MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS)

Mr Stephen Jones(SJ)

Also present Mr R Stretch

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1915 To receive apologies for absence Cllr M Hargest, Cllr J Leeman

Open Forum

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

<u>Present for the Open Forum</u>: Mr J Leach, Mr P Usher, PCSO A Hall, PCSO H Joslin Apologies for absence were received from PC I Nickson

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting;13 crimes had been reported since the last meeting, including thefts from garden sheds, thefts from lockers at VVV, damage to a property, thefts from vehicles and vehicle damage and 2 minor assaults. Complaints about parking issues near to Coastal Racing on Hest Bank Lane had been investigated but no offences were disclosed and the owner is assisting to minimise the scale of the issue. Parking on double yellow lines on Hest Bank Lane and on the zig-zag lines outside St Luke's School had been investigated, following complaints, and drivers had been spoken to.

Mr Usher raised the problem of parking outside St Luke's School and explained that concerned parents and the school itself were trying to raise awareness of the dangers of parked vehicles opposite the main entrance to the school and surrounding areas especially at school start and end times when large numbers of children are in the vicinity. He enquired whether more parking restrictions could be put in place. He was advised to contact the Road Policing Unit and Lancashire County Council with his concerns.

It was also brought to the attention of the Police that several vehicles regularly speed through the village giving some cause for concern.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1916 To record Declarations of Interest none

1917 Minutes of the previous meeting

<u>Resolution</u>: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 July 2013 and the report of financial activities and planning matters between the July and September meetings as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1918 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Work has been carried out on the Burial Ground drive and the access is greatly improved
- Raikes Head Lane footpaths -notice has been received from Lancashire County Council that they
 are investigating claims for definitive map modification orders in relation to the claimed public
 footpath from Sunningdale Crescent to Bridleway No.5 (Raikes Head Lane) and the claimed public
 footpath from Bridleway No. 5 (Raikes Head lane) to Bridleway No. 6 (Townsfield Lane) and have
 requested observations, comments or objections.
- Recreation Field -new bark chippings have been placed under play equipment. The play equipment has been risk assessed for painting by Community Payback but there has been no action so far. An oak tree has been ordered for the field and will be available for planting in November.
- Foreshore -Red Bank dyke -a meeting has been held with the Environment Agency to discuss a problem with the partial collapse of the culvert. This is not critical at the moment but will eventually need some attention. The report from the Environment Agency has been passed on to Mr Tony Cowperthwaite and his advice sought along with an estimate for the cost of repairs.

1919 Administration

Village Newsletter; the local churches had had a problem finding someone to edit the parish magazine and some discussion had taken place about whether to amalgamate the latter with the Village Newsletter. The churches' problem seems to have been resolved and the parish magazine will remain independent and be published every two months. A further outcome form the discussions is that St Luke's Church PCC has asked whether the Council would be interested in them printing the Village Newsletter. More details of their capability and costs are to be sought.

Closure of Skerton High School: notification of a public consultation being held on the proposals that have been put forward by Lancashire County Council have been circulated to Council members. A decision on whether to make any comments was deferred.

1920 Financial matters

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

Current Account £6031.94 Savings Account £48,370.99

Renewal of the Council's insurance policy with Aviva through Came & Company, Insurance Brokers -the details have been circulated to all councillors. This is on a three-year agreement until September 2014. At the review in twelve months time, further consideration will be given to entering into a long-term agreement. The insurance brokers have already been informed about the additional equipment at the recreation field. The Council has been assured that the public liability insurance covers the changes that have been made at the field.

<u>Resolution:</u> to approve the renewal of the insurance on the terms outlined in the agreement and to pay the premium of £1263.59.

A grant for work on the recreation field is to be claimed from Fields in Trust and the May Fair Committee is looking to claim money awarded to it as a partner in the development project.

1921 Open Spaces

Recreation Field project -the contractors have mowed the football pitch, stabilised the stepping logs and put up a warning sign. The latter was vandalised within a week but it is to be reinstated. There is still some concern about the area under the zip wire which is very wet. Further work will be necessary. Also consideration will be given to the installation of goal posts on the football pitch and the provision of cycle stands Both of these were omitted from the project because of a short fall in funding due to the need to install extra drainage. Grant funding for these two items is being investigated. Safety issues -temporary signs have been erected to warn of the presence of water and mud. Advice is to be sought on what safety measures are really necessary.

Embankment slide improvements -one quotation has been received but was not entirely satisfactory for solving the problem of the run off and therefore further ideas and costs are to be sought.

Consideration of the Tennis Club's enquiry about extending the netting from the court to the pavilion to improve security; the path between the tennis courts and the paved area in front of the pavilion is Parish Council land affording open access and is not leased to the Club. Changes would need to be made to the Lease at the Club's own expense before permission for the erection of additional netting could be given. Regarding the Tennis Club's enquiry about the development of a third court, plans for the next phase of development of the field include a multi-use games area (MUGA) and there is the possibility that this could be made available to the Tennis Club at restricted times.

Lighting standards along the path adjacent to the tennis courts; these were erected by and are the responsibility of the Parish Council. The Council is prepared to meet members of the Tennis Club Committee to discuss the sharing of electricity costs.

Provision of allotments; the Council recognises that it has a duty to provide allotments if suitable land is available. The use of some of the land at Bottomdale owned by the Parish Council has been discussed. This land is already leased for sheep grazing and it will be necessary to determine whether the lessee would be willing to relinquish part or all of it. Members of the Plymouth Brethren have indicated a willingness to carry out work to pipe water to the area. The clerk pointed out some of the legalities involved in leasing land for allotments and provided some printed information which is to be circulated to all councillors. A decision was deferred

1922 Foreshore

Consideration of the problems of horses on the foreshore- there are notices on the foreshore indicating that horses are prohibited, however over a period of many months, firstly one pony has been tethered on land owned by the Parish Council and latterly a second one has been left to roam freely. There have been complaints of nuisance, people being followed, obstruction of the road and the mess left by them. Following advice provided by Lancaster City Council a notice was displayed indicating that the ponies must be removed. This was taken down and has been completely ignored.

Under the Section 7 of the Animals Act 1971, the Council has authority as the land owners to deal with these animals on its land. Steps are to be taken to ascertain the name of the owner of the ponies, to more clearly determine the legal position and to find out the costs that would be involved in getting them removed.

Repair of worn car parking surfaces; a quotation for the cost of repairs is still awaited -decision deferred.

1923 Burial Ground

Consideration of the approval of a plaque being fixed by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at the Burial Ground. Signs are being fixed at cemeteries across the country where war graves are located. Resolution: to give approval to the fixing of the plaque on the burial ground gate.

Improvement of the driveway; some work has already been carried out but more is needed on the main entrance. Mr Ashton is to be asked whether he can carry out the work or alternatively a quotation will be sought from a contractor.

1924 Highways

Request for further road markings on Shady Lane, outside St Luke's School to improve safety for the children; -see Open Forum above- the Council discussed the issues raised and will await the outcome of the referrals to the Lancashire County Council and Road Policing Unit as advised.

1925 Planning Applications

Application No.

13/00831/FUL Land adj 138 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6BD

01/13/0944 Lancashire County Council, Lancaster Canal, Hammerton Hall Bridge

No issues were raised on the above applications

Notification of a Tree Protection Order being made TPO No. 520(2013) large, mature beech tree at 51 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank

1926 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £3,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution; to pay the accounts as listed

Cheque	101632 101633 101634	Bolton-le-Sands PC Mr M Ashton Mr R McGuire	4137.00 144.00 102.40	concrete for burial ground drive contribution to lengthsman scheme 2013-14 materials for work at burial ground groundsman's pay
	101635	Mrs D Brookes	779.87	clerk's salary
	101636	Petty cash	7.10	postage
	101637	Broker Network Ltd.	1263.59	insurance policy (as resolved above)

1927 Matters raised by members for future consideration

Concern about developments in the Green Belt area at Beaumont Grange equestrian centre

Replacement of old and damaged seats at Hasty Brow crossroads.

1928 Date of next meeting Monday 21 October 2013 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm