

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
Held on MONDAY 15 AUGUST 2005 in the MEMORIAL HALL

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

Clerk Mrs D Brookes (DB)

Also present for PACT meeting and Open Forum, PC D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas

621 **Apologies** Mrs B Barber

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting – PC D Lowe gave the report
There had been three instances of anti-social behaviour and seven crimes reported during the previous month. Crimes included damage to vehicles and property.
PC Lowe was alerted to the somewhat suspicious behaviour of persons in cars visiting the foreshore, previously reported to ECSO Gwilliam. Also the increasing number of motor homes parked overnight on the foreshore contrary to bye-laws was brought to PC Lowe's attention. The on-going problem of the illegal and dangerous parking of vehicles on Marine Drive near to the Station Road junction was also discussed and PC Lowe promised to look further into this.

City Cllr Thomas reported that he had had further discussions with Lancaster City Council 's Mark Woodhead about the dog waste bin on Sea View Drive. The bin had been moved to a new position on Raikes Head Lane. Also a new design of bin would soon be available which would be less obtrusive and this could be worth considering.

Cllr Thomas reported that the distance between the 50mph and 30mph limits on the A6 near to the Skerton boundary was being looked at and he would pursue this with Lancashire County Council and also warning signs indicating speed limits.

PC Lowe and Cllr Thomas left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

622 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

623 **Matters arising from the minutes**

The Valuation Officer had confirmed that he was pursuing the Council's request to alter the foreshore rating.

Mr M Fish had been informed that the dog waste bin had been moved.

Mr J Leach has had further correspondence with Lancaster City Council about the advertising signs on the A6 and the matter has been passed on to the Planning Enforcement Team so that they can take it up with the owner of the caravan park.

Recreation field drainage, Mr Cowperthwaite had finished the work but the outcome had yet to be tested during a period of wet weather. Whilst doing this work, Mr Cowperthwaite had also made improvements to safety of the manhole on the Memorial Hall field, levelling the area and providing a better cover.

624 **Financial Matters**

Current Account £4830.04, Savings Account £43047.29

Alliance and Leicester Bank are now routinely sending quarterly statements instead of monthly ones. It was decided to make enquiries as to whether they would provide monthly statements.

Purchase of photocopier, confirmation of agreement; as agreed at the July meeting, a second quotation had been obtained, this from Mains Business Equipment, which was £1258 to include duplex (double-sided copying). In comparison with the quote from Office Technology Corporation this seemed a better option and in compliance with the authority given at the July meeting a

decision had been taken to purchase from Mains Business Equipment. It was resolved to ratify this decision, proposal made by AJ and seconded by JC-K.

Service contract for the copier; it was resolved to take out a service and maintenance contract with Mains Business Equipment, proposed by PM, seconded by JC-K. The cost worked out at 0.06p per copy. It was decided to charge all outside bodies, including Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee, for all photocopying work at 2p per copy. Clerk to keep a record of copies made.

625 Payment of Accounts

Proposal to transfer £3000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account made by AJ, seconded by SJ and agreed.

Proposal to pay the invoices as listed made by JC-K, seconded by AJ and agreed.

Chq No.			
100745	Olympia Commercial Cleaning Services	21.61	bus shelter window cleaning
100746	Lancaster City Council	882.26	grass cutting
100747	void		
100748	Lancaster City Council	84.60	inspection of play equipment
100749	Lancaster City Council	408.01	bowling green maintenance
100750	Mrs D Brookes	606.16	clerk's salary & expenses
100751	Petty cash	30.93	sundry items
100752	All the B's Surveys Ltd.	205.63	ground survey at burial ground
100753	BT	74.45	'phone bill
100754	Mains Business Equipment Ltd	1478.16	purchase of photocopier
100755	Office Technology Corporation	58.16	service of old copier
100756	Mr F Clarke	721.18	open spaces maintenance

626 Open Spaces

Tennis Club lease; the Tennis Club committee had considered the Council's proposals and while in agreement with all the other points felt that a rent of £200 per annum was more than they had been led to expect at the meeting with councillors and could not accept it. It was decided to put forward an amended proposal of a rent of £150 for the first year with an increase of £10 per annum in the following four years and with a review of the rent again after five years. This was proposed by PM, seconded by AJ and agreed.

Bowling Club lease; it was agreed that a new lease for the Bowling Club should be in line with that proposed for the Tennis Club and that the Bowling Club should be given an outline of these proposals and invited to discuss them with the Council.

Bowling Club, replacement of marking hut which was destroyed by fire along with a section of the hedge which surrounds the green; the Club were looking at the most suitable method of replacing the hut and one suggestion was to make the rear wall of the hut part of the boundary rather than replacing the hedge. The Council decided that it would prefer the hedge to be replaced for both aesthetic and practical reasons. It was felt that the hedge would enhance the security of the hut.

Recreation field play area; Mr Clarke had done much work to improve this, including removing weeds and vegetation, painting of equipment and topping up the surfaces with bark chippings.

Pound & stocks- provision of a plaque –brochures of designs to be circulated –item on next agenda

627 Foreshore

Land for Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage- a reply had been received from the Solicitor at Lancashire County Council who advises on matters involving Common Land and Village Greens and the garage is on Common Land unit CL222 as registered; she found it difficult to advise the council regarding the issue of a possessory title claim and the access issue but promised further information after more research. –held over until further advice received.

The clerk was asked to write to Dr & Mrs Pearson and other shore residents about the persistent parking of a vehicle on Parish Council land.

J Graham-draft agreement for use of land for parking of tractors, this had been received from Bannister Bates Solicitors. However Mr Graham had left another tractor on the foreshore on the landward side of the highway and in spite of having been asked to remove it, to date had not done

so. JC-K was to speak to him and to inform him that if the tractor is not removed by the next meeting a lease would not be granted and he would lose all rights to park his tractors on the shore -further discussion of the the lease deferred.

Overnight parking of mobile homes; complaints had been received from Mr R Gallagher, the Warden of Shorefield Caravan Park and from the Shorefield Owners Coop Ltd about mobile homes being parked overnight on the foreshore and the unseemly behaviour of some of the owners. New signs had been erected on the foreshore indicating that there must be no overnight parking or camping, also the police had been informed about the complaints and the situation was being kept under review.

It had been noted that Mr Gallagher had still not removed the steps from Parish Council land and it was to be suggested to him that he may wish to do as work on the dyke is being considered.

Safety and warning signs; SJ and the clerk had made a site visit and considered the signs which would need to be provided to comply with safety requirements; these would be a primary entrance sign beyond the level crossing and a reminder sign probably near to the embankment steps; also possibly a sign would be needed on the parish land near to the VVV Leisure complex. The clerk had checked with Sharon Wilson, Lancaster City Council Beach Safety Officer, and the City Council were expecting to put signs along the Morecambe promenade as far as Teal Bay. They were waiting to hear from another contractor about the cost of the provision of signs and promised more information when it was received.

Further improvements to the foreshore; Mike Ashton, the lengthsman is to be asked to remove the now damaged wire fence just beyond the first pair of houses on the landward side of the highway. This was erected by United Utilities following reinstatement work but is no longer necessary.

The cost of the placing more boulders along the full length of the grassed area to provide protection from use by vehicles is to be investigated. Also replanting of hedge to be looked into.

Provision of more litter bins; it was agreed that more enclosed litter bins are needed and therefore it was proposed to purchase five of the large Wybone bins with bird flaps, similar to those already in place, at a cost of approx. £340 each, proposal made by PM, seconded by SJ and resolution carried.

628 **Football**

Lease for Slyne with Hest Football Club; PM had received an e-mail message from C Knowles, the chairman of the Club about the situation regarding the pitches and the junior teams which will be playing in the coming season, it seemed unlikely that there would be an U10s and U16s team. PM to deal with response.

629 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

05/01042/FUL erection of a ground floor lounge and kitchen extension and first floor ensuite to bedroom
for Mr & Mrs Trevvett, 25 Prospect Drive no comments

05/01064/FUL erection of utility room and conservatory extension
for Mr & Mrs Porter, 2A Throstle Grove no comments

Dealt with by sub-committee

05/00994/FUL erection of a single storey rear extension
for Mr & Mrs I Johns, 23 Greenacre Road no comments

05/00773/FUL erection of a stable block and construction of an open air menage
for Mr N Casson, Beaumont Cote Farm, Kellet Lane
when previous application (04/01349/CU) for livery/stables was granted conditions were applied 'in the interest of the amenity of the area' and there is some concern that this application could be partially contrary to those conditions. It was suggested by councillors that the menage was badly sited at the top of the hill and would be better between Cote Cottage and Beaumont Cote Manor and therefore off the skyline

Applications granted

05/00842/FUL Mr & Mrs Riding, Rainsborrow, Mowbrick Lane
05/00769/FUL Mr & Mrs Whiley, 25 Throstle Walk

05/00781/FUL
05/00850/FUL

Mr & Mrs Buckley, 3 Coastal Road
Mr & Mrs Whittle, 11 Bay View Crescent

Notice of Appeal allowed

04/01526/FUL Mr & Mrs R Atkins, 43 Sea View Drive

Appeal made by Mrs C Hill, land north of Beaumont Grange, Off Green Lane, is now to be dealt with by way of written representation and not a public inquiry as previously stated.

Notice of Application for the Transfer of a Justices Off Licence from Mr A Saville to Mrs T Ireland, for the Londis Village Store, Slyne.

630 **Burial Ground**

Proposed new entrance; Mr Atkinson of Thomas Associates had sent a report of the land survey and also written to Lancashire County Council Highways about the proposed changes. -matter deferred awaiting a reply from County Council.

Repair of stile and fence; it had been reported that sheep had entered the burial ground, probably through a damaged fence and stile. Mr G Riley had apparently repaired the fence several times but it had been damaged again. The stile is badly damaged. It was proposed that the stile should be replaced by a kissing gate which complies with all access regulations and this was agreed; proposer JC-K, seconded by AJ.

Proposed work to graves, burying of kerbs; SJ and the clerk had met Mr P Cocker of City Contract Services and the Lancaster City Council Cemeteries Supervisor at the Burial Ground to discuss the problems of removing the kerbs and the possible potential damage to the headstones. Mr Cocker had agreed to provide quotations for work on individual graves and also to provide a price for gravelling the spaces between graves. This would mainly be in the section of older graves and it is hoped that the gravel would improve the appearance of the area and help with the problems of maintenance.

631 **Highways**

M6/Heysham Link; Mr M Fearnley, a resident of the village, had written expressing his concerns because from reports published in the local press it would seem that the Council's official stance is anti Northern by-pass and he wished to informed whether the Council had sanctioned publication of its views. The local press correspondent is completely independent of the Parish Council and views expressed are not necessarily those of the Council. The Council had not sanctioned publication of its views. The Council recognises that there will be differing views and has not taken a stance on it. It has asked Geraldine Smith MP to press for a full public inquiry so that all views can be aired. Also the Steering Committee of the Parish Plan has looked at the implications for the village and surrounding areas and its findings will be included in its report.

632 **Correspondence**

Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Minerals and Waste Management Framework -Submission Draft-Statement of Community Involvement.
Morecambe Bay Partnership Progress Report, August 2005
Both circulated.

633 **Parish Plan**

The Steering Committee has arranged a meeting on Wednesday 7 September in St Luke's Church Hall to which representatives of a wide range of authorities and official bodies have been invited to discuss how each of the issues identified as needing attention and published in the Issues Report prepared by the Committee can be tackled in partnership with other organisations. It is hoped that the end result will be a workable Action Plan for the Parish.

634 **Matters suggested by members for future discussion** none

635 **Date of next meeting** Monday 19 September 2005 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.

