

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2008 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ)-Chairman, Mr Peter Millard (PM), Mr Carl Willett (CW)
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, Mr J Stelfox, Mrs A Stelfox

1155 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr J Newbold working late shift -noted and accepted.
Apologies received from Cllr A Johnson away on holiday -noted and accepted.
PC D Lowe, City Cllr S Rogerson

1156 To receive declarations of interest

S Jones -Funding for Age Concern -has link with the charity

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting -not held in the absence of PC Lowe, however a report received from PC Lowe stated that the 'Operation Summer Nights' had been a success with only four reports of youth related anti-social behaviour over the months of July and August. Over the first eight months of this year the crime rate is down (35 reported crimes) in comparison with the same period in 2007 (45 crimes)

- City Cllr M Thomas reported that Lancaster City Council is looking at potential housing sites throughout the district -nothing earmarked in this parish but Council will keep an eye on developments.
In the district there is an increase in the interest in allotments-there are none in this parish. Also noted that Lancaster City Council has provided sand bags for collection by anyone who might need them to prevent flooding
- No matters received from County Councillor

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1157 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 August 2008 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1158 Clerk's report for information only

- Discussion about whether or not to have future August meeting deferred to next agenda
- Recreation field -work is still held up because of the wet weather and condition of the ground. Will need to hire a skip for removal of rubble from wall demolition
- Burial Ground entrance -still waiting for architect's report. Groundsman's job has been advertised
- Foreshore- still waiting for information about a plaque for the plinth. Enquiries are on-going about suitable trees for planting along the proposed fence by the caravan park
- Open spaces -some grass cutting has been affected by the wet weather, however there is still concern about areas which have not been cut to schedule. Hest Bank Lane/Sea View Drive snicket, awaiting outcome of enquiries concerning the adoption of this by Lancashire County Council.

1159 Administration

Consideration of a parish logo; thought was given to this some time ago and although it was agreed that the Council should have a distinctive logo/badge no decision on the design was taken. CW had produced

some new designs and these were looked at along with previous ideas. Still no decision -left open for further suggestions.

1160 Financial matters

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

Current Account £5576.42, Savings Account £31,106.97

North West in Bloom Competition -Arden Close has been nominated for an award.

Resolution: to pay for a representative from Arden Close along with the clerk to attend the awards ceremony.

Consideration of a request made by Age Concern, Carnforth for a donation to help with the provision of extra services through the Carnforth shop; some members expressed doubts about the degree of usage of this shop by residents of the parish, therefore evidence to be sought before a decision is taken -deferred to next meeting.

Consideration of the payment of a fee for the clerk to attend a Desk Top Publishing course- the clerk outlined her proposal to attend a 10 week course at Dallam School, Milnthorpe (the nearest place running a suitable course) commencing on 30 September 2008. This is as part of her Continuing Professional Development linked to the CiLCA course and also should prove valuable in the production of future village newsletters. The amount requested is £44.80 plus a contribution towards travelling expenses at the agreed rate.

Resolution: to agree to the request and make the payments as above.

1161 Payment of accounts

Resolution : to pay the accounts as listed.

DD	Lancaster City Council	16.00	6 th instalment- burial ground rates
DD	BT	139.92	phone bill
101088	North West in Bloom	25.00	fee to attend presentation (ref 1160)
101089	United Utilities Water PLC	21.35	burial ground water bill
101090	Putt It Right	823.48	grass cutting -July invoice
101091	Lancaster City Council	31.14	play equipment inspection
101092	Mrs D Brookes	777.34	clerk's salary & expenses -new scale (ref 1131)
101093	Petty cash	4.80	postage
101094	Mrs D Brookes	44.80	reimbursement of course fee (ref 1160)

1162 Planning applications

Application No.

08/01020/FUL

erection of a replacement dwelling

for Mr Phillip Rogerson, Brantholme, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

concern that this is now a new build and large development in the North Lancashire Green Belt and depends on the interpretation of Policy E2 of the Lancaster District Local Plan which states that erection of new building will not be permitted except for limited extension, alteration or replacement of existing dwellings. Reference should be made to Policy H7 and the Council would like to be assured that the conditions of Policies E17 and E18 are fully implemented to protect the surrounding area and in particular the Biological Heritage Site.

Also to ensure that adequate provision is made for traffic and pedestrian safety on Hasty Brow Road and on Townfield Lane and that contractors vehicles do not cause undue damage to the lanes.

08/00818/FUL

amendment to application for the erection of first floor extension over existing house, single storey extension the rear to enlarge conservatory, demolition of existing detached store building and erection of a detached two storey building to form garage with living accommodation over

for Mr A Johnson, 6 Hatlex Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HA

no further comment on the proposed extensions except to reiterate the previous comments that a condition should be placed on the proposed detached two storey building to restrict its use only to the occupants of the main dwelling and not to be sold, let off or otherwise to a third party as it was felt that this

could have an impact on the area.

Application granted

08/00875/FUL

08/00932/ADV & 08/00933/LB

08/00841/FUL

82 Main Road, LA2 6AU

Cross Keys Hotel, Main Road, LA2 6AU

50 Marine Drive, LA2 6EB

Lancaster City Council Forward Planning Team looking at shaping future developments in the area is willing to receive comments. Consideration was given by members to the usage of land within the parish, the demolition and rebuilding of properties and major changes to properties. However, at this stage, it was decided not to put forward any comments but to continue to appraise any planning applications and monitor any developments which could have an impact on the parish.

1163 Open spaces

Grass cutting; public grassed areas within the parish come under the care of Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council and the Parish Council each of which has its own cutting schedule and from time to time this causes problems and concerns. Consideration was given to trying to bring many of the areas under one schedule and it was agreed that a meeting with a representative of the County Council should be arranged to discuss the matter.

1164 Foreshore

Improvements to the areas where vehicles park; these have become churned up and there are several large potholes; previous estimates for improvements were turned down because of the cost involved (minute ref 1137); another alternative has been suggested, that is, to fence off sections of the area and to add topsoil followed by seeding and then leave the area to regenerate. Some filling up of the potholes and edges will probably be required. The clerk is to arrange a site meeting and to obtain a costing for the above.

1165 Highways

It was noted that on a report attached to a recent Lancashire Locals-Lancaster District committee agenda, Slyne with Hest does not feature on the list of Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders produced by Mr Robson of Lancashire County Council, in spite of promises made concerning the investigation of some parking restrictions or regulations in the area by the Hest Bank Hotel. This is to be pursued.

1166 Matters suggested by members for future action

For information only -decisions cannot be taken

Complaint from a resident about the slippery condition of the paths in the Burial Ground

Notification from Tree Warden that one of the trees in Hanging Green Wood appears to be dead and may need to be removed (covered by TPO 156)

Provision of a dog waste bin on the foreshore

Alteration to route of No.5 Stagecoach bus which now avoids Draycombe Court, Heysham -no notification received

Tennis Club Lease amendments- notification received after publication of agenda -to be circulated and discussed at next meeting.

1167 Date of next meeting

Monday 20 October 2008 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm.