

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2009 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

1317 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr S Scothern

1318 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, Mrs M Hallam, Mr B Poole, Mr H Green, Ms T O'Brien, Mr R Greaves. Apologies received from Pc D Lowe, County Cllr A Jones, City Cllr S Rogerson

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PCSO J Dawes reported that in the previous two months there had been one instance of vehicle nuisance on the foreshore and twelve crimes of various nature, including theft, criminal damage and domestic related problems, all of these are being investigated. There had been no reports of anti-social behaviour
- No reports from County or City Councillors
- Two residents of the foreshore put forward their objections about the position of a memorial seat which had been placed on the grassed area of the foreshore and the lack of consultation on this.
- Two residents made comments on the planning application for West Sheen, the Drive. This will be considered by the Council and the residents will be informed of the response to be made.
- Mr Greaves complained about the orientation of the bus shelter on Manor Lane which he alleges is open to rain and wind -noted. He also highlighted the attention which he thinks is required for Reanes Wood including work on some of the vegetation and on the surrounding fencing and gate; also his concern about other woodland areas in the parish

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1319 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 July 2009 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

In the absence of a meeting in August, the accounts paid and the planning applications dealt with during August were also noted and approved.

1320 Progress reports (information only)

- Dead tree on Manor Avenue/Shady Lane verge is due to be felled, probably towards end of September.
- Reduction in frequency of 55 bus service -a reply has been received from Stagecoach and cutbacks relate to lack of use of the service and funding -noted
- Comments about the provision of toilets in the District and where responsibility should lie have been sent to City Contract Services
- Tennis Club lease- SJ has spoken to the TC Treasurer and it would seem that they are likely to agree to a fixed increase in rent each year with a five yearly review as proposed -information has been passed on to the Council's solicitor with the request to try to get the lease finalised.
- Scout & Guide HQ Lease -Bannister Bates Solicitors have been asked to draft a new lease.
- As a result of the reorganisation of Bannister Bates, a separate company Bannister Bates Licensed Conveyancers has been created and will commence trading on 1 October 2009 -noted Council's file to be transferred to this company.

- For information - the decision has been taken, reluctantly, to abandon the large refurbishment plan for the Memorial Hall because it was felt that at this time it would not be possible to raise sufficient funds. It is hoped that smaller refurbishment projects will be put in place

1321 Administration

The Council considered the addition of two clauses to Standing Orders to clarify the situation regarding

the handling of routine planning applications and the responsibility for the production and publication of the quarterly newsletters.

Resolution: to add the following two clauses:-

The Council shall delegate to the clerk the authority to make routine decisions on its behalf, as and when required, on routine planning decisions subject to those planning decisions being taken only after consultation with two members who should be chosen on a random basis.

The Council shall delegate to the clerk the production of the newsletter subject to consultation with two nominated members who shall help to consider the content and act as proof readers

1322 Financial matters

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

Current Account £8087.18 Savings Account £31881.59

Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2009 -Auditor's Report -no issues have been raised by the auditors. The report was presented to the Council now that the audit opinion has been given

Resolution: to approve and accept the Annual Return

Invoice for grass cutting carried out by the Council for Lancashire County Council (LCC). A LCC Officer had made a mistake in calculating the payment due to the Council and as a result the Council had been overpaid by £360.65. Checks have been carried out and it has been agreed that there was a mistake.

Resolution: to reimburse LCC the amount overpaid.

1323 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to endorse the decision to pay the fee for an additional place at the North West in Bloom awards ceremony that had been made because of a deadline for the application.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	Lancaster City Council	17.00	6th instalment- burial ground rates
Chq 101203	North West in Bloom	27.50	additional place at presentation of awards
101204	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	356.50	auditor's fee
101205	Lancaster City Council	677.39	grass cutting and play equipment inspection
101206	Printing Plus	163.77	printing September newsletter
101207	Mr R McGuire	217.16	groundsman's pay
101208	Mrs D Brookes	780.52	clerk's salary & expenses
101209	Petty cash	5.10	sundry items
101210	United Utilities Water PLC	37.64	water charges- burial ground
101211	Lancashire County Council	360.85	reimbursement of over payment

1324 Planning applications

Consideration of applications received

Application No.

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

Resolution to comment thus- no objections are raised about the building of the extension, however there are concerns about the potential access to the site from the snicket between Hest Bank Lane and Sea View Drive and this is to be brought to the attention of the Planning Office

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

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09/00465/OUT, West Sheen, The Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6DQ

Resolution to comment thus - the Council shares the views of the County Council Officer regarding the access to the site either from The Drive or Highfield Drive. However the proposal for the dwellings themselves is not seen as being contrary to any of the statements written in the Village Design Statement 2006, prepared as a result of the Parish Plan consultation, and on these grounds the Council finds it difficult to raise any objections to this.

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

No issues were raised on this application, all seems to be within planning regulations.

Resolved not to make any objections.

Planning permission granted

09/00664/FUL, Ashton House Farm, Main Road, Slyne LA2 6AZ

09/00643/FUL, 124 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

1325 Burial Ground

Alterations to entrance -enquiries still ongoing regarding conditions attached to planning consent - deferred to next meeting.

Request by the family of Mrs Margery Buck to place a memorial bench in the burial ground; the placement of their own bench was rejected as the style would be different to that agreed in the memorial bench policy. However the Council discussed the provision of an additional bench for the cemetery and the dedication of this to the memory of Mrs Buck in recognition of the work that she did for the parish.

Resolution; to purchase a bench from Lutyens and in consultation with the family to dedicate it to Mrs Buck's memory.

1326 Open spaces

Reconstruction of the wall at the pound following its demolition by person(s) unknown -an quotation of £446 to repair the wall had been received from Mr D Hird

Resolution; to accept the quotation and subject to satisfactory references to ask Mr Hird to carry out the work

Improvement to the surface beneath the slide unit on the play area at the recreation field -the monthly inspection report indicated that the wood chip surface needs some attention -agreed that work on the surface needs to be carried out -estimate to be obtained from City Contract Services.

Meeting scheduled for 2 October to discuss flooding issues with the various authorities has been postponed as there will be no additional information to provide because the work that the County Council is carrying out for the drainage design of the bypass has not yet been completed and without this further work on the possible solution to flooding at Slyne cannot be progressed.

1327 Foreshore

Information plaque -a proof of a design for the plaque has been received. Along with the Council and the Lancashire and Blackpool Tourist Board, which is supplying some funding, some residents who have expert knowledge of the area that the plaque depicts have been asked to examine the proof -decision deferred until after this consultation has been completed.

Various issues linked with the management of the foreshore

Complaint about positioning of a memorial seat and its alleged distraction of views across the Bay and the lack of consultation with the residents; after comments from the residents of a property on the foreshore the seat had been moved a short distance and is no longer in line with the curtilage of that property.

It was agreed that the residents will be made fully aware of any future proposals for the area but due to the distress that it would cause the bereaved family the if the seat were to be moved yet again it will be left in its present position.

Management of vegetation along the foreshore; this is carried out in line with recommended practices.

Deed of Easement and access to West Cairn, the residents of West Cairn do not wish to pursue this at the moment -Noted

1328 Highways

Snicket between Hest Bank Lane and Sea view Drive; while ownership of this is unclear it is a well established path which is maintained by the Council. The opinion is that it should be retained purely for pedestrian purposes and not used in any other way for access to properties.

Replacement of trees on highways; a response had been received to a letter to County Highways on this matter -discussion deferred to next meeting.

1329 Correspondence

Submitted Draft North West Plan Partial Review -a consultation, any response is to be returned by 19 October -this is to be circulated.

1330 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

-for information only- decisions cannot be taken
no matters raised

1331 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting will be on Monday 19 October 2009 at 7.30pm
Apologies received in advance from Cllr Millard

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.55pm.