

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2008 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ) -Chairman, Mrs Andrea Johnson (AJ), Mr Carl Willett (CW), Mr Peter Millard (PM), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K), Mr Julian Newbold (JN) from 9.00pm

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, County Cllr A P Jones, Mr P MacLeod

1044 To receive and accept apologies for absence

JN late arrival because of working shift -accepted
PC D Lowe

1045 To receive declarations of interest

SS and CW declared an interest in the Memorial Hall.

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

No Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting because there was no police presence.

The County Councillor explained the resolution which he intended to put to the Lancaster Locals meeting regarding the proposed cycle link between Rushley Drive and Morecambe promenade. This incorporated the conditions which were discussed and agreed by the Council at the last meeting. A further request is to be made to Lancashire County Council concerning the reduction of the speed limit on Marine Drive and gateway signs.

The City Councillor explained the progress being made by the Lancaster City Council Canal Task Group; concerns were again raised about the on-going problem of damage to the canal bridges and the type of restrictions that it might be possible to impose are to be looked at.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1046 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 December 2007 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1047 Financial matters

Resolution: to accept the quarterly report of receipts and expenditure presented by the clerk.

Current Account £2864.02, Savings Account £25,458.78

Tenders for grass cutting and grounds maintenance, 2008 season; two tenders had been received

Resolution: to accept the quotations and award the contract to 'Putt It Right Ltd.'.

Play equipment inspection 2008; Resolution: to accept the quotation and award the contract to City Contract (Direct) Services.

Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall; Resolution: to give financial assistance to the Memorial Hall by awarding a grant of £2000 from the 2008/09 budget to help towards the general running costs of the hall.

Slyne with Hest Bowling Club; Resolution: to support the Bowling Club financially by awarding a grant of £1000 from the 2008/09 budget.

Budget 2008/09; councillors had been provided with up-to-date information on the financial position of the council, an estimate of receipts and expenditure in the financial year 2008/09 and a suggested budget for 2008/09. Following discussions a proposed budget had been put forward.

Resolution: to adopt the budget for 2008/09 and to request a precept of £28,866 from Lancaster City Council.

1048 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	Lancaster City Council	14.00	burial ground rates-instalment
cheque			
101014	Bannister Bates Solicitors	411.25	solicitors fees re. Lease for Football Club
101015	Society Local Council Clerks	113.00	membership fees
101016	Lancaster City Council	113.39	play area, bark chippings
101017	Lancaster City Council	716.16	grass cutting (2 instalments)
101018	Lancaster City Council	59.92	monthly play equipment inspection (x2)
101019	S J Richmond	20.00	mole clearance at burial ground
101020	Carnforth & District C of Trade	45.00	supply of Christmas trees
101021	Shaw & Sons Limited	15.95	reference book 'Local Council Finance'
101022	P McGaffigan & Sons Ltd	11.63	materials for repair of litter bins
101023	Mrs D Brookes	782.18	clerk's salary & expenses
101024	Petty cash	2.88	sundry items
101025	HM Customs & Revenue	255.18	PAYE and NIC payments
DD	Lancaster City Council	14.00	burial ground rates-last instalment

1049 Planning applications

Application No.

07/01672/FUL	demolition of existing garage and erection of new extension 53 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HG	no comments
07/01691/FUL	erection of new shop front in place of existing garage door, and new door and window to side 2 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB	no comments
07/01719/FUL	extension to care home to provide 14 additional bedrooms and associated accommodation Slyne House, Throstle Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AX	no comments
07/01727/FUL	erection of a single storey extension Marine Lodge, 25 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG	no comments
07/01756/FUL	erection of an extension to rear, installation of roof lights and creation of dormer window 17 Bay View Crescent, Slyne, LA2 6JU	no comments
07/01783/CU	change of use from shop (A1) to Dental Surgery (D1) and creation of an opening with existing Dental Surgery at 3 Marine Drive 5 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6DZ no comment except to deplore the loss of yet more premises for retail purposes	

Applications granted

07/01144/FUL	Slynedales, Lancaster Road, LA2 6AW
07/01231/FUL	25 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DG
07/01346/FUL	13 Bay View Crescent, LA2 6JU
07/01458/FUL	20 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DB
07/01501/FUL & 07/01502/LB	Marston's Pub Company, Slyne Lodge, La2 6AZ
07/01449/AD	proposed storage barn, Kellet Lane, Slyne -further details of development not required by planning authority

1050 Burial Ground

Memorial seats: advice had been sought regarding the terms of the policy and amendments that had been made to the draft policy had been circulated to members for consideration

Resolution: to adopt the proposed memorial bench policy (attached).

Further details of styles and prices of benches are to be sought before the fee is determined; also inspection of grounds to be carried out and recommendation on positioning of benches made.

1051 Memorial Hall Lease

SS and CW, having declared an interest, were not present during the discussions.

Points raised by Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall (SHMH) Committee:

- The amendments to the present lease were accepted; that is, renewal from 1st April 2008, length of term 25 years at a rent of £5 per annum, clause 3.12 to be omitted because the mentioned conveyance relates to the field and not to the premises, to amend the attached plan to incorporate more land adjacent to the present building to accommodate proposed extensions to the premises.
- Following examination of the present lease by the SHMH committee some considerations were put forward, these are, the 'Lessee' to be the Charity or Management Committee rather than named individuals; clause 6 -to look at the period of termination of the lease, stated in current lease as, 'not less than three months in writing' -to ensure security of tenure; serving of notices clause 7 - certificate of posting to be obtained for any documents sent by post; to more clearly indicate the rights of way to the Scout Hut and the adjacent field either in writing or on the appended plan.

Resolution: to bring the above mentioned points to the Solicitors attention and to ask for her advice and acting upon this to request the Solicitor to draw up a lease.

SHMH committee's proposed planning application for alterations to the hall; reference to clause 3.5 of the current lease which states that any structural or other alterations or any additions to the Premises must be approved in writing by the Lessor,

Resolution: to give approval to SHMH committee to carry out alterations to the Premises as proposed in the Planning Application subject to approval by the Planning Authority.

The proposed extensions will involve some encroachment on to land in Parish Council ownership at the rear of the premises.

Resolution: to lease to the SHMH Trustees the land required to accommodate the forthcoming developments

1052 Open Spaces

Recreation field

- proposed path to play area; Community Service had produced a quotation for the materials required to construct a board walk to the play area, but a drawing showing full particulars of the design and a report on ground conditions are to be requested; likewise Mike Ashton is to be asked to produce a detailed drawing, a report on ground conditions and a full quotation to include labour costs in addition to the cost of materials already quoted.
- youth shelter; the condition is deteriorating, it has become unsightly and there is concern over safety issues, it seems to be less well used than when first erected, also the adjacent former tennis court is in need of renovation, the posts and netting are in very poor condition. Consideration was given as to whether the youth shelter should be retained and renovated or dismantled and what steps should be taken to improve the adjacent area.

Resolution: to dismantle and remove the youth shelter, to remove the posts and netting and to tidy up the play area. Community Service is to be asked whether they will be able to carry out the work as part of the recreation field improvement project.

North West in Bloom Competition 2008;

Resolution: to enter the parish in the competition this year and to pay the entry fee of £40. It is hoped that entry into the competition will help to encourage pride in the parish and, as in previous years, a task force of people interested in improving the appearance of the parish will get together during the spring/summer months.

1053 **Foreshore**

It had been reported that a large boulder at north end of the foreshore near to West Cairn had been moved. This was in a line of boulders placed at this point by Lancaster City Council in 2003 to prevent access by vehicles through to the far end of the shore and to Bolton-le-Sands -there is now a way through. A tractor/crane will probably be needed to move the boulder back into place.

Resolution: to have the boulder put back in place.

The clerk is to make enquiries to find out if Lancaster City Council will do the job or otherwise will try to get a quotation from a contractor.

1054 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration -for information only**

Problems of flooding in the village and culvert carrying Hatlex Beck

Unsightly state of grass verge on Peacock Lane which has been badly churned up by contractors vehicles

Marking of steps from canal to the Crescent -still nothing done

1055 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 18 February 2008 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.22pm