

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 16 JANUARY 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 PC D Lowe, Mr J Stelfox, County Cllr A Jones, City Cllr M Thomas

703 **Apologies** Cllr Andrea Johnson, Cllr Barbara Barber (retrospectively)

Open Forum

County Cllr A Jones expressed his concerns about the planning application that is being made to Lancashire County Council for the construction of the Heysham to M6 link. He explained County had submitted the application on the basis that it was not a departure from the Local Plan; if it were the Secretary of State could call it in and order a full public inquiry. However at the present time there is a possibility that this could go ahead without an inquiry and the County would have powers to grant or refuse the application and the public will not have been given the opportunity to put forward their opinions. It had always been the western route that had been considered but only when that scheme was dropped was the northern route brought to the fore and it was questionable whether this had been fully considered by the County or City Council in the Local Plan. While there is opposition to the proposed scheme, PM explained that in the village there seemed to be a 50:50 split. Outcomes of further meetings and discussions were awaited.

County Cllr Jones was asked what he knew about the proposed closure of the Hest Bank library but apparently had only just been told about it. He promised to try to obtain more information and offered to meet with representatives from the Parish Council and the Memorial Hall Committee to discuss the issue. DB had spoken to Mr Steve Eccles, Lancaster District Libraries Officer, and had been told that Hest Bank Library was one on a list of nine being considered by the County Council for possible closure. The Cabinet of LCC would be meeting on 26 January to consider the recommendations and a decision will be made by the full Council on 16 February.

Mr J Stelfox asked for the provision of a dog waste bin by the seat at the corner of Hest Bank Lane and the A6 to try to reduce dog fouling in this area -City Council Environmental Health Department to be contacted.

Mr Stelfox stated his concerns about damage being done to the canal bridges, which are listed structures, by large and heavy vehicles and suggested that some restrictions should be placed on their use -County Council Highways Officer to be contacted.

As a follow up to the Parish Plan, Mr Stelfox and others are writing a Village Design Statement. The ideas are to preserve what the village has, for example, spaces, trees, the significant buildings and to incorporate them along with recommendations from the Parish Plan into plans for the future of the village. Mr Stelfox will ask the City Council Planning Department to put this into "planning speak" and it will then be returned to the Parish Council for consultation and ratification before final submission to the planning authorities.

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC D Lowe gave the police report – there had been two crimes reported and four instances of anti-social behaviour and damage to property.

704 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

705 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Heart of Lancashire, First Responder Scheme had acknowledged receipt of the grant, Mr Sparks has been asked to supply a report on how the money is spent.

British Waterways, canal bridges; a letter had been received stating that an inspection had been carried out of the Hatlex Lane Bridge and while there was no immediate danger repair work would be carried out -some work has recently been done –also seen Open Forum

Foreshore, encroachment on to Parish Council land; it had been noted that changes had been made at the entrance to one of the houses and the walls and kerbs were encroaching on to parish land. The clerk was asked to write to the owners.

706 **Financial Matters**

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

Current Account £2182.57 Savings Account £14547.29

Rating valuation list; confirmation had been received that the foreshore car park has been deleted from this list.

Approval of budget for 2006/07; a budget meeting had been held on Monday 9 January. Members of the Council had been supplied with details of the actual and predicted expenditure for the current financial year and information about possible expenditure and receipts for the 2006/07 year. A budget had been set and the result would be a deficit of £27350 between expenditure and receipts. This would form the basis of the precept request. On the tax base of 1337.18, supplied by Lancaster City Council, this would give a rate of 20.45 per band D property.

Resolution:- to approve the proposed budget and to request a precept from Lancaster City Council of £27,350. Proposal made by JC-K, seconded by SJ and agreed unanimously.

Approval of grant to be made to the Bowling Club in the year 2006/07; £2200 has been written into the budget. Resolution to make a grant of £2200 to help to offset maintenance costs, proposal made by SJ, seconded by JC-K and carried unanimously.

Approval of grant to be made to Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall in the year 2006/07; £2000 has been written into the budget. Resolution to make a grant of £2000 to help to offset the projected deficit in the running costs of the Memorial Hall, proposal made by PM, seconded by JN and carried unanimously.

707 Payment of Accounts

Proposal to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account made by SJ, seconded by JC-K and agreed.

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

Chq No.

100806	R S Beaver Ltd.	352.50	fibreglass planters
100807	Carnforth & District Chamber of Trade	50.00	Christmas trees & lights
100808	Lancaster City Council	364.25	bowling green maintenance
100809	Lancaster City Council	28.20	play equipment inspection
100810	Mrs D Brookes	592.82	clerk's salary & expenses
100811	Petty cash	7.70	sundry items
100812	Inland Revenue	493.16	PAYE and NIC payments
100813	Mr F Clarke	556.12	handyman's payment and materials for jobs
100814	Mr P Millard	21.28	travelling expenses-conference

708 Open Spaces

Recreation field, play equipment; SJ had looked at proposals put forward by Playdales Play Equipment but they were not entirely what was required, other brochures were being looked at including one with a design for an inclusive roundabout -deferred until path across field has been sorted out -also need to consider level of grass cutting to allow wheelchair access and provide a safe play area. M Ashton, Lengthsman, was still looking at the best way to construct a path -cost could be about £3000.

Planters on triangle of land on Coastal Road: M Ashton had obtained four planters but as this is County Council land application had been made for permission to site them and this was awaited.

Grass cutting throughout the village; a quotation had been received from City Contract Services; DB had met a representative of Denby Gardens and of Rolling View Landscapes with a view to obtaining quotations. It was suggested that the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery should be treated separately and that this could be offered firstly to M Ashton.

Monthly inspection of play equipment; it was decided to accept the quotation of £300 provided by City Contract Services and to give them the contract for the next year; proposed by PM, seconded by SS.

Task Force of volunteers to improve the village; meeting arranged for Thursday 9 February 2006 at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall to plan for the coming season.

Leases for Bowling Club and Tennis Club; the clerk has written to Miss Glading at Bannister Bates Solicitors but to date has not received a reply.

Bowling Club, proposed change to constitution; at the 2005 AGM of the Bowling Club it was proposed that membership of the Club should be opened to a maximum of twenty people from outside the village. The motion was carried subject to the Parish Council's approval. The Council decided that it had no objections to this change to the constitution.

709 Foreshore

Provision of plaque- nothing yet received from Leander Architectural - deferred.

Land for Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage- still no update, further attempts to be made to obtain information

The clerk was asked to write to Dr & Mrs Pearson to ask them not to park their vehicle on Parish Council owned land.

710 Burial Ground

Proposed work to entrance and paths; the planning application had been submitted to Lancaster City Council and this was now in circulation for the Council's perusal. Thomas Associates Architects to be thanked for their work on this.

Safety of memorials; following the stability testing the clerk had received several enquiries about memorials which had been staked and banded and had spoken to Mr Lineham, Lancaster City Council Cemeteries Manager, to seek advice. The standard of testing is such that the memorial would withstand a 35kg person leaning heavily against it or pulling themselves up from a kneeling position using the memorial for support. H&SE could enforce closure of a cemetery if testing was not done and the memorial safety was not of the required standard. Previously most memorials were not fixed with ground anchors but it now within the National Association of Monumental Masons Code of Practice to do this. A website which can provide guidance is www.iccm-uk.com.uk. All owners of memorials are asked to comply with the regulations and a notice has been posted at the burial ground

711 Planning Applications

Application No.

- 05/01572/FUL retention of a tree house
for Phil Rogerson, 25 Hest Bank Lane
Concern that this application is retrospective, structure could be intrusive on surrounding properties also questioned whether structure is within regulations for example, its height and distance from road.
- 05/01613/FUL erection of a scorers hut for Slyne with Hest Bowling Club, Bowling Green, Hanging Green Lane
No comments
- dealt with by sub committee
- 05/01579/FUL retention of rear side boundary fence
for Mrs B Sanderson, 6 Rushley Drive
no objections to the retention of the boundary fence but suggest that 2 metres height should be adequate
- 05/01557/CU change of use of adjoining land to form part of domestic curtilage and amendments to previously approved application 04/01590/FUL
for Mr & Mrs J Clough, Sherbourne, Lancaster Road
objection to the proposed invasion into the Green Belt, however small, because it could set a precedent for possible developments to other properties in the area; not made clear in application why this is necessary, presumably development is too large for plot giving rise to access problems; should have been taken into account by architect in original proposals
- 05/01616/FUL removal of existing roof, erection of replacement roof to accommodate rooms incorporating roof lights and balcony windows
for Mr & Mrs Kneale, 9 Ashworth Drive
Council objects to these proposals as it has done on previous occasions when plans have been submitted to raise roofs of properties in areas where there are predominately bungalows. Concern is that this is contrary to the original intention for the area with low roofs allowing openness and views. Raising the roof elevation would affect surrounding properties, dominate the area and detract from its general appearance. Size of balcony and how far it will stand out from building not made clear and whether this will affect privacy of surrounding properties.
PM declared an interest in the application because his is a neighbouring property.

Applications granted

- 05/01409/FUL Mr & Mrs J Edmondson, 58 Hest Bank Lane
05/01557/FUL Mr & Mrs Clough, Sherbourne, Lancaster Road
05/01449/LB & 05/01458/FUL Mr & Mrs Hoggarth, Manor House Farm, Lancaster (?) Road

Refusal of Planning Permission

- 05/01405/FUL Mr P Edmondson, The Coach House, Beaumont Grange, Kellet Lane

Tree Preservation Order No. 377 (2005), The Coach House, Kellet Lane –order made on 22 December 2005

712 Highways

Marine Drive/Coastal Road proposed improvement scheme by Lancashire County Council; there had been a further development –a cycling group had objected to most aspects of the scheme, asking instead for

mandatory cycle lanes and increased crossing points –these requests must be considered and will delay implementation.

Parking on Hest Bank Lane near to the Hest Bank Hotel and Peacock Lane junction. Mr C Holt, Lancashire County Council's Senior Traffic and Development Engineer (North) had visited the site and acknowledged that parking on the narrow footway round the bend on Hest Bank Lane effectively blocked the footway, However the suggestion of bollards would not be suitable due to the narrow width of the footway. He suggested that the only solution would be to provide double yellow lines near nos. 17 and 19. This would require a Traffic Regulation Order which will involve public consultation and because this is fairly low on the list of priorities could take some time.

The application made by Lancashire County Council for construction of a new highway (completion of Heysham to M6 link) and improvement to existing highways is being circulated to all members of the Council.

713 **Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct; Lancashire Highways Partnership, Lancashire Winter Service information; Lancashire Police Authority, notice and minutes of meeting; LAPTC, minutes and agenda for Lancaster Area Committee meeting; NALC, Quality Parish Council workshops; Learning and Skills council ESF-co-financing prospectus round 4 information on website www.lscgov.uk/lancashire; George Fox School Educational Charity, information about grants available; Lancaster City Council Community Safety Partnership, Street Lighting Bids 2006; Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Standards of Conduct in English Local Government -The Future, Discussion Paper - all above circulated

714 **Parish Plan**

There had been some problems with the printing but hopefully everything was now resolved. PM was writing an introduction. An application for the remainder of the grant is to be made. There were no objections to a banner being placed outside the hall to promote the website dedicated to the Parish Plan www.swhparishplan.co.uk

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

Banner to promote WeightWatchers meetings; no objections provided that SHMH Committee were agreeable to this.
Councillors travel and subsistence allowances –review on next agenda

716 **Date of April Meeting and Date of Annual Assembly**

The third Monday in April is Easter Monday therefore the April meeting will be held on Monday 24 April
Date of Annual Assembly - Monday 22 May 2006

717 **Date of next meeting** Monday 20 February at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.00pm.