

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2004 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard (PM)- Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Mr Michael Jackson (MJ),
Mrs Andrea Johnson (AJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, (JC-K)

Clerk Mrs D Brookes

Also present for Open Forum ECSO D Gwilliam

495 **Apologies**

PC D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting
ECSO D Gwilliam reported that there had been 5 reported crimes. Operation Sea View involving officers from Carnforth and Morecambe had had some success and was continuing. There has been a traffic incident involving a horse rider and ECSO Gwilliam commented on the importance of riders ensuring that they are visible especially at darker times of day.

496 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Proposal to accept these as a true record made by SJ, seconded by AJ and agreed

497 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Ruby's Restaurant; the owner had telephoned the clerk to explain that the name had been chose because of associations with his family and stationery and other material had already been printed. The licence had been granted despite objections from neighbouring residents.

Dog waste bins, one had been positioned on Coastal Road and the others in places of need identified by the Dog Wardens. This was contrary to the original plan when the bins were ordered but it was decided to leave any decision about moving them in abeyance.

498 **Casual vacancies**

An election had not been requested therefore the Council is now at liberty to fill the two vacancies by co-option. Notices to be placed on notice boards, on website and in local press to advertise these.

499 **Financial matters**

A receipts and payments report for the month was presented
Current Account £ 7773.52, Savings Account £37140.54

Publication of Parish Council Members' Allowance Scheme; a letter had been received from Lancaster City Council Corporate Director requesting notification of the details of the Council's scheme and the steps which have been taken to publicise it. The scheme is published on the main notice board, on the web site and a copy is available in Hest Bank library.

Bowling Club claim for reimbursement of rental. It would seem that due to a misinterpretation of the 1995 Agreement that has gone unchecked for nine years that the Bowling Club has been paying a rent as well as its contribution to green maintenance. The Council decided that as figures for the preceding years had been audited that it was left with only with the option of repaying the rent for the current year and the last year, a total of £523.20. It is the Council's intention to set up a new agreement with the Bowling Club and at such time to repay this amount.

Opening of tenders for village grass cutting 2005 and bowling green maintenance 2005, only one reply had been received and this was from City Contract Services; attempt to be made to contact other contractors.

Waste disposal; contract for 'eurobin' at Burial Ground, hire and emptying; it was agreed to accept the terms of the contract and it was duly signed by the chairman.

'Eurobin' at Memorial Hall; previously a charge had not been made for this but an invoice had been received for £581.06; this was accepted to be the responsibility of the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall (SHMH) Committee but a request was made for the Council to make a contribution to the cost as other organisations in the village also use the bin, this dating back to when the Council managed the hall. A proposal to make a 'one-off' payment of £250 was made by SJ, seconded by AJ. A vote resulted in the resolution being carried by 4:1.

A copy of the SHMH accounts to be requested and it is to be suggested to the SHMH Committee that they make arrangements with the organisations regarding the use of the bin.

Assets consultation; to date one reply had been received from Mr R Greaves.

United Utilities loss of profit claim; claim due to extensive works on the foreshore and closure of car park; United Utilities are prepared to offer the sum of £2000 in full and final settlement of the losses. It was agreed unanimously to accept this offer.

500 Payment of Accounts

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

Decision taken to pay the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) subscription of £25 for this year and then review at the end of twelve months. Also decision taken to pay the clerk's subscription for membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) which is normally paid on an annual basis commencing in January.

Proposal to pay accounts listed made by SJ, seconded by PM and agreed.

Chq No.			
100659	Carnforth Chamber of Trade	36.00	purchase of Christmas trees
100660	BT	72.16	telephone bill
100661	Queensbury Shelters Limited	1917.60	purchase of bus shelter- Manor Lane
100662	Lancaster City Council	401.20	grass cutting & playground inspection
100663	Lancaster City Council	951.46	bowling green maintenance
100664	Suspect Package.Net Limited	406.55	paint for youth shelter art project
100665	Lee Pickering	810.00	artist's fee, youth shelter project
100666	Olympia Cleaning Services	21.61	cleaning bus shelter windows
100667	K-G-F Electrical	103.40	work on bollards, recreation field
100668	Mrs D Brookes	565.94	clerk's salary and expenses
100669	Petty cash	98.67	sundry items
100670	Inland Revenue	540.14	PAYE and NIC payments
100671	CPRE	25.00	annual subscription
100672	SLCC	91.00	annual subscription
100673	SHMH	250.00	contribution to cost of 'eurobin'

501 Tennis Club

In a letter the Tennis Club Committee had set out its proposals for the lease conditions; 1. an annual rent of £200 whilst maintaining its own tennis court and building maintenance and 2. a rolling 25 year lease period with reviews every 5 years, when change to lease conditions can be reviewed, but the longer term being assured. After discussion, in response to this the Council proposed a £350 rent increasing annually by the RPI and a 20 year lease reviewed every five years. Proposal made by MJ, seconded by AJ and agreed unanimously. Tennis Club Committee to be informed.

502 Football Club

Lease; A letter had been received from Bannister Bates Solicitors requesting information about the present lease and the Council's intentions for a new agreement.

It was decided to respond as follows: 1. length of term of new lease –20 years, 2. confirmation of rent now payable –combined rent for two clubs was £30 plus contribution to summer grass cutting of £125, 3.

landlord will insure with reimbursement by the tenant of the insurance premium – no specific insurance at present for sport activities, suggest that club looks at additional insurance of its own if this is thought necessary, 4. whether the lease is to be contracted out of the 1954 Landlord and Tenant Act – prefer straight commercial lease, request more information about the Act, 5. whether there are any landlord's fixtures and fittings at the premises-confirmed none, 6. whether the provision in the original Lease regarding the Football Club's encouragement of a youth team still needs to be included in a new Lease – leave this out.

Arrangements to be made to engage a surveyor/land valuer to provide a value based on the letting value of the land for grazing; proposal for rent will then be assessed but the intention is that it should be equitable with that of other village sports clubs.

A suggested meeting with Mr Riley left in abeyance until report on value received.

503 **Open Spaces**

Lighting at recreation field and youth shelter; quotations had been received from Lancaster City Council to supply three lighting columns complete with lights and to cable and connect; the total cost for the complete work being £1735.00. These would replace the bollards which had suffered damage by vandals. Proposal to accept this made by MJ, seconded by PM and agreed. It was also suggested that two additional columns should be erected to illuminate the hard play area and the work could be done as part of the same job. However as K Galley had already been asked to supply a light for the play area he is to be contacted and arrangements made for him to liaise with City Council.

Youth shelter; Mr Bluglass was sending the final report on the art project to the Arts Council, the small amount of the grant which has not been spent to be used to buy protective varnish for the art work.

Recreation field drainage; Trenchless Solutions, the contractor which had been contacted for further advice had suggested checking the pipework by CCTV before they could make any recommendations, this has already been done.

A list of preferred contractors had been received from Lancaster City Council and was passed on to MJ.

504 **Foreshore**

Beach Clean; a group had been set up and more litter picking sessions were planned for the near future.

Leases; a response from Dr & Mrs Pearson was still awaited. Mr Graham had not moved all his tractors – matter deferred.

505 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

04/01590/FUL	erection of a second storey extension to side and rear for Mr & Mrs Clough, Sherbourne, Lancaster Road full set of comments received too late to pass on to planning department and in spite of a request to extend the time allowed a decision had been taken.	
04/01659/FUL	erection of two entrance porches to front and rear and a conservatory to the side for Mr & Mrs Whitehead, 27A Hest Bank Lane	no comments
04/01553/FUL	erection of a conservatory to rear for Dennis Pratt, 3 Ascot Gardens also notification of amendment	no comments no comments
04/01547/FUL	erection of attached garage to replace existing for Mr & Mrs C Mills, 35 Bay View Avenue	no comments
04/01554/FUL	erection of a dormer extension to side for Mr & Mrs Bolton, 6 Bay View Crescent question whether this is effectively raising the roof and in light of recent refusals should this be taken into account	
04/01653/FUL	erection of a conservatory to rear for Mr & Mrs J Magnay, 6 Croft Avenue	no comments

04/01597/FUL	erection of a conservatory to rear/side ground floor for Mr & Mrs Easton, 1 Hayfell Grove	no comments
04/01592/FUL	revision of house type previously approved on application 03/00076 for Tyson and Aitkin, land adj 1 Coastal Rise	no comments

Proposed Vodofone Installation on A5105, Marine Drive, pre-application consultation by Turner & Partners to erect a monopole in the verge at the side of Marine Drive- decided not to make any comments at this stage.

Applications granted

04/01400/FUL	Mr & Mrs R G Harrison, 6 Rushley Mount
04/01334/FUL	Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee, Memorial Hall, Hanging Green Lane
04/01203/FUL	Vodafone Ltd, land far east side of Powderhouse lane
04/01547/FUL	Mr & Mrs C Mills, 35 Bay View Avenue
04/01590/FUL	Mr & Mrs Clough, Sherbourne, Lancaster Road

Application refused Mr & Mrs Bolton, 6 Bay View Crescent

Tree Preservation Order No. 366(2004)- The order has been confirmed by Lancaster City Council as an opposed order without modification.

TPO No 156(1989) consent has been granted to crown raise and side prune as necessary T1, T2, T4 and A1
TPO No 88(1982) Trees within G1, Oak trees permission has been granted to reduce in length the lowest overhanging branches by the minimum amount necessary; consent is not needed for the removal of dead wood; Sycamore fell and replacement planted.

506 **Burial Ground**

Proposed alterations to the entrance; comments had been received from both Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council and the main concern is the space for turning cars in the parking area. Details were passed on to MJ so that he could revise the plans.

507 **Parish Plan**

A meeting had been held at which the working groups of the committee reported on the progress that they had made. Following the completion of the draft proposals it is the intention to hold an open meeting to encourage the involvement of the whole village.

508 **Correspondence**

Heysham News; English Nature, Nature NorthWest; CPRE, Fieldwork, also notice of one day seminar for Parish Councils on 22 January; CVS, Rural Road Safety Campaign, Streets Ahead and Safety Campaign posters; Lancashire Highways Partnership North, notice of temporary closure of Hest Bank Lane from Hasty Brow crossroads to the A6 for repair work; Lancaster City Council, Local Investigation of Misconduct Allegations-report; Lancashire County Council, Consultation on Proposals for the Introduction of the Standard School Year (Six Term Year) in Lancashire 2006/07; Lancashire Environment Partnership, Launch of New Lancashire Environment Strategy, notice of meeting on 7 January; Lancashire County Council, Overview and Scrutiny Project Looking at Small Scale Renewable Energy Projects and Lancashire Communities; Lancaster District Community Safety Partnership request to be informed of any local priorities to reduce crime and disorder; Mr Roger Greaves, comments on various village issues including use of Memorial Hall field; - all above circulated
North West Air Ambulance -appeal for donations -decided not to
Society for Local Council Clerks, Regional One day Conference on Wednesday 23 February -clerk to decide whether she will be able to attend.

509 **Matters for future consideration**

MJ -access policy for recreation field -chase up comments from Mr R Bracewell, Lancaster City Council Access Officer
-various work on foreshore on next agenda

For next agenda -M6/Heysham Link , Open Forum -posters to advertise this
-Asset Consultation

AJ reported on the Police Forum which she had attended discussion of priorities of what people wanted from the Police service -one of main priorities was looking at the influence of drugs on crime; also discussion of what people are prepared to pay for policing, funding by central Government or through local council taxes.

SJ -bus shelter at Green Lane, City Council has done work on other shelters but not this one; do they know it is theirs not Parish Councils? Clerk to find out.

- light on corner of Hest Bank Lane and Peacock Lane has been replaced but is still not lit, also stump of old column still there- clerk to check up on this.

510 **Date of budget meeting**

It was decided to hold this on Monday 17 January 2005

511 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 24 January 2005 at 7.30pm a week later than the normal schedule

The meeting closed at 10.20pm