

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 JULY 2006 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard (PM)-Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Mrs Andrea Johnson (AJ),
Mr Stewart Scothern (SS), Mr Julian Newbold (JN)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present Mr C Willett who is interested in the casual vacancy
Present for Open Forum PC D Lowe, City Cllr Malcolm Thomas, Mr John Stelfox

787 **Apologies** City Cllr Sylvia Rogerson, County Cllr AP Jones

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Mr Stelfox reported that so far he had been unable to make little progress with Lancaster City Council regarding the Village Design Statement.

He brought to the attention of the Council the following:

- the congestion caused by parking on Hest Bank Lane outside Webb's Garage and his concern that an accident could result- PC Lowe promised to look at the problem;
- the on-going problem of damage to the canal bridges caused by large vehicles -this had been discussed, earlier in the day, with Mr Jim Robson of Lancashire County Council Highways section during a meeting with County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr M Thomas and council representatives and will again be brought to the attention of British Waterways. It is thought that the use of satellite navigation devices may be partially responsible for the use of inappropriate routes by vehicles and this is a county-wide problem about which the County Council is fully aware and taking steps to try to resolve, including sending letters to the satellite navigation companies and to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister;
- the accumulation of rubbish around the dog waste bin on the tow path near to Hatlex bridge due to infrequent emptying -British Waterways to be asked to look into the problem.

City Cllr M Thomas reported on the meeting held with Mr J Robson (see above); as well as the canal bridges, other matters discussed were

- the parking of cars outside Beaumont College causing an obstruction of sight-lines for drivers leaving St John's Hospice, the College and a neighbouring property -various suggestions had been put forward to try to alleviate the problem, included an H marking on the road near to the property, and these are to be taken by J Robson to a Road Safety Group meeting;
- the misuse of Hammerton Hall Lane by drivers as a cut through and the danger to pedestrians using this road -possibility of providing warning signs and cutting back trees was discussed;
- the use of road markings and signs to indicate the change of speed limit from 50mph to 30mph on the A6 south of the Throstle Grove junction to improve safety ;
- central white line markings along Manor Lane to improve safety;
- the lack of maintenance of grass verges and therefore their untidy appearance, particularly on Coastal Road and Marine Drive- responsibility recently shifted from Lancaster City Council to the County Council- agreed they need attention but are normally cut to accepted rural standards.
- dead trees on verges in various parts of the village- J Robson promised to look at these.

788 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record as a true record; proposal made by SS and seconded by AJ.

789 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Lancashire County Council-Bikewise Scheme; cycle stands are now in place outside the Memorial Hall and on the foreshore.

790 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £3604.23, Savings Account £26257.45

Alliance and Leicester Business Account; the use of paper payment and transfer slips is being discontinued; transfers will be made by telephone and a letter to Alliance and Leicester was signed by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman giving the clerk authority to make a transfer by telephone after this has been approved by the Council and duly minuted.

RSPB requested agreement that future payments by them are made by BACS- approved.

Allianz Cornhill Insurance; the new swing on the recreation field childrens play area had been placed on insurance cover immediately after its installation. It was resolved to approve this retrospectively; proposal made by SJ, seconded by AJ.

The clerk intends to take a computer course at St Martins College which requires the use of the Broadband internet system and requested permission to use the Council's facility- approval given.

791 **Payment of accounts**

Transfer of funds from Savings Account to Current Account not required.

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed, proposal made by SJ and seconded by AJ.

Chq No.			
100866	Cllr P Millard	25.00	part of chairman's allowance
100867	Mr G Bagnall	14.99	plants & weedkiller for pound
100868	Mrs D Brookes	655.52	clerk's salary & expenses
100869	HM Revenue and Customs	258.18	clerk's PAYE & NIC
100870	Petty cash	100.00	includes purchase of village map (721)
100871	Lancaster City Council	58.75	playground inspections
100872	Lancaster City Council	299.63	grass cutting
100773	SHMH	209.77	payments made incorrectly into PC's account- reimbursement approved

Leases; Slyne with Hest Football Club has settled the invoice for £350 for the rents and contribution to summer grass cutting for the 2004 and 2005 seasons.
 Football Club, Bowling Club and Tennis Club have so far not paid any rent for the current season.
 Letters have been sent to Bannister Bates Solicitors but no progress has been made in the drawing up of leases for the clubs and therefore it was agreed that the clerk should write an official letter of complaint to the senior partner of Bannister Bates.

793 **Foreshore**

Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage; Cllr A P Jones had agreed to look into the matter of the status of the land but the outcome is still awaited –update to be sent to solicitors.
 Other cases of encroachment and access of land being held over until information is received.

Litter bin provision; there are still problems with the bins becoming very full, especially with takeaway food cartons and then overflowing causing an unsightly mess. It was resolved to buy two more litter bins from Wybone of the same type as those already in place; proposal made by SJ and seconded by AJ. Also M Ashton is to be asked to repair the damaged lid of one of the existing bins.

794 **Planning applications**

Application No.

06/00805/FUL	erection of a building to cover existing silo for Mr R Hoggarth, Belmont Farm, Hasty Brow Road	no comments
06/00806/FUL	erection of extension to silo building for Mr R Hoggarth, Belmont Farm, Hasty Brow Road	no comments
06/00809/FUL	creation of additional parking for VVV Health and Leisure, The Shore concern about increase of car parking spaces beyond recommended criteria – not seen as a particularly special case –suggested that to overcome apparent problems for pedestrians that the Company could improve lighting along by the side of the access road. It was noted that the boundary of VVV's land was inaccurately shown on the plans. In a Deed of Easement agreed with the Council in 2001, Stainton Leisure Limited acknowledged that it was not the owner of a strip of land adjacent to their boundary and covenanted to do all things necessary to remove the land from their title. Bannister Bates Solicitors to be consulted for advice.	
06/00854/FUL	construction of a dormer to the rear for Mr & Mrs Hodgkinson, 2 Warren Drive	no comments
06/00840/FUL	demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage on same site for Mr M J Wakelin, 35 Croft Avenue	no comments
06/00728/FUL amendment	erection of a single storey extension and alterations for Mr M Davidson and Ms E Mattison, Slyne Grange, Main Road	no comments

dealt with by sub-committee

properties. Also concern about altered vehicular access referred to but not shown fully on plan.

Notice of appeal to Secretary of State
05/01579/FUL retention of rear side boundary fence for Mrs B Sanderson, 6 Rushley Drive,
no further comments to add to those already made

795 **Highways**

See Open Forum above

M6 to Heysham Link, planning application for the proposed construction of a new highway and improvements to existing highways, formal consultation by Lancashire County Council; the results of a survey and discussions indicate that in the parish opinion is equally divided and therefore the Council does not have a clear mandate to express views on the proposals, however the Council decided to request that the issue is recommended for a Public Inquiry to give all interested parties the full opportunity to put forward their case openly.

796 **Burial ground**

Improvements to entrance; possible sources of funding for the work to be investigated. In the meantime it was decided to break the work into stages, the first being the cutting back of vegetation and possible realignment of the gates and wall to improve sight-lines –SJ, AJ and DB arranged an on-site meeting to look at this.

797 **Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct; English Nature Sitelines; CPRE Countryside Voice; Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service –Performance Update; Morecambe Bay Primary Care Trust NHS Acute Medical Services consultation; Lancaster City Council, Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, Adoption of Lancaster District Statement of Community Involvement; information received from Society of Local Council Clerks- Climate change and Sustainable Energy Act 2006-additional powers for Parish and Town Councils; Lancashire County Council, Summary of Lancashire Local Area Agreement; -all above circulated Lancashire Local –Lancaster District, minutes of previous meeting and agenda for meeting on 18 July- passed on to AJ who is representing the Council at these meetings.
Lancashire County Council, Communities and Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee- Review of Lancashire’s Library and Information Services- questionnaire completed.

798 **Matters suggested by members for future discussion and action**

PM -cutting of grass between telephone exchange and 1 Hanging Green Lane -farmer to be contacted
-future bids for safety grants - lighting on pathway from Throstle Grove to Throstle Walk

Community coffee mornings, rota for councillors’ attendance –5 Aug –JN, 2 Sept –SJ, 7 Oct –PM, 4 Nov –AJ,
9 Dec –SS, 13 Jan –JC-K

Photographs of members for posters and website –next meeting