

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 15 APRIL 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present      Mr Peter Millard(PM) -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K)  
   Mr Stewart Scothern(SS), Ms Moyna Hargest(MH)

Clerk                                Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1863 **To receive apologies for absence**    Cllr J Leeman

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum:    County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson  
Apologies were received retrospectively from PC Ian Nickson

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting;** no police officers were present at the meeting and no report had been received
- A suggestion was put to County Cllr Jones for 20mph stickers to be placed on household 'wheelie' bins. These would be on display at the refuse collections throughout the district and could help to reinforce the message of compliance with the 20mph zones. Cllr Jones is to take this back to the Environment Directorate at Lancashire County Council.
- The go-ahead that has been given for the Heysham/M6 Link was discussed. Work is due to start in June 2013. It was pointed out by Cllr Jones that environmental issues have been addressed and money will be spent on landscaping and tree planting. The expansion of the port at Heysham is foreseen along with developments in Lancaster leading to an upturn in the economy in the area.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1864 **To record Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Hargest declared an interest in the planning application 13/00254/FUL

1865 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 March 2013 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1866 **Progress Reports**    *(for information only)*

- The complaint about the damage to the footpath at the southern end of Hest Bank Lane has been reported to Lancashire County Council who will investigate it
- The concern about the state of the canal towpath from Occupation Bridge south has been reported to the Rivers and Canals Trust and an outcome is awaited.
- A complaint about the use of the path at Throstle Grove by cyclists has been reported to Lancashire County Council.
- Following a complaint about developments at Beaumont Grange Farm, a visit to the site was made by the Chairman and it is confirmed that work being done on the erection of a roof over the schooling area is over and above that approved on the planning application and a letter has been sent to the enforcement officers at Lancaster City Council. In a telephone reply a planning officer has informed the Council that the occupiers have been told to stop work on the building and that the agent is in the process of putting in a retrospective application for changes.
- Registration of land on the foreshore with the Land Registry; Bannister Bates Property Lawyers are moving forward with this however a question had been raised about the ownership of a small strip of land adjacent to the shore café. This has now been resolved.
- The Environment Directorate Commissioning Plan for Lancaster 2013-14 -circulated and noted.

1867 **Financial matters**

Resolution: to accept the end of financial year receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.

Current Account £1291.58 Savings Account £15,334.99

The precept of £31,750 for 2013/14 has been approved by Lancaster City Council.

The May fair Committee has made an application to the Lancashire Environmental Fund for an interim payment of part of the grant for the work at the recreation field

#### 1868 Open Spaces

Recreation Field Development: further investigations have been made both with the present contractor and an independent advisor about the flooding and drainage problems. A meeting is scheduled with the present contractors and the landscape architect to determine exactly what needs to be done. It was agreed in principle to fund this extra work from Council held reserves as it is vital that the drainage problems are solved as quickly as possible. It is still hoped that at least part of the field will be in a suitable condition by 22 June to enable the planned field day to go ahead. There is disappointment that safety barriers continue to be removed to allow access and some damage has already occurred in the newly developed areas. Two applications to Fields in Trust for small grants towards the further development have been turned down.

Play Equipment repairs; a quotation has been obtained from Playdale Playgrounds for parts needed to repair the tower slide -totalling £439.98 + VAT.

Resolution: to accept the quotation and to ask the lengthsman to carry out the repairs.

Dog fouling in various parts of the village; an e-mail had been received pointing out what seems to be an increasing problem in some areas, and especially along the canal towpath, and suggesting that a map of the village showing the location of dog waste bins might help to encourage their use. The Council does have concerns about the fouling and feels that the idea has some merit. However it is to be suggested that as this is a district-wide problem the complainant contacts Lancaster City Council dog wardens and the Rivers and Canals Trust.

#### 1869 Planning Applications

Applications received

13/00254/FUL 20 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DF

No issues were raised on this application

#### 1870 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £2,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Eon	4.03	electricity bill -burial ground
	DD	Information Commissioner	35.00	data protection fee
Chq	101588	Lancaster City Council	134.47	refuse collection -burial ground
	101589	United Utilities Water PLC	112.82	water bill -burial ground
	101590	Travis Perkins Trading Company Ltd.	5.24	work on burial ground entrance
	101591	OC Cleaning Limited	26.77	bus shelter window cleaning
	101592	Mr R McGuire	108.80	groundsman's pay
	101593	Mrs D Brookes	782.07	clerk's salary
	101594	Petty cash	13.00	sundry items
	101595	HM Revenue & Customs	388.86	PAYE & NIC payments

#### 1871 Matters raised by members for future consideration

Dumping of rubbish at the bridge beyond Old Bob's Lane

#### 1872 Date of next meeting

Monday 20 May 2013 at 7.30pm. This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm

