the Highways Act 1980 empowers a Parish Council to plant and maintain trees in a highway, subject to conditions, and the highway authority will not maintain these trees.

Further consideration is to be given to the provision of trees at the Parish Council's expenses and it was decided that more information should be sought about the types of trees and the conditions that would be applied.

1341 **Open spaces**

Improvement to surface beneath slide unit on recreation field -quotation not received -decision deferred

Work on trees in Near Hanging Green Wood, recreation field, -these had been inspected.

**Resolution:** to accept a quotation of £375 from Peter Walton to remove growth from round street light, crown raise trees along Hanging Green Lane and remove ash bough from over property at 50 Manor Lane. As these are covered by Tree Protection Orders to make application to Lancaster City Council for permission to carry out the work.

Preliminary consideration of grass cutting for 2010 and additional man hours for open space maintenance, City Council cutting schedule for 2009 requested but still awaited -tender letters for 2010 to be sent out early -to revisit M Ashton's figures for mowing machine etc. produced last year, to look into a scheme for sharing another lengthsman with other parishes -further discussion at next meeting.

1342 **Foreshore**

Layout for plaque- work not completed -deferred to next meeting

Improvements to hard standing areas -quotations for materials not received -deferred to next meeting

1343 **Burial Ground**

Alterations to entrance; information had been received from County Highways regarding the visibility splays that will have to be provided under condition 3 of the planning permission. The architect had advised that it is more cost effective to have all the conditions discharged at once .

**Resolution:** to seek professional advice from a civil engineer or surveyor  
-clerk to obtain more information.

1344 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

Condition of trees on the land between Shady Lane and the service road requires further investigation

1345 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 November 2009 at 7.30pm.

The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm.