

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2006 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present Mr B Cookson -interest in casual vacancy
For Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson, County Cllr AP Jones, Mr J Stelfox, Mr J Leach

800 **Apologies** Cllr A Johnson, PC D Lowe, ECSO D Gwilliam

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

In the absence of police presence there was no PACT meeting. However it was noted that damage to the planters and flowers outside the Memorial Hall on two occasions had been reported to the Police.

County Cllr A P Jones; on behalf of the Council. County Cllr Jones had been looking into the regulations governing the disposal of Common Land and these he outlined to the members. This is particularly pertinent to land on the foreshore which has been under discussion for some time and the Council is to follow up the advice.

Mr J Stelfox, reported on the progress which he had made on the Village Design Statement and was granted permission to approach printers for quotations for the printing of the document.

Mr Stelfox expressed his concern about the speed of traffic on Hasty Brow road and the lack of warning signs. He also has ongoing concerns about the parking of vehicles at the southern end of Hest Bank Lane near to the garage with potential to cause obstruction and hazards. It was suggested that police action may be necessary and referral to the Traffic Management team was suggested. However as there was no police presence at the meeting it was decided to defer further discussion and at the next meeting to look at these and other traffic related matters and put them into a report for County Cllr Jones who offered to take them to Mr J Robson at Lancashire County Council.

City Cllr M Thomas reported on a proposal by Lancaster City Council to provide a cycle link between the Lancaster Canal towpath and Morecambe promenade by creating an access to the canal towpath at Rushley Drive. The Parish Council had not received notification of the proposal and Cllr Thomas promised to supply a copy.

The visitors except Mr Cookson left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated.

801 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Correction; retrospective apologies from June Cohen Kingsley to be added. Following the amendment it was resolved to accept the minutes as a true record; proposal made by JN, seconded by SS.

802 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Two litter bins for the foreshore had been ordered and were expected by the end of the month. Funding for Children' s Play; PM had looked at the Big Lottery programme which might be applicable to improvements proposed for the recreation field; it was suggested that a figure of £50,000 would need to be considered. –see later

803 **Financial matters**

A receipts and payments report for the previous month was presented by the clerk.

Current Account £1187.27, Savings Account £26257.45

BT' s bill had been received and consideration was given to whether in future it should be paid by Direct Debit with a modest saving of up to £24 per year. It was resolved to do this for a trial period of twelve

months after which there would be a review; proposal made by SJ, seconded by PM –voting-4 in favour and 1 abstention.

Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership- small local grants application – deadline 29 September 2006 -no decision made.

804 Payment of accounts

A transfer of funds from the Savings Account to the Current Account was not necessary.

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed; proposal made by JC-K and seconded by SS.

Chq No.			
100874	RBS Finance (Olympia Cleaning)	22.69	bus shelter window cleaning
100875	Mrs D Brookes	721.76	clerk' s salary and expenses
100876	Petty cash	40.86	sundry items
100877	Bannister Bates Solicitors	117.50	solicitor' s professional charges
100878	Mr F Clarke	153.60	additional maintenance work
DD	BT	127.12	' phone bill

805 Open spaces

New ' birds nest' swing; this is very popular and being well used but the surface and underlying textile matting is proving to be unsatisfactory because it is kicking up badly; this had been reported to the suppliers, Playdales, who had provided some advice. It was decided to ask Playdales to come back to look at the problem and also seek advice about alternative surfaces because it was questioned whether in the long run it will be cost effective to have to top up the bark at frequent intervals.

Risk assessment and risk management; the clerk has been trying to obtain further advice and has contacted Community Futures concerning a service which they offer but is still waiting for information.

Improvements to the recreation field; it was agreed that funding of a least £50,000 would probably be needed and PM is to complete a preliminary application. Provision of a marked pitch for ball games, disabled access and improvement to paths, improvements at the entrance adjacent to the telephone exchange and continuation of the improvement of the wooded area at the rear of the field are works which are being considered.

Leases for the Bowling, Tennis and Football Clubs; the clerk had written to Bannister Bates Solicitors with concerns about the lack of progress and they had agreed that it should be made a matter of priority and that contact will be made with the Council in the near future.

Plaque for stocks and pound; a quotation for the production of a plaque has been requested from Leander Architectural.

806 Foreshore

Land for garage -Dr & Mrs Pearson, some advice had been received concerning the sale of Common Land and the Council' s position, however it was decided to pursue this further with the Council' s solicitors to try to resolve the issue.

Information signs; the clerk had made contact with RNLI regarding risk assessment advice for the shore and Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council had indicated that they would be willing to co-operate with the Council in carrying out a risk assessment to determine what information should be included on the signs for the beaches in this area –deferred until further information is available.

Dyke adjacent to Shorefield Caravan Site; Mr A Cowperthwaite had been asked for a quotation to carry out work on the dyke but to date this had not been received.

Panorama plaque; still no information had been received fro Leander Architectural about the design of a plaque and it may be necessary to look for other suppliers. It was suggested that when completed the structure could be dedicated to all who have lost their lives in the Bay.

North West and North Wales Sea Fisheries –notice of meeting to be held on Monday 4 September- clerk to attend.

807 **Planning applications**

Application No.

06/00962/FUL installation of solar water heating panels on south facing roof
for RW Gill, 80 Main Road no comments

06/01011/FUL erection of a conservatory to the rear
for Mr & Mrs Boothman, 42 Hest bank Lane no comments

06/00983/FUL construction of dormer and erection of a ground floor extension to south
elevation and various other alterations
for Mr J Teasdale, 4 Raikes Hill Drive no comments

06/00918/FUL amendments and alterations to roof/dormer previously approved on
application no. 04/01708/FUL
for Mr and Mrs Kenyon, 72 Coastal Road no comments

06/00901/FUL alteration and retention of livery building and alterations to access
for C Hill, land north of Beaumont Grange off Green Lane, Bottomdale Rd
noted that proposal now states livery building rather than agricultural
building for which previous application was made; Council still stands by
comments made on previous application regarding use of land in Green
Belt; PC prepared to leave judgement of technical issues on alterations to
access to Planning Officers but still has concerns about traffic safety issues
in relation to the increased use of this junction on Bottomdale Road.

dealt with by sub-committee

06/00874/FUL erection and alteration to existing detached garage to form studio and
bedroom over with links to house
for Mr D Clarke, 4 Prospect Drive no comments

06/00845/FUL erection of a single storey extension, incorporating classroom extensions,
offices, reception, disabled w.c. and storerooms
for The School Governors, Slyne with Hest C of E School, Shady Lane
no comments

Applications granted

06/00648/FUL Mr John Ingram, 51 Hest Bank Lane
06/00669/FUL Mr & Mrs Watson, Northfield, Hest Bank Lane
06/00728/FUL & 06/00729/LB Mr M Davidson & Ms E Mattison, Slyne Grange, Main Road
06/00785/FUL Mr B Gourlay, 37 Bay View Avenue

Refusal of Planning Permission

06/00459/FUL Mr & Mrs D Casson, Geiranger, Beaumonr Gate Farm, Lancaster Road

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No. 389 (2006), 25 Throstle Walk

Tree Preservation Order No. 71, 23 Hatlex Lane, request to fell sycamore tree

Land at VV Leisure Club-it has been confirmed by Bannister Bates Solicitors that the strip of land shown
on the Deed of Easement has been removed from the title of AIB Group(UK) Plc owners of land formerly in
the ownership of Stainton Leisure.

808 **Highways**

Following the meeting with Mr J Robson, Lancashire County Council Area Manager (North), in July an
encouraging response had been received and many of the issues raised are to receive attention.

The Governors of St Luke' s School have raised the issue of parking in Shady Lane, opposite the school
entrance by people dropping off or picking up children at the school; there is concern about safety of the
children; a request had been made for the support of the Parish Council in trying to have restrictions
imposed. It was thought that this is a matter for the Police as with other areas in the village where
inconsiderate parking is causing problems and that they should look to being more proactive in dealing
with the situation.

Hest Bank Lane- lack of pavements with consequent danger to pedestrians; it was noted that some time ago that land had been offered to the County Council to create footpaths but was turned down; the Council would have fully supported the construction of pavements if it had been given the opportunity and would do so in the future should any land become available.

809 **Burial Ground**

An on-site meeting had been held to discuss ways of improving the burial ground entrance; SJ, AJ and DB had been present. It was decided to cut back the ivy from the walls along with some of the vegetation and prune trees near to the entrance. This would improve sight lines and also make the entrance more obvious to road users.

Some attempt had been made to find a person to carry out the work; however it was decided that PM, SS and JN along with the lengthsman would form a working group to do this.

Rabbits; a complaint had been received about the large rabbit population inhabiting the burial ground and causing damage to graves and destroying any floral tributes. It was agreed that the reduction of the population could only be done within the appropriate regulations but the options available are to be investigated.

810 **Correspondence**

Lancashire Constabulary, Police News for Lancaster, Morecambe Bay and Wyre; English Nature, Natural England; Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Local-Lancaster District Parish and Town Council Protocol; Morecambe Bay Partnership, information about forthcoming events; Lancaster City Council, Gambling Act 2005, Consultation on Draft Statement of Licensing Policy; Lancashire County Council, notification of the sale of Slyne House –all above circulated.

Community Futures, Parish Plans in Lancashire, evaluation- questionnaire completed.

811 **Matters suggested by members for future discussion**

JC-K; parking of large number of cars in the Station Road/Coastal Road area near the level crossing.

SS- parking on Hest Bank Lane outside former ' Marnwood' site causing obstruction –see comments above about parking in the village

812 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 18 September 2006 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.30pm.

