

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 24 APRIL 2006 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard (PM) –Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Mrs Andrea Johnson(AJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS), Mr Julian Newbold (JN)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: City Cllr Malcolm Thomas, City Cllr Sylvia Rogerson, PC Dave Lowe

744 **Apologies** Cllr Barbara Barber, County Cllr A P Jones

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe gave the police report. In the previous month five crimes had been recorded compared with thirteen in the same period of the previous year; they had included burglaries and theft from a vehicle. There had also been ten instances of anti-social behaviour. PC Lowe had sent in a report to the traffic section regarding the problems being encountered and damage being done to the canal bridges but to date no reply had been received. There had been further complaints about the use of mini motorbikes on the foreshore and PC Lowe was asked to monitor this activity.

City Cllr Thomas enquired about signage on the beach and liaison with Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council over the type of sign. It was explained that almost twelve months ago some decisions had been taken over signs to be erected on the beach and it was the intention to liaise with Lancaster City Council regarding the type of sign and the manufacturer to be used. There had been some delay but recent enquiries had ascertained that City Council were in the process of ordering signs and further information from them is awaited.

Cllr Thomas explained the background to a new initiative set up by Lancashire County Council called Lancashire Local- Lancaster District. This is a joint committee of the County Council and Lancaster City Council 'with the aim to strengthen local democratic accountability'. The committee is made up of ten members of the County Council and ten members of the City Council. As far as this Parish is concerned, issues to be put forward for attention had been highlighted in the Parish Plan; one priority is control of speed in the village. AJ had attended a meeting on the Council's behalf.

Cllr Newbold raised a number of issues that had been brought to his attention at the community coffee morning

- lack of awareness and recognition of members of the Council –photographs of members were taken which will be used for publicity purposes; details of councillors are published on the notice board outside the memorial hall, in the village newsletter and on the parish website.
- poor attendance at the community coffee mornings- it was agreed to try to obtain greater publicity;
- parking problems near to the Hest Bank Hotel- a decision on road markings had still not been received from County Council and further enquiries will be made
- road safety on Coastal Road -it is hoped that the County Council's improvement scheme will go ahead.

The visitors left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated

745 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record; proposal made by JN and seconded by JC-K.

746 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Dog litter bin at Sea View Drive; placed on pavement –thought not to be on Mr Fish's land –he thinks otherwise-further enquiries to be made.

Library closure; a mobile library van is to visit the village every other Monday commencing 8 May for three hours in the afternoon.

Licence and rent for use of land on foreshore by Mr Graham- finalised.

Green Partnership Award for work on recreation field; there is an awards ceremony on 20 May, DB to represent parish; photos and update on the scheme had been requested and these would be supplied.

There was some concern that although work on the trees had been carried out and the area left tidy, it was being used presumably by children, a den had been created and branches etc. had been scattered around. It was agreed that members of the volunteer task force group, along with the lengthsman would tidy up the area. Further work is to be carried out during the summer.

Wall on Coastal Road; it was reported that the damage had been inspected by someone from County Highways.

747 **Resignation of Barbara Barber**

The Council regretfully accepted Mrs Barber's resignation which was due to personal commitments. This creates a vacancy on the Council and Lancaster City Council is to be informed so that the necessary arrangements for an election to fill the vacancy can be put into place.
PM will represent the council at the next community coffee morning in place of Mrs Barber.

748 **Financial matters**

A report of the receipts and payments for the previous month was presented. This also included the totals for the end of the financial year.

Current Account £1191.85, Savings Account £10907.45 (not shown is the precept of £27,350 for 2006/07 which had been received.)

On behalf of the Council, Mike Ashton has sold the redundant cab for the Kubota mowing machine on e-bay for £160.

Councillors allowance scheme; it was resolved to accept the amended allowances, proposal made by AJ, seconded by JC-K. Details of the changes are to be submitted to Lancaster City Council Parish Remuneration Panel. (also ref 734)

Review of insurance cover; details of the premium and cover for 2006/07 had been received from Allianz Cornhill- this to be checked through by PM and DB before premium is paid.

749 **Payment of accounts**

It was resolved to make a transfer of £6500 from the Savings Account to the Current Account, proposal made by PM, seconded by JN.

Proposal to pay a grant of £500 to the Slyne with Hest May Fair Committee made by JN, seconded by SS and agreed (S137 payment and minute ref 734)

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed, proposed by AJ, seconded by SJ.

Cheque No.		
100839	Olympia Commercial Cleaning Services	22.69 bus shelter window cleaning
100840	P Walton	625.00 felling of trees
100841	T Cowperthwaite	271.42 moving boulders on foreshore
100842	Lancaster & Morecambe College	252.00 printing newsletter
100843	Tradesignz	99.88 sign for foreshore
100844	Mrs D Brookes	611.00 clerk's salary & expenses
100845	Petty cash	13.19 sundry items
100846	Lancaster City Council	245.53 collection of waste bin at burial ground
100847	Inland Revenue	481.94 clerk's PAYE & NIC
100848	SHMH	2000.00 grant (minute ref. 706)
100849	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	2200.00 grant for maintenance (minute ref 706)
100850	Slyne with Hest May Fair Committee	500.00 grant towards costs (S137)

750 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field- new swing (minute ref 736); further quotations had been obtained which included the provision of a suitable safe surface as well as the cost of the swing; first quotation and provide the cushionfall, proposal made by JC-K and seconded by JN.

Topping up of bark beneath the tower slide; a quotation of £255 + VAT had been obtained from Lancaster City Council Contract Services; it was decided to make further enquiries about the cost of bark with the suggestion that the work could be carried out by the lengthsman assisted by volunteers -deferred to next meeting.

Contract for Grass Cutting at the Burial Ground; a formal agreement had been drawn up between the

Council and M Ashton; proposal to approve this made by AJ, seconded by SJ and agreed. The document was signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council and is to be passed to M Ashton for his signature.

Risk assessment inspections; each councillor was allotted an area of the Council's open spaces to make an inspection for any potential risks and produce a written report.

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005-Parish Council Guide to Environmental Enforcement-information available on website but hard copy awaited -deferred until information can be studied.

Tree Warden Scheme- Lancaster City Council invited members of the public who are interested to register as wardens- the Council was pleased to hear that the village now has three wardens.

Plants for the pots at Memorial Hall and level crossing; JC-K had been able to obtain a good discount from Bay View Nurseries at Bolton-le-Sands. Thanks to JC-K and the nurseries were recorded.

Use of the Memorial Hall field for an overnight camp by a group using the hall for a private event. This was agreed to as a one-off event. PC Lowe to be informed about this.

Football Club Lease; a letter had been received from Bannister Bates Solicitors with the information that the Club's Solicitors had indicated that the Club would be prepared to pay £250 per annum on the condition that the Council continues to provide assistance with grass cutting. In all other respects the Club will take full responsibility for ground and building maintenance and repair. The offer is on the basis that the new Lease is granted for the entire site as it stands and incorporating additional land to the north and west. It was decided that the offer of £250 per annum would be acceptable but not with the inclusion of the additional land. This would need consultation with Mr Riley and further discussion.

751 **Foreshore**

Land on which Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage stands: Bannister Bates Solicitors had advised the Council that whether Dr & Mrs Pearson can claim adverse possession will rest on whether or not there is formal documentation giving consent for the erection of the garage and the use of the access. As the land was formally registered to Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council enquiries are to be made with that Council about possible documentation and minute references are to be looked up -further discussion was therefore deferred.

Riding of mini-motorbikes on the foreshore-reported to PC Lowe (see Open Forum)

Information and warning signs- Lancaster City Council had promised more information about the type of sign which they intend to erect but to date this had not been received.

Plaque -information still awaited.

Dyke adjacent to Shorefield Caravan Park and encroachment on to Parish Council land- SJ had received some complaints. It was decided to investigate the cost of having the dyke cleaned out.

752 **Planning applications**

Application No.

06/00459/FUL	removal of condition 3 on application no. 1/78/00149 restricting the occupancy to an agricultural worker for Mr & Mrs D Casson, Geiranger, Beaumont Gate Farm, Lancaster Road it is the Council's understanding that in the first place the only way that a property of this type was allowed to be built on agricultural land in the green belt was by placing a restriction on the occupancy; there is concern that if the restriction is removed there is a precedence and future developments within the green belt would be more difficult to oppose. The Council noted that the property had not been advertised at a price commensurate with the average earnings of an agricultural worker.	
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Dealt with by sub-committee

06/00431/FUL	installation of new doors to lounge area and replacement window for S and N Pub Enterprises Plc	
06/00435/LB	Cross Keys Hotel, Main Road	no comments

06/00487/FUL	alterations to provide new front and rear bay windows and erection of a two storey side extension to form garage and bedroom/ensuite over for I & M Bradley, 48 Hest Bank Lane	no comments
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06/00428/FUL	installation of a new window for Mr & Mrs Melici, 7 Beech Grove	no comments
06/00365/FUL	erection of a single storey extension to form sun room for Mr & Mrs Collins, 14 Hest Bank Lane	no comments
06/00429/FUL	erection of a machinery/implement store ancillary to ground keeping at the caravan site for Mr T Hanley, Bottomdale Caravan Park, Bottomdale Road still think that this building is large for its intended use, suggest restricted to grounds maintenance purposes only	

Applications granted

06/00069/FUL	Kitchen Builders, former Hest Bank Congregational Church, the Crescent
06/00106/FUL	Mr & Mrs D Hough, 7 The Crescent
06/00115/FUL	Mr & Mrs T Mather, 3 Ashworth Drive
06/00125/FUL	Mr & Mrs Hines, Lindale, Mowbrick Lane
06/00176/FUL	Mr & Mrs Dickson, 17 Hatlex Drive
06/00216/FUL	Mr & Mrs Bain, 36 Prospect Drive

753 **Highways**

Path from Rushley Mount to the canal; a complaint had been received about the poor condition of the surface; this had been passed on and the path had been inspected by Rights of Way Officers and the lengthsman and it had been decided that the surface could be improved by clearing away some of the mud and the path will also be looked at for upgrading and possibly to incorporate disabled access.

Notices on Coastal Road advertising cross bay walks and other events; a complaint had been received that these detracted from the appearance of the area especially when left up over a period of time and also were a distraction for motorists; this was noted and will be monitored.

Lancashire County Council's Bike Wise Scheme; matched funding is available for approved schemes to provide stands for bicycles. Places which had been suggested for these were the outside the Memorial Hall and at the Post Offices; a further suggestion was on the foreshore -deferred for further consideration.

Mr Gilhooley of Slyne Hall Heights had written to Lancashire County Council with his concerns about safety on the A6 and had subsequently met an Officer on site. The County Council had promised to carry out some improvements to the road signs and markings.

754 **Correspondence**

English Nature-SiteLines; Cumbrian Nature; CPRE, Countrywise; Lancashire Constabulary, NewsBeat; Environment Agency, Consultation on the Review of British Energy Generation Limited's nuclear power station authorisations; University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Trust, Hospital Services Review – comments requested; Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, Integrated Management Plan 2006-07; North West Regional Assembly, Sustainability Appraisal of the North West Regional Spatial Strategy; Lancashire Police Authority, notice of meeting on 2 May; Lancaster City Council, Civic Task Group –comments requested; Lancaster City Council, Mayor's Sunday information -all above circulated.

755 **Matters suggested for members for future consideration**

Nothing further

756 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 15 May 2006 at 7.30pm,. This will be the annual parish meeting.

Date of Annual Parish Assembly Monday 22 May 2006 at 7.30pm.. It was decided to invite County Cllr A Jones to be the guest speaker.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

