

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 21 OCTOBER 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM) Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS,) Mr Stephen Jones(SJ), Ms Moyna Hargest (MH), Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL)

Also present Mr R Stretch

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1929 **To receive apologies for absence** none

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr AP Jones, City Cllr M Thomas

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting:** no police officers were present at the meeting and no report had been received.
- County Cllr Jones reported the recent developments regarding an appeal made to the High Court by objectors to the proposed M6/Heysham Link road. The appeal has been rejected by the judge but it is understood that the objectors are applying for further leave to appeal. This is causing a delay to the project as the Lancashire County Council is unable to sign contracts until the issues are resolved.
- Cllr Thomas commented on the refusal of planning permission by the Lancaster City Council Planning Committee for a housing development on Coastal Road, Bolton-le-Sands. It is understood that the developers are considering taking the decision to a tribunal. Although the site is outside the parish it could potentially have an impact on Coastal Road and the surrounding area.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1930 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

1931 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 September 2013.
They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1932 **Co-option of a new councillor**

Mr Roland Stretch had expressed an interest in joining the Council and had provided some background information about his life in the parish. He accepted an invitation to become a member of the Council.
Resolution: to co-opt Mr Roland Stretch to the Parish Council to fill a vacancy -agreed unanimously.
Mr Stretch signed the form of acceptance and was welcomed as a new member. Lancaster City Council Elections Officer will be informed

1933 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- Police -PC Neil Smith is the new Community Beat Manager. He replaces PC Ian Nickson
- Commonwealth War Graves Commission -a new plaque has been fixed on the cemetery gate indicating the presence of a war grave in the cemetery
- A plaque has been received from the Big Lottery to show that we have received funding from them. There are also two plaques from Fields in Trust indicating the designation of the recreation field as a Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Field. The exact location of these plaques is still to be determined but it was suggested that one is fixed near the telephone exchange entrance and the other at the entrance opposite the church. Ideas for how the plaques should be fitted are being looked into.
- Neighbours of Hest Bank Kennels on Coastal Road have complained that there seems to be a lot of building work going on. The Lancaster City Council Planning Enforcement team has been

approached and there appears to be no planning permission for this. The matter is being investigated to see whether there has been a breach of planning control.

- Consultation on the proposed closure of Skerton High School -information from Lancashire County Council has been circulated to Council members -no comments were forthcoming.

1934 Administration

Lancaster City Council -Development Management DPD and Morecambe Area Action Plan -for consultation -a copy will be circulated to all members- there is a six week consultation period from 10th October to 21st November 2013.

Review of the placement of the hut used by Preschool on Parish Council land at the back of the Memorial Hall (*minute ref. 1653*). A decision was taken in September 2010 to allow the Preschool to put the hut on the land but this was to be subject to annual review

Resolution: to roll the permission over for a further twelve months. However Preschool has an obligation to monitor the condition of the hut and to look at alternative storage.

Some concern has been expressed about the security of the hut and its contents and this is to be brought to the attention of the Preschool Committee.

1935 Financial matters

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

Current Account £4326.10 Savings Account £45,370.99

1936 Open Spaces

Recreation Field; advice has been sought from Lancaster City Council about the issue of safety, especially round the dipping pond and wetland areas -robust safety signage is recommended. The contractors are to be contacted to remind them that a damaged safety sign has still not been put back in place. It was also suggested that an educational approach could be adopted and enquiries are to be made about the possibility of involving the local school, preschool and uniformed groups in a programme of water safety. The football pitch has not been mown by the contractors as promised and there is still concern about the state of the ground under the zip wire. A further approach is to be made to the contractors to try to get these issues resolved. In the meantime it was decided to withhold payment of the cheque to Newground CIC until this is sorted out.

The modification of the embankment slide has been discussed with P McGaffigans of Bolton-le-Sands but a quotation for the work has to date not been received.

100m marker signs for the perimeter path have been supplied by the Plymouth Brethren who have also supplied bird and bat boxes. Arrangements are to be made to have these put in place.

The May Fair Committee has made application to the Lancashire Environmental Fund for the final grant payment. This is part of the May Fair Committee's contribution towards the cost of the recreation field development project.

Application is being made to the Lancashire County Council Local Members Grants for a grant towards the cost of installation of goal posts on the football pitch and the provision of cycle stands. Both of these were omitted from the first phase of the project because of budget constraints.

Resolution: to approve the provision of £300 to the May Fair Committee towards the match funding required for this application.

Phase 2 and future development of the recreation field; in the initial plans it was intended to carry out further work on development of the field including the installation of a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). In discussions the need for this extra facility and its viability, considering the costs likely to be involved, were questioned.

Resolution: not to go ahead with the second phase of development. -unanimously agreed

It was agreed that the hardstanding area (previously a tennis court and then a practice five-a-side football pitch) cannot be left as it is. It was suggested that negotiations could be held with other parties, for example, the Tennis Club on the future development of the field. This will be followed up.

Provision of allotments; the Council is looking at the land between the cemetery and football ground as a location for allotments. As this land is presently leased the conditions for the termination of the lease need to be determined. Cllr Millard, Cllr Hargest and the clerk are to arrange a meeting with the Plymouth Brethren to discuss work they have indicated they are willing to carry out, including putting in

a water supply. Vehicle access will need to be investigated as will the possibility of the re-routing of the Public Right of Way across the land.

Consideration of a complaint about a tree on the Memorial Hall field, branches of which are overgrowing a neighbouring garden and causing a nuisance -Mr Peter Walton, Tree Specialist, is to asked look at the tree to see what work can be done on it to overcome the problems.

Consideration of replacing two seats at Hasty Brow crossroads with a new seat. The old seats are in poor condition and not worth repair. Prices for a range of types of seats were obtained.

Resolution: to purchase from Glasdon a 'phoenix' seat with armrests made from 'Enviropol' material which is vandal resistant and needs little maintenance -cost £412.58 +VAT

1937 Foreshore

Further consideration of steps to be taken over the grazing of a pony on Council land on the foreshore -it would seem that the pony is tethered for most of the time but occasionally breaks free and wanders across the land and on to the road. As it then becomes a hazard the Police have been informed. Consideration was given to putting up a second notice demanding its removal and then if necessary taking further action through the Council's solicitor if this is ignored. The cost of this and the cost of further action, for example, impounding the pony or court proceedings was discussed. An attempt is to be made to determine who is the owner of the pony.

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

1938 Planning Applications

Application no.

13/00914/ELDC	14 Bay View Crescent, Slyne, LA2 6JU
13/00929/LB	Beaumont Grange, Kellet Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BJ
13/01001/FUL	18 Bryn Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX

No issues were raised on any of the above applications

Notification of permission granted

13/00822/FUL	5 Hatlex Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HH
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1939 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £20,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Eon	4.36	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque	101639	OC Cleaning Ltd	26.77	bus shelter window cleaning
	101640	Bay View Garden Centre Ltd	444.35	summer bedding plants for tubs
	101641	Viking	79.03	cartridges & stationery
<i>withheld</i>	101642	Newground CIC	19001.39	recreation field works -interim payment
	101643	Penny Price	1771.00	architect's fees -recreation field work
	101644	Mr R McGuire	108.80	groundsman's pay
	101645	Mrs D Brookes	783.82	clerk's salary & expenses
	101646	Petty cash	25.65	sundry items
	101647	Mrs D Brookes (Black Bear Computers)	111.18	update of Microsoft system
	101648	HMRC	388.61	NIC & PAYE
	101649	Mr F Foster (for Hostway Ltd)	79.50	website hosting fee

1940 Matters raised by members for future consideration

Cllr Leeman reported that the May Fair Committee remains in existence but will not be organising a May Fair in 2014. This is due to lack of volunteers. There is a small amount of money in the pot if anyone would like to take up the challenge of organising an event.

1941 Date of next meeting Monday 18 November 2013 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm