

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2010 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM)- Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones(SJ), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mrs Beverley Melici(BM), Mr Julian Newbold

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

**1491 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Joanne Leeman -feeling unwell

**1492 To record Declarations of Interest**

None

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 R Greaves  
Apologies were received from County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr S Rogerson

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PCSO Dawes reported that in the previous month no anti-social behaviour or vehicle nuisance had been reported and 3 crimes had been recorded, (compared with 3 last year) all of which were being dealt with. Accidents on Bottomdale Road had been reported to the Council and it was enquired whether the use of speed warning signs like the ones being used in other parts of the district would be possible. PCSO Dawes is to take this back to his superiors.
- Cllr Thomas explained about a proposed development of land on Coastal Road, Bolton-le-Sands for 82 properties. This could have implications for this parish in traffic increase, number of school places, loss of green open space and the possibility a risk to the canal and flooding. Cllr Thomas suggested that Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council might appreciate receiving this council's views. The Council would be willing to liaise with Bolton-le-Sands PC and the clerk is to make contact with the clerk.
- Mr Greaves had concerns about the development of the recreation field and surrounding woodland.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

**1493 Minutes of the previous**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 September 2010 as a true record, These were duly signed by the Chairman.

**1494 Progress Reports (for information only)**

- The Annual Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday 14 November
- The Hest Bank Lane flood action group have requested that the Council sets up a meeting with David Morris MP to discuss the flooding issue.
- Preschool has not yet moved the hut to the back of the Memorial Hall. It is to be noted that access to the Scout & Guide HQ across the land at the side of the hall used by Preschool is shown on the Memorial Hall deed and on the proposed deed for the Scout & Guide HQ
- Lancashire County Council has organised a Parish & Town Council Conference on Saturday 6 November at County Hall, Preston -undecided whether this council will send a delegate
- Notice of temporary road closure -the road across the level crossing on to the shore will be closed from 22:00 hours on Saturday 11 December to 09:00 hours on Sunday 12 December to enable Network Rail to carry out necessary work

1495 Administration

Consideration of the adoption of an Equal Opportunities Policy - a draft policy had been drawn up by the clerk and circulated to members for perusal

Resolution: to adopt the Equal Opportunities Policy as presented and to review it in twelve months time.

Consideration of the format & publication date of the next village newsletter -it has previously been decided to publish the newsletter twice a year. There had been no clear indication as to what type of newsletter the residents desired and the format it should take.

Resolution: to retain the present format; to review the newsletter in twelve months time; to publish the next newsletter at the beginning of January 2011.

Notification had been received of Lancashire County Council's Parish and Town Council Delegated Services Protocol and consideration was given to potential services that the council may wish to request and deliver direct. It was decided, at this stage, just to stick with the amenity grass cutting, provided that an agreement for 2011 is forthcoming from the County Council. The cutting of the various grassed areas in the village (some belong to County Council, some to City Council and some to the Parish Council) may need to be considered and regularised.

Consideration of a five-year review of the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement which were published in 2006; the clerk was asked to write to the members of the original steering committee to elicit what interest they have in taking part in the review process. Also through the local newspaper columns and the parish website to invite anyone else who is interested in the review to get in touch with the clerk. From this a decision will be taken about setting up a preparatory meeting for the reviewing of the plan.

1496 Financial Matters

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

Current Account £4,244.12 Savings Account £38,812.75

Alliance & Leicester (Santander) Bank is reviewing the bank charges and has offered to refund the £32 as a goodwill gesture.

1497 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

Chq	101321	RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	26.21	bus shelter cleaning
	101322	Lancaster City Council	621.87	play area inspection and grass cutting
	101323	BDO LLP	334.88	auditors fee
	101324	P Walton Tree Services	75.00	felling of dead tree
	101325	Viking Direct	66.99	stationery
	101326	Mr R McGuire	236.80	groundsman's pay
	101327	Mrs D Brookes	779.55	clerk's salary and expenses
	101328	cancelled		
	101329	Petty cash	51.81	sundry items
	101330	HM Revenue & Customs	501.44	NIC & PAYE payments

1498 Open Spaces

Proposed development of the play area at the recreation field and the application for funding; the Council has been successful in getting through the first round of the application to the Rural Development Programme England (RDPE) and there is now a further comprehensive application process to go through. In view of the tight deadline (3 November) for the submission of the application, agreement was given to the clerk, in collaboration with Cllrs Millard and Leeman, writing a business plan and completing the application to the RDPE. One quotation for the play equipment has already been received and seen by the Council and a two more are being followed up.

The clerk had attended a Funding Fair organised by CVS and spoken to several funding bodies. There may be other options available if the present application is not successful and the Council affirmed its intention to pursue the development of the play area.

Hanging Green Wood; this is covered by a Tree Preservation Order. Maxine Knagg, City Council Tree Protection Officer came to look at the area and explained to Mr Greaves that he must do no more work beyond finishing off what he is doing now. After an incident the area has now been secured by safety netting. Cllr Jones and the clerk have met Mr Walton, Tree Specialist, on site to discuss how the woodland area can be managed and improved. Mr Walton will discuss what can be done with the Tree Officer and supply a quotation for carrying out improvement work.

Closure of Public Toilets; subsequent to the meeting held in September Mr J Leach had forwarded some suggestions for keeping the toilets open, including the recommendation that the public are charged for the use of the toilets. This is to be passed on to the City Council. It has been reported in the press that the buildings will not be demolished until 2015/16.

#### 1499 Foreshore

Consideration of the improvement of the drainage; a meeting had been held on site with Mr Cowperthwaite, the drainage contractor and the lengthsman and a verbal estimate of £5600 had been received. A request for more details is to be made. County Council Highways have also been approached and will look at the edge of the highway where erosion has occurred. They are aware of flooding problems on the highway near to the shore café.

#### 1500 Burial Ground

Consideration of the repair of the roof of the building; three roofing contractors had been contacted and estimates had been received from two of them. The quotations are for labour only, the materials (cost estimated at £900) are to be supplied by the Council and the lengthsman will make the necessary arrangements to obtain them.

Resolution: to have the repair carried out and to accept the estimate of £1,500, for labour only, supplied by Mr M N Dodd, providing that on inspection his insurance cover is deemed to be satisfactory.

Developments on the discharge of planning conditions for work on the entrance; little to report but further attempts are to be made to make contact with the surveyor.

#### 1501 Scout & Guide HQ Lease

A draft lease for the land on which the HQ stands has been received from the Council's solicitor and this is to be examined by members of the Council and also a copy passed on to the Scout & Guide Management Committee with a request for their comments.

#### 1502 Highways

Consideration of traffic safety on Bottomdale Road and proposals for any improvements; it had been reported by a resident that there had recently been an accident near Bottomdale Barn (and several others in the last twelve months) and a request made for consideration of any ways of improving safety. See Open Forum -concern reported to Police Officer, also decided to refer the problem to County Highways.

#### 1503 Planning Applications

Applications received and dealt with under Standing Orders(20)

Application No.

10/00927/FUL	Slyne Lodge, 92 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ
10/00949/RENU	Slynedales, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AW

No issues were raised on either of these applications

Applications considered by full council

Application No.

10/00938/LB	Slyne Hall, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6BE
10/00959/FUL	69, Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BS
10/00941/OUT	Beaumont Grange Farm, Green Lane, Slyne

No issues were raised on these applications

Notification of planning permission granted  
10/00745/FUL & 10/00746/LB Beaumont Cote Manor Strellas Lane, Slyne. LA2 6AB

Notification of an appeal  
10/00022/REF re. turbine generators on Land at Claughton Quarry, Claughton

1504 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

PM -circulation of information received from LALC meeting -Ribble Valley Project

SS -still concern about dog waste being dumped on the canal towpath near to Hatlex Bridge

JN -concern about overgrowing hedge at Pointer Parrock affecting the site lines at A6/Hest Bank Lane junction

1505 **Date of the next meeting**

Monday 15 November 2010 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm