

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 21 JUNE 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)(from 8.15pm)

Also present Mrs Joanne Leeman

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

**1448 To receive apologies for absence**

Cllr Julian Newbold -shift working

Resolution: to approve the reason for absence

**1449 To record Declarations of Interest**

All councillors declared an interest in Financial Matters -to consider payment of councillors' allowances  
Cllr Melici declared an interest in the planning application 10/00450/OUT because of its close proximity to her property.

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

**Open Forum**

Present for the Open Forum; PC L Head, City Cllr M Thomas, Mr R Greaves, Mrs J Boland, Mr D Mathews  
Apologies were received from City Cllr S Rogerson, County Cllr A P Jones, PCSO J Dawes

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting PC Head reported that in the previous month there were 4 cases of anti-social behaviour (7 in 2009), 3 vehicle related incidents and 4 crimes (10 in 2009), including theft and an assault.
- No County Council issues
- City Council -the toilets on canal bank have been closed by the City Council but there seems to be some dispute between the City Council and British Waterways about the responsibility for their maintenance highlighted by a recent leak that took some time to be fixed. The closure of the toilet is still causing concern and there have been reports of the back of the toilet block being inappropriately used. City Council is looking for businesses that would be prepared to open their toilets to non-customers in return for a contribution per annum towards the costs.
- Mrs Boland and Mr Mathews raised concerns about the planning application for the proposed demolition of Webb's garage and erection of two detached houses based on the flooding problems of the area, the proposed location of a sewer connection and safety on Hest Bank Lane.
- Mr Greaves offered to construct a new bus shelter on Manor Lane. He also raised points about the closure of the Manor Road play area and these were noted.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

**1450 Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 May 2010 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

**1451 Progress Reports (for information only)**

- Bus shelter Manor Lane-north side -a new end is now in place
- The new memorial seat on the foreshore is in place, a copy of the seats policy has been sent to Mrs Foxcroft for signing. A plan showing the positions of all the seats is to be drawn up. Cllr Millard will speak to Ms O'Brien about the disputed seat.
- Scout & Guide HQ lease, amendments have been discussed with the solicitor and a plan of the area and buildings supplied.

- A complaint about the use of the path from Highfield Drive to Marine Drive being used by cyclists and horses and that the signs prohibiting these are too small to be seen is being followed up with County Highways.
- A letter had been received reporting dog fouling on the foreshore; this is to be passed on to the Lancaster City council dog wardens with a request for help in dealing with the problem.
- It had been reported that, prior to a cross bay walk, boulders on the foreshore had been moved and cars were being allowed to park on the grassed area where they are normally prohibited. There had apparently been an exchange of words between two parties. Referred to next agenda for discussion when more information is known.

#### 1452 Administration

Reappointment of Responsible Financial Officer

Resolution: to reappoint Mrs Doreen Brookes, the parish clerk, as the Responsible Financial Officer to the council.

Allotments: further consideration of provision of allotments and investigation of land available; the clerk is to write to another landowner to find out if he has land that could be used.

#### 1453 Financial Matters

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

Current Account £1465.42 Savings Account £45,432.75

Internal Audit and review of accounts. The internal audit had been carried out by the independent audit panel of clerks and no matters came to light that needed to be dealt with. The half-yearly review of the accounts had been carried out by Cllr Scothern and no issues were raised.

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

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

#### 1454 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to give retrospective approval to the transfer in May of £2000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account in order to pay the insurance premium by the due date.

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £2000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	Lancaster City Council	17.00	3rd instalment -rates for burial ground
	DD BT	143.93	phone bill
Chq	101286 T Cowperthwaite	317.25	work at foreshore
	101287 RBS Invoice Finance Ltd	26.21	bus shelter cleaning
	101288 Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundsman's pay
	101289 Mrs D Brookes	773.07	clerk's salary
	101290 Petty cash	28.03	sundry items
	101291 Queensbury Shelters Limited	411.26	work on bus shelter
	101292 Cllr P Millard	50.00	chairman's allowance
	101293 Bay View Garden Centre*	759.00	bedding plants for tubs * not on agenda
	101294 Printing Plus*	149.58	printing of newsletter * not on agenda
	101295 Cllr S Jones	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101296 Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101297 Cllr S Scothern	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101298 Cllr J Newbold	10.00	councillor's allowance
	101299 Cllr B Melici	10.00	councillor's allowance

## 1455 Open Spaces

Consultation on the closure of the Manor Lane play area; there were strong objections to the closure of the play area and many pointed out the need for easily accessible and safe facilities for younger children. Suggestions for the development of the area included a play feature, e.g a dragon/caterpillar constructed from tyres, provide more seats, another waste bin, plant more trees, make a community garden, install football nets. These have been passed on to the City Council. The Council has not, as yet, had any more information about City Council's offer to carry out free inspections and minor repairs of the Council's own play area.

Improvement work at the recreation field -a list of improvements was drawn up some time ago and while much of the work has been done the list has not yet completed and some of these relate to disability access. It was agreed that the Council should look towards a wider project for improvements as funding becomes available. However, as an immediate improvement to provide a gate in the fencesurrounding the play equioment where it has been breached to gain access to the embankment slide.

Provision of a dog waste bin for the Memorial Hall field; it was decided to leave this in abeyance but to provide notices to discourage dog fouling and to encourage the use of the existing bins for the deposit of dog excreta. Lancaster City Council dog wardens to be consulted on the provision of a notice for the existing litter bin outside the hall.

Flooding issues in the Hest Bank Lane area; a meeting had been held on Friday 11 July, attended by representatives from Lancashire County Council, United Utilities, City Cllr M Thomas and representatives from the flooding action group. There was disappointment that nobody from Lancaster City Council attended, although it was understood that one of the officers had been seriously ill.

Mr Wilson from United Utilities explained that a camera survey had been carried out on the public sewer network serving the properties around the southern end of Hest Bank Lane and minor improvements had been carried out. Funding for further improvements has been applied for by United Utilities but this goes to a funding review based on cost benefit analysis.

Under recently released Government policy the spending on all major projects, including the M6/Heysham Link road, is to be reassessed. The planning appeal against aspects of the link road has been postponed. Lancashire County Council's planning application to construct a new Slynedales culvert is held in abeyance (since withdrawn). It was hoped that the culvert would have a major impact on reducing flooding of the area. At this stage no promises of an alternative could be made if the major project does not go ahead. The residents were assured that the County Council does have a programme to clean every roadside gully once a year and any problems that were reported would be dealt with.

A meeting with Officers from Lancaster City Council is to be requested to discuss a report that had been in preparation.

The next meeting of all the parties is scheduled for Friday 26 November. The new MP, David Morris, will be invited to attend.

Slyne with Hest Football Club's ground at Bottomdale -an enquiry had been received about whether the Council would be prepared to carry to any work on the trees and hedges at the ground and help with the maintenance of the playing surface. Within the terms of the lease this is the Club's responsibility and therefore the Council declined to make any contribution.

Preschool's enquiry about the possibility of moving a storage hut from the area at the side of the Memorial Hall to the back of the hall. The area at the side of the hall is leased to the Memorial Hall Management Committee and the ground behind the hall comes under Council management. It was agreed that a more specific proposal with details of the siting of the hut was needed before a decision could be made and this is to be requested from Preschool -deferred to next meeting.

## 1456 Burial Ground

Work on entrance and development of new burial area; some information had been obtained from Lancaster City Council regarding the discharge of the conditions attached to the planning consent. A plan needs to be submitted showing the levels of the ground, the details of walls, trees and hedges and the visibility splays at the entrance. Also an explanation of the plans for the development of a new burial area to the east side of the entrance is required. It was agreed that Cllr Jones and the clerk should meet Mr Bradley, surveyor, to look into the discharge of these conditions and moving the project on.

1457 **Planning Applications**

Applications received and dealt with under Standing Orders(20)

Application No.

10/0033/TCA                      112 Main Road, Slyne. LA2 6AZ

No issues raised on this application for the felling of a tree within the conservation area.

Applications considered by full council

10/00502/FUL                      Whitewalls, 39 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EZ

Reiterated comments made on previous applications relating to this property.

10/00450/OUT                      Hest Bank Garage, Hest Bank Lane, Slyne, LA2 6AH

The outline proposal for the erection of two detached houses seems to be within planning guidance and no objections were raised provided that any impact on the flooding issues in the area is taken into account. Also it was requested that residents' observations on the siting of the sewer and requests for assurance regarding the marking of the bus stop and road safety issues were taken into consideration.

Notification of planning permission granted

10/00289/FUL & 10/00290/LB                      Manor House Farm, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AR

10/00327/FUL                      14 Coastal Road, Hest Bank. LA2 6HN

notification of permission refused

10/00307/FUL                      69 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BS

1458 **Highways**

Proposed school entrance markings on Shady Lane outside St Luke's School put forward by Lancashire County Council; these were welcomed and in addition the introduction of restricted waiting on the opposite side of Shady Lane is to be suggested in the interest of improving safety outside the school.

Safety on Hest Bank Lane; there is concern about the speed of some vehicles using Hest Bank Lane and a suggestion of '30' markings on the carriageway along the lane had been made to the Council. This is to be passed on to County Highways with a request for consideration.

1459 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration**

none

1460 **Date of next meeting** Monday 19 July 2010 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.35pm