

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 15 JUNE 2009 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Peter Millard (PM)
Mr Stewart Scothern (SS), Mr Julian Newbold (JN), Mrs Beverley Melici (BM)

1292 To receive apologies for absence none

1293 Declarations of interest none declared

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

Open Forum

Present for the Open Forum;- Pc D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas and seven members of the public.
Apologies were received from County Cllr A P Jones

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe reported that in the previous month six crimes had been recorded (compared with seven last year), some enquiries were on going and suspects had been questioned. Four incidents of anti-social behaviour had been investigated. Regarding road safety issues, double yellow lines are now in place near to the Hest Bank hotel, signs to warn of horse riders are to be erected at four lane ends (Kellet Road). Requests for the provision of yellow lines at the Throstle Grove/Hest Bank Lane junction and formation or marking of a footpath on Bottomdale Road have been rejected.
- Proposed planning application for housing development at West Sheen, the Drive. Members of the public expressed their concerns in relation to the extent of the proposed development, site access, maintenance of the private road, increased vehicle movements, traffic safety at the Hest Bank Lane junction
As the notification of the planning application arrived too late to be included on the agenda for this meeting, it will need to be discussed fully at a future meeting
- Mr Greaves expressed his concerns about the provision and location of litter bins and benches in the village.

The visitors left the meeting. Standing Orders were reinstated.

1294 To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 May 2009 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1295 Progress Reports *given by the clerk for information only*

The following were noted:

- There is to be a meeting on 10 July at 11.00am in the Memorial Hall for further discussion of flooding issues
- Renewal of white line road markings in parts of the village is under review; also of marking pedestrian area by the side of the church triangle, although this could create problems.
- Work on erection of a bus shelter outside the Memorial Hall is imminent.
- New signage is proposed for Belmont bridge on Hasty Brow road; suggested that signs should not only be on the bridge but at both ends of Hasty Brow road to warn drivers of large vehicles of the hazards as there is very little turning space along the road.
- Speed Indicator Devices; notification has been received of proposed sites for signs, suggestions of other possible locations have been put forward. Approval of funding cannot be made until details are received and will be a future agenda item.

1296 Financial matters

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

Current Account £4648.31 Savings Account £40381.59

Payment of chairman's and councillors' allowances; the allowances are reviewed each year to ensure that nobody is out of pocket in spending on council related matters.

Resolution: to authorise the payment of allowances, in line with the council's policy, to elected members, not the co-opted member, and not to make any changes to the current rate.

Payment of architect's invoice-the nominal fee for work on the burial ground planning application; payment was withheld in February because of tardiness in submitting the application. (minute ref 1240)

Resolution: to pay the invoice as the application has now been dealt with.

1297 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to transfer £2500 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

	DD	Lancaster City Council	17.00	3rd instalment- burial ground rates
	DD	BT	138.98	telephone bill
Chq	101171	Came & Company	1220.17	insurance premium
	101172	Lancaster City Council	45.71	monthly playground inspection
	101173	Lancaster City Council	631.68	grass cutting -April invoice
	101174	e.on	9.73	electricity bill -burial ground
	101175	RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	25.66	bus shelter window cleaning
	101176	Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundskeeper's pay
	101177	Mrs D Brookes	773.07	clerk's salary & expenses
	101178	Petty cash	51.66	postage, printer cartridge, materials for planters
	101179	PrintingPlus	163.77	printing of newsletter
	101180	James Stewart	25.30	materials for foreshore fence
	101181	M Ashton	154.10	materials for kissing gate and foreshore fence
	101182	Cllr S Jones	50.00	chairman's allowance
	101183	Cllr P Millard	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101184	Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101185	Cllr S Scothern	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101186	Cllr J Newbold	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101187	Gill Dockray Architect's	121.18	architect's nominal fee

1298 Planning applications

Consideration of applications received

Application No.

09/00403/FUL	31 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HB
09/00410/FUL	82 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AU
09/00426/FUL	64 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ
09/00427/FUL	8 Thorns Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6HR

No issues were raised on any of the above applications, all seem to be within planning regulations.

Resolved not to make any comments on them.

Notification of permission granted

09/00187/FUL & 09/00188/LB	Slyne Hall, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AW
09/00214/FUL	11 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

Consultation on Lancaster Local Development Framework Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document -the twelve criteria that will be used to prioritise community infrastructure have been considered. It was felt that many of the criteria were expressed in 'planning speak' and, at parish level, it

was difficult to make a ranking, however three that have been identified as important are:-
the relationship between the proposed infrastructure and the parish plan,
evidence of community support for meeting the infrastructure need and
whether the proposed community infrastructure is sustainable in social, environmental and economic terms

1299 Open spaces

Review of grass cutting being carried out by City Council (Direct) Services; there was some concern about the frequency and quality of the mowing and strimming of the grassed areas. The clerk has contacted the area supervisor at City Council (Direct) Services about the standard of work and received an apology because they are behind schedule with some of the work. It was decided to look at the contractual position, to further review the issue at the next meeting and in the meantime to monitor the frequency of cuts.

To consider a request, made by a resident, for the placement of a memorial seat on land adjacent to the tennis club on the death of the person making the request;

Resolution: to grant permission for the placement of a seat and to inform the grantee of the Council's policy for maintenance free benches also the disclaiming of responsibilities and reservation of rights to deal with benches (in line with clauses 7 & 8 of the memorial bench policy for the burial ground -minute ref 1075)

Consideration of a policy for the use of the Memorial Hall field for outdoor events; this had arisen as a result of requests for use of the field (which is owned by the Parish Council) both separately and in connection with events in the hall (which is managed by the hall committee)

Resolution: To not have a specific policy but to consider each request individually and on its own merits

1300 Burial Ground

Planning application for improvements to the entrance; the results are not yet known but through correspondence with the architect it is known that a planning officer has visited the site and there are some concerns about alteration to land levels on the site and some of the civil engineering aspects of the project. A request for more information on this had been made to the architect and passed to the clerk. Consideration was given to the employment of a firm of Civil Engineers to look into these matters and an initial quotation had been obtained. Further information since received has indicated the possibility of the application being granted but with conditions relating to site levels being attached.

Resolution: to agree in principle to employing civil engineers but to obtain more information once the outcome of the planning application and any attached conditions are known.

1301 Foreshore

To consider a request for the placement of a memorial seat on a site close to the seaward edge of the foreshore land.

Resolution: to grant permission for the placement of a seat and to inform the grantee of the Council's policy for maintenance free benches also the disclaiming of responsibilities and reservation of rights to deal with benches (in line with clauses 7 & 8 of the memorial bench policy for the burial ground -minute ref 1075)

1302 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

-for information only- decisions cannot be taken

Concern over condition and safety of dead tree at Manor Avenue
Concern over lack of strimming round seats at various locations

1303 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that the next meeting will be on Monday 20 July 2009 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm.