

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2005 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard (PM) –Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K)

Clerk Mrs D Brookes

Also present Open Forum & PACT meeting PC D Lowe, Mr P MacLeod, Mr M Ashton, Mr R Greaves,  
Mrs M Greaves

526 **Apologies** Cllr A Johnson (AJ), Cllr M Jackson (MJ)

**Open Forum**

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting PC D Lowe gave the report.

During the month there had been 8 reported crimes including criminal damage to the bus shelter at Shady and burglaries, 3 vehicles had been broken into and there had been 4 instances of juvenile nuisance. The total number of reported crimes for 2004 is 118, an increase of 9% on the previous year. Police surgeries continue to be held each month outside the Memorial Hall for anyone who has concerns or wishes to seek advice. Insp. Townley has accepted the invitation to attend the Parish Plan exhibition and PC Lowe will also attend.

Mr MacLeod had concerns about the damage being done to the grass verge on Shady Lane opposite the school by vehicles parking and running over the edges. PC Lowe confirmed that it is an offence to drive on pavements and highway verges. The issue of parking outside the school was discussed. The school and the County Council are to be contacted to see if anything can be done to reduce the damage to the verge.

Mrs Greaves complained that the Manor Lane bus shelter does not give adequate protection from the rain. It was explained to her that enquiries had been made of the manufacturer and it is not possible to make modifications to it. Also the shelter must be open to be accessible by the disabled.

Mr Greaves had concerns about the new ward and County Council electoral boundaries and it was explained that these had been fixed by the Boundaries Commission. He also was concerned about the influence of the cockle picking activities on the changes and possible adverse effects on the Bay. PM assured him that meetings had been held to discuss the cockle fishing and the Council had been represented at them. A wide range of agencies are monitoring the Bay.

Mike Ashton, the parish lengthsman, explained why he is keen to help to promote interest in the North West in Bloom competition and the Lancashire's Best Kept Village competition, especially the latter. It was suggested that the village's entry could be promoted through the parish plan and efforts made to encourage residents to volunteer to help with tidying up and a variety of improvements. Also businesses should be encouraged to become involved. M Ashton offered to put posters round the village to try to bring in volunteers and the Council was very grateful to accept.

All the visitors left the meeting

527 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution to accept these as a true record proposed by SJ, seconded by JC-K and agreed

528 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Stagecoach had written apologising for the disruption to bus services as a result of road works on Hest Bank Lane.

Lancaster District Community Safety Partnership, street lighting proposals that have a positive effect on crime reduction- MJ had made a suggestion for improved lighting on the A6/Main Road and an application had been submitted.

Tennis Club had acknowledged the proposals for terms of a new lease and were to put them before the committee.

Recreation field disability access; a report had been sent to Mr Bracewell, Lancaster City Council Access Officer but to date a reply had not been received

Youth shelter and path lighting; a meeting had been held with Keith Galley, electrician and Mr J Fell from Lancaster City Council to agree the supply of the posts and the work to be done and it was hoped that this would be carried out in the near future.

529 **Financial Matters**

A receipts and payments report for the month was presented.  
Current Account £6608.89, Savings Account £35037.29

Alliance and Leicester had confirmed the new signatories on the accounts – all present members.

Cornhill Insurance had informed that the excess payment would be increased to £500 from renewal of the policy. On making enquiries, this was apparently because there could be a claim for damage to the recreation field bollards. It was decided not to pursue this claim and to ask for a review of the excess payment.

Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall; Mr Staveley, the chairman had written confirming the request for a grant towards the cost (£2600 + VAT) of tarmac-ing the area in front of the hall. This is to be done along with improvements to the side of the hall which are being done in conjunction with PreSchool. The work will improve the appearance of the area and also improve safety as the surface is damaged.  
Resolution to make a grant of £2000 proposed by PM, seconded by SJ and agreed.

Consideration of 2004 budget, virement of monies; Resolution proposed by PM - because the Council has a surplus in its balances, any area where the actual outturn is higher than predicted automatic virement can be made subject to a limit of 10% of the budget figure; any item which requires a transfer of funds and which exceeds 10% will be considered separately - seconded by SJ and agreed.

Assets consultation and review; the invitation to residents to make comments on the assets and to suggest improvements resulted in only one response; in MJ's absence further discussion deferred

Risk management, a look at ways of improving this; a proforma on risk management, produced by the Society for Local Council Clerks had been distributed to members by the clerk – discussion deferred to give members more time to consider this.

530 **Payment of accounts**

Transfer from Savings Account to Current Account not required

Resolution to pay accounts as listed proposed by SJ, seconded by PM and agreed.

Chq No			
100680	Lancaster City Council	71.86	play equipment inspections
100681	BT	64.88	telephone bill
100682	Olympia Commercial Cleaning Services	21.61	bus shelter window cleaning
100683	Mrs D Brookes	562.51	clerk's salary & expenses
100684	Petty cash	24.19	sundry items
100685	Sign and Print	176.25	parish plan banners & flyers
100686	Lantec Landscapes	580.00	work to burial ground entrance
100867	Blackburn Diocese	180.35	burial ground –application for Bishops faculty.

531 **Open Spaces**

Green Partnership Award; in consultation with Mr S Edwards, Countryside Officer, Mrs J Mowle, Tree Warden, had completed an application for a grant to carry out work on a further section of the hedge at Bottomdale. It was agreed to submit this application, proposed by PM, seconded by SJ.

Bowling Club; maintenance of the bowling green 2005 season; it was agreed that for this year the terms of the 1995 agreement would be adhered to but different arrangements linked with a new lease would come into play in subsequent years. A contribution of £2014.88 is to be requested from the Bowling Club. The figures are based on Mr Leydon's submission for maintenance for the season and the sum requested is made up of 50% of the general maintenance of the green plus any additional work at full cost. Resolution to ask for the contribution proposed by SJ and seconded by PM.

Lengthsman Scheme; resolution to continue to participate in the scheme, employing the lengthsman for 8 hours per week at a cost of £2852 to the Parish, proposed by JC-K, seconded by PM and agreed.

North West in Bloom competition and Lancashire's Best Kept Village competition –see above (Open Forum) decision on entry deferred to next meeting.

Mr M Fish had written requesting the removal of the dog waste bin at Raikes Head Lane from his land. A reply had been sent informing him that this would be looked into and requesting details of the land which he owns. The City Council is to be asked to move the bin to a suitable position on Sea View Drive.

532 **Football Field**

Advice had been sought from the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) concerning the implications of the 1954 Landlord and Tenant Act. It was thought that opting out of the Act as Mr S Wright of the Football Club had requested should not be a problem as there would be fewer constraints and should make relationships easier; however advice should be taken from the Council's own solicitor. The clerk had written to Bannister Bates Solicitors and sent a copy of Mr Turner's comments to Mr Wright as requested at the last meeting but to date a reply had not been received from either of them.

533 **Foreshore**

Land on which Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage is situated; advice of the SLCC is that they probably do have possessory title. It was agreed in principle to sell the land to Dr & Mrs Pearson, a value is to be sought, covenants checked and disposal of land regulations checked. It was suggested that removal of the fence erected by the Pearsons should be a requirement.

Improvement work; one enquiry had been received about the tender for work on the foreshore, details had been sent to the enquirer and PM is to meet him on site to clarify some of these details. The closing date for tenders is 28 February -further discussion deferred.

It has been noted that cocklers on quad bikes are managing to pass through the line of rocks placed at the end of the foreshore to restrict access. Mr Eckersley of Lancaster City Council is to be asked if more rocks can be put in place.

The Railway Cottage, 4 Coastal Road, has become very dilapidated since it was vacated, not only making that end of the foreshore look untidy but there is also concern about safety. Network Rail Property Manager is to be asked if he will make an inspection and secure the site.

Valuation and business rates; the Council no longer carries out any business activity on the foreshore because vehicles are now not charged for parking; enquiries have therefore been made about the foreshore reverting to open space, on some areas of which cars may park, rather than it being designated as a car park. Resolution to make an application to the Valuation Office for a change of status and also to have car parking direction signs removed from Marine Drive/Coastal Road by County Council, proposed by SJ, seconded by PM and agreed.

534 **Planning applications**

Application No.

05/00114/FUL	change of use and conversion of former shop to form part of living accommodation for Mr C P Knowles, 4 Station Road majority no objections, sorry to see demise of village shop but better converted than left empty to deteriorate	
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05/00143/FUL	erection of a conservatory to the side for Mrs J King, 14 Highfield Drive	no comments
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05/00169/FUL	erection of a conservatory to the side for Mr & Mrs Jenkinson, 1 The Moorings, Mowbrick Lane	no comments
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dealt with by subcommittee

05/00107/FUL	erection of a two storey extension to the side for Mr & Mrs Jones, 10 Hest Bank Lane	no comments
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05/00077/FUL	erection of a stable block comprising three stables, tack room and store Eric Dixon, land off Powderhouse Lane,	no comments
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05/00071/PAM	prior approval for erection of a 11.5m 'streetworks' monopole with ground based equipment for Vodafone Ltd, pavement opposite VVV, Marine Drive no strong objections, no comments received from nearby residents, less obtrusive than previous proposals and as such an improvement	
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05/00072/FUL erection of a two storey extension to the side and widening of drive access for Mrs C Gill, Prospect, Lancaster Road  
majority no objections, however one member objects on grounds that it would spoil the general view of these ribbon-development semis, could create a precedent and house would be in pollution zone of proposed M6/Heysham link and any development should be resisted

Applications granted

05/00009/FUL Mr & Mrs J Herd, 5 Coastal Drive  
04/01592/FUL Tyson & Aitkin, land adjacent 1 Coastal Rise  
04/01733/FUL Mr & Mrs C Barton, Marnwood, 52 Hest Bank Lane

535 **Burial Ground**

Improvements to entrance; MJ's modification of proposals – deferred in his absence

Safety inspections; a resolution was passed giving the clerk authority to complete the application from the Diocese of Blackburn for a 'Petition of Faculty' with regard to the consecrated area of the burial ground, to display the notices as required and to make arrangements for the safety inspections; proposed by PM, seconded by SJ.

Resolution to accept the quotation supplied by City Contract Services, 1. to test all memorials for stability and provide a written report £504 + VAT, 2. make safe those that fail with a temporary support of timber stakes, metal banding and a failure notice £15.50 per stone.; proposed by PM, seconded by SJ and agreed.

536 **Co-option of new councillors**

No further progress

537 **Parish Plan**

An exhibition of parish history and plans for the future has been arranged by the Parish Plan Committee to take place at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 5 March. PM, J C-K and the clerk will attend. It is hoped that this will increase awareness of the parish plan and encourage the involvement of residents in all aspects of its development.

538 **Correspondence**

Heysham News, 2 issues; Learning & Skills Council, Round 3 Prospectus, tender specifications; Community Focus, newsletter; Office of Deputy Prime Minister, discussion document, Citizen Engagement & Public Services, Why Neighbourhoods Matter –Vibrant Local Leadership; CVS, Streets Ahead, safety information and posters; Lancashire Police Authority, Right to Record, if a person is stopped by the police, information; Defra, Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill, information re. increased Parish Council powers; Standards Board for England, Code of Conduct- a code for the Future, consultation. –all above circulated

Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Parish Portal –website; it was decided that the parish should be included on this and the clerk will send the necessary information.

North Lancashire Bridleways Society; a request was received for additional signs on the A6 at Slyne to warn of horses crossing the road. This follows a recent accident in which a horse and rider were injured. The request is to be passed on to Lancashire County Divisional Highways.

539 **Matters for future consideration**

Carnforth to Morecambe bus service improved link to Carnforth Connect services and to trains.

540 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 21 March at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.

