

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19JULY 2010 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM)- Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones(SJ), Mrs Beverley Melici(BM), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr S Scothern (SS), Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

1461 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Julian Newbold -shift working

Resolution: to approve the reason for absence

1462 To record Declarations of Interest

None

The meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum -Standing Orders were suspended.

Open Forum

Present for the Open Forum; Mr C Jevons, Mr R Greaves, PCSO Jonathan Dawes. Apologies were received from County Cllr Tony Jones and PC Linda Head

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting PCSO Dawes reported that during the past month there had been two incidents of anti-social behaviour, three reports of vehicle nuisance and nine crimes recorded including a burglary at business premises, criminal damage to a building, damage to vehicles and several thefts. A summer road safety campaign has been launched in the area and also the use of quad bikes is being targeted by the police.
- Mr Jevons voiced his concern about inconsiderate parking on Shady Lane, particularly at the end of school time. He was advised that some measures to restrict parking were already under consultation and were supported by the Council.
- Mr Greaves thought that the new seat in Manor Lane had been placed in the wrong bus shelter and he offered to construct another seat on the opposite side of the road. The relocation of the seat presently situated near to the A6/Manor lane junction is to be considered. He had concerns about the level of vegetation in the Hanging Green wood and also reported that cyclists had constructed ramps that he had cleared away.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

1463 Minutes of the previous

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 June 2010 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1464 Co-option of a new councillor

Mrs Joanne Leeman was invited to become a member of the council and accepted.

Resolution: to co-opt Mrs Joanne Leeman to the Parish Council to fill the casual vacancy -agreed unanimously.

Mrs Leeman signed the form of acceptance and was welcomed as a new member.

1465 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Allotments- the land at the side of the telephone exchange is not available
- Flooding issues- Mr Dobson, Lancaster City Council, has been contacted but as there is great uncertainty at present about the funding for any works he has offered to meet when matters become clearer.
- Hest Bank Lane -suggestion of 30 markings on the carriageway -a response to the request has been received from County Highways and government guidance dictates that repeater signs cannot be put along the lane.

- A notice has been placed on the litter bin outside the Memorial Hall and it can now be used for the disposal of dog waste. Also a 'No Fouling' notice has been placed on the Memorial Hall field
- Lancaster City Council Dog Wardens followed up a complaint about a motorist who allowed his dog to foul the foreshore and he has been severely admonished.
- The closure of the toilets at the foreshore and canal is still causing concern -suggested that notices are placed on village notice boards advising of City Council's offer of some support if anyone is willing take them over.

1466 Administration

The publication of the village newsletter on a quarterly basis was reviewed and its future discussed. The uptake has not been very good in spite of a diary of events being included in the last two issues. As, at this stage, the Council is not looking to Quality Status, it was decided to revert back to publishing the newsletter twice a year and the format and contents will be considered.

1467 Financial Matters

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

Current Account £2,756.18 Savings Account £43,432.75

Resolution: to authorise retrospectively the payment of cheques to Bay View Garden Centre £759.00 and Printing Plus £149.58

Resolution: to give authority to the RFO to make arrangements for the payment of invoices and salaries due in the month of August

1468 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £6000 (to cover July & August) from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	Lancaster City Council	17.00	4th instalment -rates for burial ground
Chq	101300 Lancaster City Council	1725.48	grass cutting for April. May & June
	101301 Mr R McGuire	108.80	groundsman's pay
	101302 Mrs D Brookes	776.71	clerk's salary & expenses
	101303 HMRC	465.24	PAYE & NIC payments
	101304 Petty cash	55.65	sundry items
	101305 Lancaster City Council	45.71	play equipment inspection -June

1469 Open Spaces

Reconsideration of a request from PreSchool to move a hut used for storage on to land at the back of the Memorial Hall, discussed at the last meeting but a decision was deferred. More details of the proposed siting had been received, however there was still some disquiet about the position on council land because of its closeness to the Memorial Hall. Also there was concern that it could set a precedent for requests by other groups for further storage huts -deferred for checks with the Memorial Committee regarding insurance.

Provision of water for care of planters -Cllr Cohen -Kingsley explained that an easier system of transporting or collecting water for the planters at Station Road was needed. The provision of a water butt is to be investigated.

Information had been received from Lancaster City Council about ordering spring bulbs -JC-K would like to order some bulbs for the planters and verges at Station Road.

Play area inspection -Lancaster City Council has offered free quarterly inspection of the play equipment along with minor repairs from April 2011. It is the Council's intention to accept this offer subject to agreeing terms and conditions with the City Council. Further discussion is also to take place with Lancaster City Council regarding the future of the Manor Lane play area and what facilities should be provided.

Development of the play area at the recreation field -some funding has been made available by the Rural

Development Programme for England (RDPE) for local projects and one of the priorities of the North Lancashire Action Group is playground facilities for older children (8-13 age group). As the Council was already considering provision of play equipment it was decided to submit an Expression of Interest in this funding. Playdales Playgrounds, suppliers of playground equipment, is to be contacted to see what would be suitable for the area.

1470 Foreshore

Parking- a boulder had been moved and cars parked on the reserved grassed area during a cross bay walk. This had caused some concern as the area is intended as an open recreational space not as a car park. It was felt that there are already sufficient areas on the foreshore where parking is permitted. The boulder is to be moved back into place or possibly replaced by a larger one to prevent this happening again in the future.

1471 Burial Ground

Cllr Jones and the clerk had met Mr J Bradley, a surveyor, to discuss the work necessary for the discharge of the conditions attached to the granted planning application so that the improvements to the entrance can be commenced. Mr Bradley agreed to take on the work. The basic fee payable to Lancaster City Council for discharge of conditions is £85 and Mr Bradley will charge an hourly rate for his work.
Resolution: to authorise the discharge of the planning conditions to go ahead.

1472 Planning Applications

Applications received and dealt with under Standing Orders(20)

Application No.

10/00547/FUL 4 Shady Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JL

No issues were raised on this application

Applications considered by full council

10/00608/FUL 20 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY

Some concern about the size of this extension and whether it is contrary to the saved policies H7 and SPG 12 of the Lancaster District Local Plan because of its close proximity to the neighbouring property Also whether with reference to the Village Design Statement due to the size of the extension it will be in keeping with the neighbouring bungalows and fit comfortably within the surroundings.

10/00635/FUL 14 Sunningdale Crescent, Hest Bank, LA2 6DE

10/00675/FUL 25 Manor Road, Slyne, LA2 6JY

No issues were raised on either of the above applications

Notification of planning permission granted

10/00305/FUL 16 Goodwood Avenue, Slyne, LA2 6LA

Notification of application withdrawn

01/10/0548 construction of new culvert from Lancaster Road to Howgill Brook for Lancashire County Council

Notification of Planning Appeal against refusal of consent

10/00014/HAS 69 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank. LA2 6BS

1473 Highways

Consultation on proposals for Double Yellow Lines at the Hest Bank Lane/Shady Lane junction made by Lancashire County Council. This follows concerns expressed about the obstruction of this junction and inconsiderate parking of vehicles outside St Luke's School. Following discussion at a meeting of the Officers' Road Safety Group a suggestion had been made to extend the lines far enough to ensure good visibility at the junction and also prevent obstruction of residents' driveways and the bus stop approach; also to extend the lines beyond the bus shelter to ensure that buses can pull away without being obstructed by parked vehicles.

The Council gave its full support to these proposals.

1474 Matters suggested by members for future consideration none

1475 Date of next meeting Monday 20 September 2010 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25pm

