

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2005 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), Mrs Barbara Barber (BB)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present Mr Julian Newbold
and for Open Forum City Cllr M Thomas, ECSO D Gwilliam

686 **Apologies** PC D Lowe

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; ECSO D Gwilliam gave the police report; there had been a theft from a vehicle, damage to vehicles, two thefts from domestic property and a report of criminal damage. ECSO promised to find out more information about the use of CCTV cameras in villages following the damage to windows at the Memorial Hall in the previous month.

Cllr Thomas reported that the planning application 05/01366/FUL had been withdrawn.

687 **Co-option of new councillor on to the Parish Council**

SS made the formal proposal to invite Mr Julian Newbold to become a parish councillor, seconded by PM, and it was resolved to co-opt him on to the Council. Mr Newbold signed the Declaration of Acceptance and completed the Declaration of Members Interests.

688 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Proposal to accept these as a true record made by JC-K, seconded by SS and agreed.

689 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Dog waste bin on Sea View Drive had been moved, but it is possibly still on the edge of Mr Fish's land, Mr Fish has been informed.

Mr J Graham has still not paid the rent for the year commencing 1 October 2005, a reminder is to be sent. Plaque on foreshore; BB has written to the Rotary Regional Council about funding.

Burial Ground, a temporary notice has been placed on the top gate advising people that this is unsafe to use as a vehicular access.

Carnforth Connect Bus Service- AJ reported that there was a £21,000 shortfall to keep the service running but it was hoped that some sponsorship could be found.

Damage to Hatlex Bridge, British Waterways had responded but to date no work had been carried out.

690 **Financial matters**

The clerk presented a report of the receipts and expenditure for the previous month.

Current Account £2332.35 Savings Account £18547.29

Changes to Alliance and Leicester Accounts ; Resolution- to add Julian Newbold to the list of signatories on the Alliance and Leicester Accounts -carried; proposal made by AJ and seconded by SJ. Application form and details to be completed by the clerk and submitted.

Clerk's membership of Society of Local Council Clerks -membership renewal due; it was agreed to pay the fee of £93 to renew the membership.

Mains Business Equipment, Lancaster requested details to open a credit account for the Council -it was agreed to supply these.

691 **Payment of accounts**

Proposal to transfer £4000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account made by AJ, seconded by JC-K and agreed.

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

Cheque No.

100794	P McGaffigan and Sons Ltd	61.15	items for repair of stocks
100795	Olympia Commercial Cleaning Services	22.69	cleaning of bus shelter windows
100796	Lancaster City Council	760.40	repair of damage at Bowling Club
100797	Lancaster City Council	364.25	bowling green maintenance
100798	Lancaster City Council	28.20	play equipment inspection
100799	AR Hyslop Ltd	12.33	items of stationery
100800	Mrs D Brookes	607.25	clerk's salary & expenses
100801	Petty cash	6.84	sundry items
100802	Heart of Lancashire	2000.00	grant to first responder scheme (\$137)
100803	Lancaster City Council	135.00	fee for planning application -burial ground
100804	Mr G Bagnall	26.66	pound improvement, plants, soil, tree etc
100805	SLCC	93.00	renewal of membership fee

692 **Football Club**

No progress to report regarding lease -deferred to next agenda

693 **Open spaces**

Recreation field -play equipment, Playdales had supplied some information -SJ to assess this and look at costs; it was agreed that the embankment slide should be retained.
-paths, S Edwards, Countryside Service Officer, and M Ashton still looking at ways of building paths across the field to the play equipment .
-Green Partnership Award, this may not be available to improve the north eastern corner of the field but it is hoped that some funding can be found; it was decided to hold the work on the trees in abeyance.
-boards around the hard play area; these are in a poor state and it was decided that they should be removed to improve the appearance of the area; also netting round the area to be looked at.

Grass Cutting contract for the 2006 season; DB had met with a representative of City Contract Services to review the areas which are cut and to discuss the standard of work and problems which had been encountered in the 2005 season. A quotation is to be obtained from Contract Services and other contractors.

Pound; it had been noted that some of the concrete used by Mr Clarke to fix stones on the floor of the pound and to repair the walls was already cracking and becoming loose. Mr Clarke to be asked to renew this and standard of work to be kept under review.

Tennis Club lease- no correspondence had been received from the Tennis Club. Bannister Bates, Solicitors, to be asked to produce draft leases for both the Tennis Club and Bowling Club.

Improvements to triangle of land between Coastal Road and Station Road adjacent to the level crossing. A price for drainpipes to be used as planters had been obtained by M Ashton. These are oval and approx. 1metre by 2metres and cost £50 each plus delivery and VAT. It was decided to purchase four of these. JC-K to discuss positioning of them with M Ashton. It is intended to part fill them with rubble and top them up with soil for planting.

Lengthsman scheme; a meeting is to be arranged with S Edwards, Countryside Officer, M Ashton and representatives of the four parishes to discuss how the scheme is working and the forthcoming pay rise. AJ to represent this parish. Suggested that pay rise should not be more than 5%.

694 **Foreshore**

Provision of plaque; still awaiting cost from Leander Architectural- see also 689 above –deferred to next meeting

Land for garage, Dr & Mrs Pearson- despite a number of phone calls to the County Council solicitor still awaiting information –deferred

J Graham's lease for land for tractors –see 689 above.

Network Rail and its contractors; there had been complaints from residents of Marine Drive whose houses back on to the sidings about twenty four hour working, nuisance caused by noise floodlights and unseemly

behaviour, also a burger van selling food. Network Rail had been contacted and had promised to investigate the complaints.

Encroachment on to Parish Council owned land; it had been noticed that one of the residents had made alterations to his front garden and drive and may have incorporated some land which is owned by the parish council. SJ to check up on this.

695 **Burial ground**

Changes to entrance and parking area; Thomas Associates Architects had drawn up a planning application for submission to Lancaster City Council. It was agreed to go ahead with this and to pay the fee of £135; proposal made by SJ, seconded by AJ.

Stability tests on memorials; these had been completed and approx. 50 memorials had been staked and banded for safety reasons. A notice had been placed at the burial ground to inform owners of graves about the tests and to advise them to seek the advice of a monumental mason regarding repairs. The memorial is the responsibility of the grave owner.

696 **Planning applications**

Appointment of planning sub-committee; to speed up the parish consultation process on planning applications it was decided to appoint a sub-committee to deal with routine applications. All applications will be brought to the attention of the full council and those which are deemed to require a decision of the full council will be circulated to all members. The members of the sub-committee are SJ, AJ and JN.

Application No.

05/01505/FUL
and 05/01506/LB

replacement of conservatory, conversion of redundant barn to form kitchen, dining room with bedroom over and single garage; also listed building application as above
for Dr & Mrs G Ingram, Little Grange, Main Road no comments

05/01458/FUL
and 05/01459/LB

erection of a single storey side extension; also listed building application as above
for Mr & Mrs Hoggarth, Manor House Farm, Lancaster Road(sic) actually Main Rd
As a listed building in the Slyne Conservation Area, the Council would prefer that it is left as it is but will leave it to the judgement of the Officers as to whether the proposal is in keeping with the area.

Applications granted

05/01161/FUL

Mr & Mrs Stanwix, 44 Marine Drive

05/01296/FUL

Mr P Melici, 7 Beech Grove

05/01311/FUL

Mr & Mrs P Jackson, 49 Marine Drive

05/01318/FUL

S Drake, 25 Bay View Avenue

05/01353/FUL

Charles and Marjorie Udall, 7 Hatlex Drive

05/01367/FUL

Mr & Mrs Livermore, 20 Hest Bank Lane

Appeal to Secretary of State made by Mrs C Hill re. land off Green Lane, Bottomdale Road and enforcement order to remove building - the Inspector dismissed the appeal except for some amendments.

697 **Highways**

Shady Lane; bollards had been placed at the ends of the large verge opposite St Luke's School, presumably by County Council to prevent vehicles running over the grass and churning it up. SS had received a complaint about them being unsightly.

Hest Bank Lane/Peacock Lane- vehicles parked near to the junction and on the pavement; in a telephone conversation, following a letter to Mr Clive Holt, Lancashire County Council Highways, suggesting that bollards should be put in place to improve safety, he had promised to review the issue if a definite need could be identified and it did not cause additional problems for nearby residents.

698 **Correspondence**

Heysham News; English Nature SiteLines; CPRE, Fieldwork; Lancashire Highways Partnership in Lancaster- information leaflets; Lancaster City Council-copy of presentation delivered at the Parish Council Local Development Framework Seminar; Lancaster District Sustainable Traffic Forum-meeting agenda; Learning & Skills Council ESF Co-financing Tendering Round 4, draft prospectus information; all above circulated

Lancashire County Council's Parish and Town Councils Conference on 14 January, PM & DB to attend.
Lancaster City Council, Mayoral Reception –representative AJ.
Lancaster City Council, Allotments in the Lancaster District-request for information- none in this parish.

699 **Parish Plan**

There had been a delay at the printers but a deadline of 20 January had been set. The deadline for the completion of the application for the remaining grant is 20 February 2006.

670 **Coffee morning and village forum**

This is a community event which has arisen out of requests during parish plan consultations. It is intended to have the coffee mornings on the first Saturday of each month at the Memorial Hall and they are being organised by City Cllr Sylvia Rogerson and Mrs Margery Buck. It was agreed that a councillor would attend each one on a rota basis, PM offered to attend on 7 January.

671 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

Village task force; need to be considering plans for coming season -clerk to contact volunteers to arrange a meeting early in February.

Budget meeting Monday 9 January 2006, apologies SJ and BB

672 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 January 2006 at 7.30pm.

Apologies in advance - AJ.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.