

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19 APRIL 2004 in the MEMORIAL HALL

CLLrs present Mr P Millard (PM) -Chairman, Mr S Jones (SJ), Mr I Salisbury (IS), Mr M Jackson (MJ)
Clerk Mrs D Brookes (DB)

Also present (Open Forum) ECSO D Gwilliam, PC D Lowe, Cllr M Thomas, Mr C Blugrass -Youth & Service, Mrs J Cooper

370 Apologies Rev A Rimmer

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Invited Speaker; Emergency Community Safety Officer (ECSO) Deborah Gwilliam explained her role as as a multi-agency officer. She is a first responder and is notified of cases of sudden collapse and may be able to reach the person and administer help before an ambulance arrives. She also liaises with the Fire Service, for example giving advice on safety measures and fire prevention, and also with the Police where her role is again mainly advisory, giving advice and support to victims of crime, meeting the public, and working with young people. ECSO Gwilliam is based at Carnforth and she covers the area including Hest Bank & neighbouring villages and those north of the Lune and she intends to maintain a profile within these villages.

Rev A Rimmer of the Carnforth and Area Regeneration Partnership (CARP) was unable to attend the meeting but sent a letter explaining what he considered would be the advantages of the new waterbus service along the canal between Lancaster and Tewitfield. These included a leisure and tourist activity from Hest Bank, a potential source of revenue from tourists embarking or disembarking, an educational tool, a leisurely link to Carnforth railway station and link with bus services from a stop at Hest Bank, an opportunity to hire the vessel for special events. The idea for a waterbus was conceived 18 months ago by British Waterways (BW), CARP and Lancashire County Council. BW have bought and refitted a second hand 35 seat vessel. Grants had been applied for but there had been some financial difficulties and changes of policy; CARP has agreed to undertake the responsibility for finding £25,000 each for this and next year. Budgie Bikes has joined the team as a partner and it has been agreed that they would be responsible for day to day running and the other three for financing. CARP is also charged with finding volunteers for training as crew.

C Blugrass (CB), Youth and Community Service reported that he had spoken to Lancaster City Council Arts & Leisure Department about the painting project for the youth shelter; an application for a grant towards the work was ongoing; a meeting with the young people at the youth shelter was suggested to ascertain what they really wished to do with it and their degree of commitment.

Youth Club; CB had contacted the person who had shown an interest in forming a youth club. An Open Meeting was arranged for 4 May at 7.30pm, to which young people, parents and anyone with an interest were invited. CB to produce posters and IS to place them round the village. J Leach to be asked to publicise it in the local press.

CB reported the young peoples' concern about a traffic accident which had happened in the village.

Pc D Lowe reported that in the previous month there had been a marked increase in the number of incidents involving juveniles, 12 offences had been reported including damage at the Bowling Club, at the Memorial Hall and St Luke's School, there had also been 9 reports of juvenile nuisance; an increase in police patrols had been requested.

Cllr Thomas reported that there had been no progress regarding funding for clearing up the shore, cockling activity seemed to be centred at Bare but the beds were still being accessed from Hest Bank.

371 Minutes of the previous meeting

Proposal to accept these as a true record made by SJ, seconded by IS and resolution carried.

372 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Lancaster City Council, Review of Public Convenience Provision; M Davies of City Contract Services had been invited to the meeting but was unable to attend, however he requested any comments and information about the public conveniences in the village. It was agreed that those on the foreshore were generally well maintained; however as they are somewhat remote, it was decided to ask the City Council if there was any likelihood of the provision of ones more centrally located.

Co-option of Councillors; two people had expressed an interest.

Dog Fouling; a letter had been sent to Lancaster City Council but to date no reply had been received.

The glass recycling bins had been removed.

373 **Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations**

Suggested amendments to some optional paragraphs of Standing Orders and Chairmanship, produced by NALC had been seen by all councillors. These amendments were agreed. Resolution to adopt the Standing Orders for Local Councils with the said amendments was carried; proposal made by PM, seconded by IS.

Financial Regulations; the draft regulations produced by NALC had been seen by all councillors, Proposal to adopt the Regulations made by MJ, seconded by PM. Resolved that they are adopted.

374 **Financial matters and payment of accounts**

A receipts and payments report to the end of the financial year was presented.

Current Account £6982.66, Savings Account £27180.54

The precept of £26,460 had been received (not shown in above accounts).

Review of risk assessment; Parish Council land and activities thereon to be inspected, SJ- Foreshore, IS- Recreation Field, MJ- Cemetery, PM other Open Spaces

Computer: the clerk had obtained prices from various sources; a PC rather than a laptop would seem to be a more suitable purchase; clerk given authority to pursue a custom built PC to a maximum cost of £600. Proposal made by MJ, seconded by PM.

LAPTC, membership and subscription for 2004/05 and purchase of Local Council Review; cost to renew is £456.87. Benefits or otherwise of being a member considered, decision taken not to renew membership but the Council will pay the cost of the clerk becoming a member of the Association of Local Council Clerks; proposed by MJ, seconded by IS and agreed.

Grant Application had been made to Community Safety Partnership Funding Scheme (BSC Communities Initiative Funding) to improve youth facilities- prepared by IS.

Grant Application had been made to Lancaster Area Community Safety Partnership for improved street lighting on A6 (Main Road) -prepared by IS.

Grant application had been made to Vital Villages, funding for Parish Plan- prepared by PM and DB.

Payment of accounts as listed below proposed by SJ, seconded by PM and agreed.

Chq No.

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| 100598 | Olympia Commercial Cleaning Service | 20.97 | bus shelter window cleaning |
| 100599 | Lancaster & Morecambe College | 216.00 | printing village newsletter |
| 100560 | Lancaster City Council | 205.33 | business rate, Cemetery |
| 100561 | Lancaster City Council | 159.60 | business rate, Foreshore |
| 100562 | Mrs D Brookes | 398.69 | clerk's salary & expenses |
| 100563 | Petty cash | 12.03 | sundry items |

375 **Memorial for B Kingsman**

Seat to be purchased from Glasdon; Phoenix style with memorial plaque, total cost £380.27; purchase made under S137 (S118). Suggested site is corner of Marine Drive and Rushley Drive; residents of adjacent property to be consulted and if they have no objections application to be made to County Council for licence to site the seat. Wording on plaque to be decided in consultation with Mrs Kingsman.

376 **Foreshore**

Prior to the meeting an inspection of the foreshore had been carried out by PM, SJ, IS and MJ.

Provision of warning flags, lifelines etc.; this Council seems to be exceptional in the provision of life saving equipment and it was felt has met its obligations in that already in place.

As a result of the inspection it was thought that a number of improvements to the area were needed and it was suggested that PM and SJ drew up a list of activities to present at the next meeting.

It was noted that the warden at the Shore Caravan Park had cut steps into the embankment on PC land and also filled part of the drainage ditch with gravel. This had been done without permission and the clerk was asked to write to Mr Gallagher, asking for his comments before further action is taken.

Hedge adjacent to the stables; the Tree Wardens to be consulted about planting more trees.

Reinstatement of land and protective fence; to continue to prevent damage by vehicles and allow complete regrowth of the grass and vegetation it was agreed that the fence should be left in place until at least the end of the summer and probably until 2005.

Beach Care and cleaning of foreshore following cockling activities; a beach clean had been organised by Morecambe Bay Partnership on the 15 April and about 7 people attended. As a result the shore is now much cleaner. Cockling activities continue and litter is still a problem.

The change of status from a commercial car park to an amenity open space and consequent change in rating is to be investigated.

377 **Youth Matters**

Youth Shelter- Art work project see above Open Forum.

- installation of lights by KGF, work promised very soon; a letter had been sent to the Tennis Club requesting cooperation for installation of electric meters; IS to liase with K Galley.

Youth Club; proposed meeting see above Open Forum.

378 **Open Spaces**

Recreation Field Drainage; a Drainage Consultant, Mr P Dixon, had made an inspection of the field, PM, IS, MJ and DB present. A drainage system would be possible and the land could be levelled to make a better playing surface. Mr Dixon suggested that CCTV inspection of the present drains would be advisable. City Contract Services to be asked for advice.

Recreation Field, Disability Access Plan; this had been sent to the Access Officer but to date no reply had been received.

379 **Football**

C Knowles of Slyne with Hest Football Club had arranged a meeting of SwHFC and Bay Rangers FC on 8 April; no information as yet to hand, - deferred.

SwHFC's lease; IS proposed that the club should be given notice of termination of the lease, seconded by MJ and agreed. Clerk to write to Bannister Bates, Solicitors to request appropriate notification be sent. Negotiation of new terms can then begin.

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Planning Applications

Application No.

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| 04/00418/FUL | retrospective application for erection of a dormer to side for Mr Nigel Harrison, 9 Goodwood Avenue, | no objections |
| 04/00413/FUL | erection of a two storey side extension for Mr & Mrs Clough, Sherbourne, Lancaster Road | no objections |
| 04/00349/FUL | erection of a single storey side extension for Mr S Brierley, Tackers Lodge, Aysgarth Drive | no objections |
| 04/00314/FUL | erection of utility and sun lounge extension for Mr & Mrs J Bond, Briarfield, Hest Bank Lane | no objections |
| 04/00338/FUL | erection of a single storey rear extension for Mr & Mrs Mills, 13 Peacock Lane | no objections |
| 04/00270/FUL | erection of an extension for Mr & Mrs Walker, 54 Hest Bank Lane no major objections but concern that this is a large extension and edge will very close to site boundary. | |
| 04/00394/FUL | erection of a new conservatory for Mr & Mrs Warwick, 15 Sunningdale Avenue | no objections |
| 04/00462/CU | retrospective application for change of use from an agricultural building to stables for Mr & Mrs S A Hill, land north of Beaumont Grange, off Green Lane same comments apply as to 03/00113/AD and 03/00616/AD in previous applications for agricultural determination the Council did not raise any objections provided that the building was used for agricultural(farm) purposes and for nothing else and that restrictions were applied concerning running of a business at this location in the green belt. There was concern about setting a precedent and the Council would object strongly. Also concern about safety on Bottomdale Road and Green Lane because of the increase in traffic and the number of horses now using these roads. | |
| Permission granted | | |
| 03/01596/FUL | Mr A Smith, 58 Marine Drive | |
| 04/00252/FUL | Mr & Mrs D Hopwood, 5 Arden Close | |
| 04/00168/FUL | Mr Cadman, Dalegarth, Hest Bank Lane | |
| 04/00160/FUL | Mr P J Edmondson, Coach House, Beaumont Grange, Beaumont Cote | |
| 04/00003/FUL | Mr & Mrs Woodland, 18 Hanging Green Lane | |
| 04/00173/FUL | Martin Collin, 13 Bay View Crescent | |

Lancaster City Council, Village Land Use Survey Consultation; plan circulated for comments on possible amendments.

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Highways

Lancashire County Council, Parish Partnership on Highway Issues; MJ's draft plan 'Highway Issues to Be Addressed' to be considered and priorities decided, discussed at next meeting; then forwarded to Mr Jopson at County Council along with comments on specific issues e.g. Bottomdale Road. Mr Jopson has indicated that it is intention to look at several locations in Slyne with Hest with a view to introducing additional signing or road marking.

Lancaster City Council, Rural Transport Initiatives; MJ had replied on behalf of the Council, regarding a pilot scheme for providing and funding bus shelters, provision of timetable and fare information display and improvement to pedestrian routes to schools and bus stops. The Council confirmed that it fully supports MJ's comments.

382 **Correspondence**

Heysham News, 3 issues; English Nature, SiteLines; CPRE, TCG News, Planning Update and Rural Matters; Local Heritage Initiative News, Community Futures newsletter; LAPTC, Lancaster Area Committee, Minutes and Agenda; CVS/Lancashire Road Safety Partnership newsletter and safety information; Lancaster and District Diversity Festival press release; Lancaster Area Rural Road Safety Committee minutes and agenda - all above circulated.

Lancaster City Council, Lancaster District Local Plan-Notice of Intention to Adopt on Friday 16 April 2004 - acknowledgement of receipt.

Lancaster City Council, Licensing Act 2003, notification of initial draft of licensing policy and intention to hold rural "road show".

383 **Leases**

no update available -deferred.

384 **Matters for future consideration**

review of clerk's salary
review of insurances

385 **Date of next meeting**

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 17 May at 7.30pm

Annual Parish Assembly Monday 10 May at 7.30pm- G Smith MP has accepted invitation to attend.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm