

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2006 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum County Cllr A Jones, City Cllr M Thomas, PC D Lowe, Mr G Buck,  
Mrs M Buck

718 **Apologies** Cllr Barbara Barber, City Cllr S Rogerson, Cllr Andrea Johnson (retrospectively)

**Open Forum**

County Cllr A Jones reported on the meeting of Lancashire County Council at which the decision was taken to close nine rural libraries including Hest Bank. Mr & Mrs Buck who had attended the meeting had been disappointed by the lack of support from the village. Cllr Jones and colleagues had put forward alternative proposals but these had been out voted. Unless there was ministerial intervention (the Culture Minister, David Lammy had been consulted) it seemed very likely that the fate of the libraries was sealed. However a meeting with County Cllr Chris Cheetham, the cabinet member for adult and community services, and Lancaster City Council cabinet chairman, Ian Barker, was being requested to discuss possible alternatives. Official information of the closure from County Council was awaited and also the proposals as to when and how they proposed to terminate the lease agreement.

Cllr A Jones explained how the government intended to devolve power to a more local level and a white paper on this is expected this summer.

Heysham/M6 Link- the Planning Committee of Lancaster City Council had this day given approval by a majority vote to the planning application submitted by Lancashire County Council for the northern route of the link road. However there are still many concerns about the proposed route, the northern route was introduced after the Local Plan consultation and it may be that this is held to be a departure from the Plan. SJ suggested that preservation of the green belt would be an important issue to be considered. The Government Office North West is in favour of the northern route but at this stage there is no indication as to whether the application will be called in and whether it will go to a public inquiry. It is expected that some decisions will have been taken by May.

Police & Communities Together (PACT); PC D Lowe reported the crime figures for the previous month. There had been 8 crimes reported including burglary and shoplifting and 13 instances of anti-social behaviour. Both of these figures showing an increase on the same period of the previous year, however the crime figures for the year as a whole showed a decrease of 17%.

Cllr A Jones asked about the impact of the PACT meetings and it was agreed that through these and the regular police surgeries held by PC Lowe that there was good opportunity for contact with the public. There is also contact through the village website, the village newsletter, posters and personally. The Parish Plan also enabled residents to have an input regarding the concerns of the community.

It had been reported that a large number of bottles and cans from alcoholic drinks had been found in the pound and adjoining field and PC Lowe was asked to keep an eye on the situation.

PC Lowe was also asked to investigate a complaint made by a resident about mini motorbikes using the grassed area of the foreshore on the south side of the highway. These had apparently been causing some annoyance.

719 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Proposal to approve the minutes and accept them as a true record made by JC-K, seconded by JN and resolved.

720 **Matters arising from the minutes** none

721 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £6348.42, Savings Account £14407.45

A refund of £294.81 for the non-domestic rate for the foreshore car park had been received following the revaluation of the property.

An application had been made for the reduction in rates for small businesses with regard to the Burial Ground.

Alliance and Leicester Accounts –change of signatories –confirmation was still awaited.

Mr J Graham has still not paid the rent due for use of the foreshore and it was decided that he should be sent a reminder with a warning that he may incur extra administration costs if the rent is not paid forthwith.

Parish Plan- the deadline for the submission for the payment of the remains of the grant was 20 February 2006 and therefore all the details of the costs had been sent to Community Futures. The total was £3572.15; an interim payment of £2142.00 had been received; from the outset the Parish Council had agreed match funding of £550 and therefore a further grant of £610 was due.

The ordnance survey map had been sent to the printers along with the Plan and had to be cut up for printing purposes. It was agreed to purchase a new one.

Councillors' allowances; deferred to obtain more information

Lengthsman's pay review; the lengthsman's hourly rate is to be increased to £11 from April. The level of contribution from the parishes has not yet been determined and will depend on the input by Lancashire County Council and Lancaster City Council.

Consideration of buying in extra hours of the lengthsman's time was deferred until M Ashton has been fully consulted.

The Bowling Club secretary requested the Council to reconsider its grant offer of £2200 for the next financial year as this only represented 41.6% of the Club's submission and also enquired whether the Council would consider continuing to share the cost of insurance; this was fully discussed but as the budget had already been set it was resolved not to offer any more assistance. The Club is to be reminded that it has a grant of £1000 pending for replacement of the fire damaged hut and this will be paid on completion and receipt of invoices.

## 722 Payment of accounts

No transfer from Savings Account to Current Account was required

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

Chq No

100815	Riverside Press	905.00	printing of parish plan
100816	Olympia Commercial Cleaning Services	22.69	bus shelter window cleaning
100817	Telonet	82.50	computer service
100818	BT	120.97	phone bill
100819	Mrs D Brookes	610.94	clerk's salary & expenses
100820	Petty cash	49.19	sundry items
100821	Lancaster City Council	56.40	play equipment inspections
100822	Lancaster City Council	310.20	bowling green maintenance
100823	Lancaster City Council	1630.31	burial ground memorial testing
100824	Mr G Buck	21.08	travelling expenses- represented village at library meeting
100825	North West in Bloom Competition	25.00	entry fee
100826	Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	10.00	entry fee

## 723 Open Spaces

Recreation field; the application to the Green Partnership Award Scheme had been successful and £500 had been received for work on the area at northeast corner. Mr Peter Walton is to be asked to carry out the work which had previously been approved but deferred (676 & 693). Tree Wardens to be consulted. There was no update on the construction of a path.

Planters on the triangle of land adjacent to Coastal Road and Station Road near to Hest Bank level crossing; Lancashire County Council as Highway Authority has granted consent to place the containers.

Village task force of volunteers; a meeting had been held on Thursday 9 February to discuss the plans for the coming season. It had been decided that the present members would continue to look after the pound and the planters in front of the Memorial Hall. It had been decided to put some more large planters in front of the hall and near to the entrance to the field. It had been agreed that some more help is needed

and the group should be given more publicity through the local press correspondent and in the village newsletter. The clerk will produce some large posters which can be displayed wherever the team is working.

Lancashire Best Kept Village and North West in Bloom Competitions; it was resolved to enter both of these competitions and to pay the entry fees (LBKV -£10 & NWB -£50); proposal made by SJ and seconded by JC-K.

Village grass cutting contract for 2006 season; to date quotations had not been received from Denby Gardens or Rolling View Landscapes; DB had arranged to meet another contractor with a view to obtaining a quotation -deferred to next meeting.

Bottomdale Wood; Mrs Hicks, the Tree Warden had reported a dead tree at the edge of the wood close to the footpath and she was concerned about safety if this should fall over. It was decided to ask P Walton to remove this.

Leases for Bowling Club and Tennis Club; still no word regarding these had been received from the Solicitor in spite of several attempts to contact her.

Rubbish Dumping at southern end of field; it had been reported that garden rubbish was being dumped on the field from a nearby property; further investigations are to be carried.

#### 724 **Foreshore**

Complaint about mini motorbikes -see Open Forum

Consideration of improvements along the edge of the highway and to the track beyond 'Redcote' -this is to be referred to County Highways to ask if they will look at improving the edges and drainage of the highway before the Parish Council considers further improvements.

Mr A Lang had raised the issue of the upkeep of the small patches of grass in front of Lowlands and West Cairn and the tidiness of the hedgerow on the seaward side of the track. The Council took the view that the hedgerow should be left untouched and allowed to grow as a natural wild life habitat.

Overnight parking; it was decided to erect a sign to indicate that overnight stays in caravans, motor homes and tents are prohibited as is overnight parking of any vehicle and to use pictorial signs to overcome any language difficulties- clerk given authority to order a large sign.

Plaque -no information from Leander Architectural as yet.

Land on which Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage stands- a response had still not been received from County Council and a letter of explanation had been sent to Dr & Mrs Pearson.

#### 725 **Burial Ground**

Proposed work at entrance -deferred

#### 726 **Planning applications**

Application No.

05/01366/FUL for Kitchin Builders -application withdrawn

06/00069/FUL demolition of existing building and construction of 6 no. sheltered housing units with integral garaging for Kitchin Builders, Hest Bank Congregational Church, The Crescent six two-bedroomed units thought to be too intense for this site; little provision made for additional parking for visitors and tradesmen leading to potential on-street parking congestion; roof line still too high with detrimental effect on overall appearance of area; need for sheltered housing questioned, not identified as high priority in village

Amendments to this application

Council consulted with neighbouring residents and provided that all requested conditions are met, the Council will not make any further objections except to reiterate concerns about congestion on the highway; suggestion that landscaping to front with large specimen trees would soften impact of building; also suggestion that building is called Chapel Court or Chapel House to retain links with past use of location.

06/00080/FUL erection of machinery/implement store ancillary to ground keeping at caravan site

for Mr Tom Hanley, Slyne Caravan Park, Bottomdale Road  
objection, building of an excessive size for intended purpose, unsightly and would detract from appearance of area

dealt with by sub-committee

06/00010/FUL	erection of a single storey rear extension for Mr Spence, 15 Peacock Lane	no comments
06/00011/FUL	erection of a single storey extension to front for Mr & Mrs Malvern, 55 Sea View Drive	no comments
06/00012/FUL	alterations to existing access and parking for Slyne with Hest Parish Council, The Cemetery, Bottomdale Road	no comments
06/00058/FUL	replacement of an existing conservatory with a sun lounge, erection of a dog pen and refuse storage enclosure and erection of new boundary wall for Mr & Mrs R Jump, 6 Lonsdale Road	no comments
06/00081/FUL	erection of a conservatory to side and installation of velux windows to roof for Mr & Mrs Parkinson, 49 Hest Bank Lane	no comments
06/00107/LB & 06/00110/FUL	listed building application for a rear conservatory for P Walker and D Hurst, 136 Main Road	no comments
06/00115/FUL	resiting and enlargement of previously approved rooflight, for escape purposes, in South West roof slope for Mr & Mrs T Mather, 3 Ashworth Drive no objections but suggest that this should be limit of extensions and alterations permitted so as not to create a detrimental effect on the area and surrounding properties (comments made by sub-committee, however PM declared an interest)	
06/00106/FUL	erection of a rear kitchen extension and front and rear dormers for Mr & Mrs D Hough, 7 The Crescent	no comments
06/00125/FUL	erection of a dormer to the rear for Mr & Mrs Hines, Lindale, Mowbrick Lane	no comments
06/00176/FUL	retention of an extension to bedroom at side for Mr & Mrs Dickson, 17 Hatlex Drive retrospective application and as such should be frowned on; Council believes that no building work should be carried out before planning consent is obtained; not clear whether all building regulations have been applied; suggestion that a penalty should be incurred on all retrospective applications	

Applications granted

06/00011/FUL	Mr & Mrs Malvern, 55 Sea View Drive
05/01613/FUL	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club, Hanging Green Lane
05/01505/FUL & 05/01506/LB	Dr & Mrs Ingham, Little Grange, Main Road

Tree Preservation Order No. 136 (1998) at 25 Manor Road - permission granted to fell T1 -Lime tree  
TPO No 377 (2005) The Coach House, Kellet Lane – the Order has been confirmed as an unopposed order without modification.

Trees within Slyne Conservation Area; Lancaster City Council does not intend to place a TPO on trees at Christadelphian Hall, Main Road; related to application by Mr M J Fish to fell 5 sycamore trees.

## 727 Highways

Lancashire County Council - St Luke's Primary School, Safer Routes to School- notification of proposals and copy of drawing to show the location of a proposed new footway along with other footway and road improvements on Shady Lane -noted

Lancashire Highways Partnership Area North, Temporary Road Closure at railway level crossing, period March 11-13 -noted

A resident had noticed a number of thin branches sticking out a long way across the pavement on Coastal Road between Station Road and Hatlex Lane, many at eye level and difficult to see in the dark and asked whether it would be appropriate for the lengthsman to trim these. It was agreed to ask M Ashton to do this.

It was also noted that some of the pebble-dashing was coming loose on the large wall adjacent to Coastal Road, just west of Hatlex Lane –attempts to be made to find out who is responsible for this wall.

728 **Correspondence**

Heysham News ; Community Focus; Community Futures- Accredited Governance Training, information; Burning Issues- Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service; Lancashire Military Heritage Group, War Memorial project, book launch; Lancashire Partnership Against Crime, New Call Centre for Community Help; Lancaster City Council, Consultation on Coalition Cabinet Revised Priorities- notice of presentation of the corporate plan and budget proposals; Lancaster City Council- Core Strategy and Local Development Framework –consultation; English Nature, Views about Management of Morecambe Bay SSSI; Lancashire County Council, consultation on the Parish and Town Council Charter-views sought; Lancashire County Council, Minerals and Waste Development Framework-consultation on the Core Strategy Issues and Options- information and questionnaire -all above circulated  
Environment Agency –Our Consultation on British Energy Generation Limited’s nuclear power station authorisations –spring 2006 -interest registered.  
Lancaster City Council; Sport & Leisure Provision for 11-16 year olds- information sought.  
Community Futures, What services are available to Support Adults and Older People in Lancashire? – information sought.  
Environment Agency, Lower Lune Flood Risk Management Strategy –1<sup>st</sup> Edition, final report completed.  
Morecambe Bay Partnership - Beach Clean on Saturday 25 February –noted  
Morecambe Bay Partnership - Climate Change Seminar on 6 March –noted

729 **Provision of a logo/insignia for the Council and Parish**

The idea was discussed and it was agreed it should be investigated further; possibility of organising a design competition was discussed -details of this will need to be worked out.

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

JC-K, provision of a cul-de-sac sign for Warren Close  
JN, Big Lottery Fund grants for play equipment

730 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 20 March 2006 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.05pm