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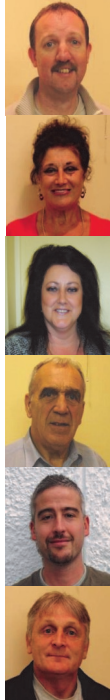
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## Parish Council Meetings

Parish Council meetings are normally held in Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall on the third Monday of each month, except August, and commence at 7.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. An Open Forum is held at the beginning of the meeting during which time members of the public are given the opportunity to raise any matters with the Council.

The dates of meetings are as follows:

Monday 15 March	Monday 19 April
Monday 17 May	Monday 21 June
Monday 19 July	no meeting in August

## Annual Parish Assembly

**Monday 12 April 2009 at 7.30pm**

**in the Memorial Hall**

**This is an open meeting of the electorate and everyone is welcome to attend and participate**

## Some useful contact numbers

<b>Police Response</b>	<b>01524 63333</b>
<b>Crimestoppers</b>	<b>0800 555 111</b>
<b>Lancashire County Council</b> general enquiries	<b>0845 053 0000</b>
<b>County Council Highways</b> for problems with street lights, roads blocked gullies, potholes, flooding	<b>0845 053 0011</b>
<b>Lancaster City Council</b> general enquiries	<b>01524 582000</b>
<b>City Council Service Centre</b> waste, cleansing, litter, flytipping	<b>01524 582491</b>

## Community Coffee Mornings

**First Saturday of each month 10.00am-12.30pm**

**Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall**

**POLICE SURGERY 10.00am-11.00am**



# Newsletter

## Spring 2010

This is the first anniversary of the Parish Council's new style quarterly newsletter. The newsletters are issued to bring you regular information and reports of the council and its activities.

This style is more economic and more environmentally friendly, using less paper, than the older style. However we know that many of you miss the diary so, as an experiment, a list of events has been inserted into this issue. We would like to receive your comments. For those with internet access a full list can be found on the parish's website [www.slyne-with-hest.org.uk](http://www.slyne-with-hest.org.uk). There are many activities and we hope that you will support the village events.

This is the time of year when we look forward to better brighter days and longer evenings as the clocks go forward (28th March). The Council is planning ahead for work to be done in various parts of the village during the Spring and Summer months

The Council has again decided to enter the village into the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition. The judges of last year's competition felt that with just a little more effort many extra marks could have been gained. We live in a lovely village and we are appealing for your support (pick up some litter, remove a few weeds from a path, join the summer task force) to make it really special. Judging will take place between Tuesday 1 June and Sunday 11 July (inc).

## Parish Council Report

Cllr Stephen Jones –Chairman

The Parish Council has carefully considered its budget for 2010/11 and has increased the parish rate by 3.9%. This means an average household will be paying £22.05 for the year, an increase of only 83p on last year, and it will enable the Council to maintain its current level of provision.

Once again other bodies are making cutbacks. The public toilets on the shore and on the canal bank will be closed by the City Council. The Parish Council was asked whether it wished take over the toilets but felt that it could not justify spending the £9,500 per annum which it would take to maintain them.

Since last July regular users of the bus services have been experiencing problems and the wintry weather has added to the misery. The Council intends to write to Stagecoach, the bus company, and would like information from anyone who has had problems so they can be included with our complaints. Please contact the parish clerk.

The Council is still searching for land suitable for allotments, looking into legal requirements and pursuing a request by residents to provide allotments. If anyone knows of any suitable land within the parish we shall be grateful to hear about it.

After many years with an empty plinth on the shore we now have on it a very colourful information board that shows a panorama of the Bay along with photographs and a history of the quay.

We hope that you will find the diary of events included in this newsletter useful. We still need volunteers and your participation if you would like the newsletter to be expanded. There is still a vacancy on the Parish Council and we are anxious to co-opt a new member. Anybody who is interested can contact the clerk for information or is welcome to talk to any member of the council.

## Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Management Committee Report

It has become apparent to the Hall Committee that there is little appetite in the village, at the moment, to proceed with the additions to the Memorial Hall proposed in the “We have a dream” letter. It has therefore been decided to shelve the scheme until a more appropriate time. The Committee realise, however, that the existing facilities need improving; to this end it has been proposed to renovate the Ladies’ toilets. An approved scheme has been drafted by the Architect and quotations have been received. Once a builder has been chosen and the Contract agreed work will commence. This will greatly improve the toilet facilities for both the ladies and toddlers. In addition it has been decided to improve the thermal insulation in the roof at the same time and thus reduce running costs. It is felt that a small glazed porch fitted to the entrance adjacent to the bus stop would reduce heat loss and make a more welcoming feature for visitors.

David Mowle, a member of the executive committee, is carrying out an energy usage audit. It is hoped that this will result in a scheme to further reduce the heating costs although it is accepted that the existing old boiler will need replacement and additional insulation will need to be installed.

A new sign, reminding people that the car park is private, has been erected. It is hoped that this will reduce the number of none hall users occupying space. An “assembly area” sign has also been erected to aid fire drill in the event of an emergency.

The finances are at an acceptable level for day to day running of the Hall but the Treasurer is exploring possible grant aid for the current proposed and future projects. In addition to this the Parish Council has allocated a grant of £2,000 for the financial year 2010/11. The occupancy stays at reasonable levels but greater use would be of benefit to the Hall’s finances. Private and Society functions are welcome. Details can be obtained from Mrs D. Brookes.

*Allan Denham*

## Slyne with Hest May Fair Saturday 22nd May 2010 from 1pm Theme: Space & the Future

The theme for the May Fair procession this year is ‘**Space & the Future**’. For 30 minutes on the afternoon of the 22nd May we will take over of the streets and hold up the traffic with our futuristic creations! Immediately after the procession is the May Fair. This is a traditional affair with lots of activities and entertainment. Of course no May Fair would be complete without dancing around the maypole and there are tug-of-war and egg throwing competitions.

Village groups are invited to run stalls at the fair, please contact us to discuss details. We ask for a small contribution which helps us pay for the musicians, entertainers and insurance, thereby securing the future of the fair.

If you need ideas and help to make a shield for the procession there is a free workshop in the Memorial Hall on Saturday 1st May from 10am (no unaccompanied children.) The basic idea is to produce a portable "shield" of any size or shape that fits in with the **Space & the Future** theme. After the procession the shields will be displayed on the field. There are categories for individual/family and group/street and this year our independent judge has three trophies to award.

As ever, we hope for good weather, and importantly lots of people to take part in the procession and come along to the Fair. Some people are needed to help set up and tidy up after the fair. If you can help please come to field at 11am. The organising committee is a small and happy crew, we meet just five times a year in the Hest Bank Hotel and welcome new members.

And finally, there is a May Fair Ceilidh in the Memorial Hall from 7.30 - 10.30 p.m. on Saturday 22nd May. Tickets are on sale for £6/£3. A fantastic band will play some great tunes and a caller will guide us through the moves. A pie and pea supper will be available to buy. This promises to be a great family evening to round off a fantastic day.

The May Fair Committee looks forward to seeing you at some or all of these events. Further details can be obtained from Hazel Crossley-John on 736877 and Joanne Leeman on 845009.