

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 15 MARCH 2004 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Cllrs present Mr P Millard (PM)-Chairman, Mr S Jones (SJ), Mr I Salisbury (IS), Mr M Jackson (MJ)

Clerk Mrs D Brookes (DB)

Also present (Open Forum) Pc D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas, Mr J Stelfox, Mrs J Mowle -Tree Warden
Mr C Blugrass & Mrs J Rose -Youth & Community Service, Abi Rae & Michaela Matheson
-youth representatives

354 **Apologies**

Rev R Simper

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Management of woodland; MJ carrying out his own survey of Hanging Green Lane wood and recreation field; IS asked about height of large trees in village, Mrs Mowle, Tree Warden, agreed that they had probably reached maximum height; ancient woodland management aiming to conserve native species, non-native species removed as necessary. There is a blanket Tree Protection Order on the Hanging Green Lane woodland but not on the copse beyond the recreation field. IS congratulated the Tree Wardens on the work done at Bottomdale Wood.

Youth shelter, funding for art project; Mr C Blugrass (CB) had met Mr P Courtie, Lancaster City Council Leisure Services, and received advice about applications for funding which he would now pursue. CB had also obtained more information about project leaders.

Youth Club; there had been some response to the requests for volunteers, the Youth and Community Service would offer training and support and CB offered to make contact.

Crime report; Pc Lowe reported that during the last month there had been four reported crimes and two incidents involving juveniles. There had been a fire at the youth shelter and the Fire Service had attended, some minor damage had been caused to the shelter and the litter bin had been destroyed.

The Emergency Community Support Officer had promised to attend the April meeting. Police Surgeries would continue to be held each month and more publicity was to be given to them. Suggestion of use of the Memorial Hall for these to be followed up.

In an attempt to address the problem of speeding in the village the new Inspector had agreed to the use of detection equipment by Pc Lowe in the near future.

There was concern that 'Marnwood' was becoming derelict and fears that it might attract vandalism and improper use. Cllr Thomas offered to consult Lancaster City Council to see whether there are any plans for it and what can be done.

Mr J Stelfox complained that there were some inconsiderate dog owners and that the amount of dog fouling in parts of the village seemed to be increasing; more dog waste bins are required and more notices warning of fines for non-compliance with dog fouling laws. The Dog Warden had already been asked for notices on Shady Lane/Hanging Green Lane but Lancaster City Council are to be asked for further action.

Standing orders were reinstated

355 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Proposal to accept these as a true record made by SJ, seconded by PM and agreed.

356 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Glass recycling bins (340); Lancaster City Council was reluctant to remove the bins, however the Council was still firmly resolved that the bins should be removed, City Council to be informed.

Green Partnership Awards (345); work to the hedge at Bottomdale had been carried out by a contractor (arranged by Countryside Service), Dr & Mrs Hicks (Tree Warden) and M Ashton (Lengthsman).

Recreation field drainage; Cllr Thomas offered to pursue possible sources of support and funding through Lancaster City Council.

Vacancies-cooption of councillors; little interest shown, advertised on notice boards, in newsletter and on website.

357 **Review of Standing Orders**

Reminder of intended adoption at April meeting and clerk's request for notification of any amendments.

Draft Financial Regulations; copy requested from LAPTC - to be circulated.

358 **Financial Matters and Payment of Accounts**

A receipts and payments report was presented

Current Account £4159.22, Savings Account £27180.54

Lancaster City Council, request for bank details to facilitate BACS payments; agreed that clerk should supply these.

Network Rail (formerly Railtrack), payment for foreshore works had been received from Bannister Bates Solicitors. - £4000 + £78.65 interest, less professional fees of £240 + VAT.

An invoice had been received from United Utilities Water for payment of reinstatement of the hardstanding area on the foreshore governed by Railtrack's Agreement. Members had the understanding that United Utilities Water (UU) would pay for the complete restoration and it was thought that a misinterpretation might have occurred because a request had been made to UU for a notification of the cost of the work so that a claim for the retained money from Network Rail could be made. Clerk to make enquiries referring to UU's Code of Practice about reinstatement.

Lancaster to Tewitfield Waterbus Project; a request had been received from the Carnforth and Area Regeneration Partnership (CARP) for co-operation and funding to operate a waterbus service along the canal. The Council was not sure that this would provide any significant benefit to the parish, however it was decided to invite a member of the CARP Committee to address the next meeting.

Payment of accounts as listed below proposed by PM, seconded by SJ and agreed.

Chq No			
100589	LifeSavers Direct	88.25	flags for foreshore
100590	United Utilities Water	5.30	burial ground water charges
100591	Mrs D Brookes	413.89	clerk's salary & expenses
100592	Petty Cash	29.38	sundry items
100593	Inland Revenue	148.56	income tax & NIC
100594	Lancs Best Kept Village Competition	10.00	entry fee
100595	RH & CL Bell	600.00	work on hedge at Bottomdale
100596	Lancaster City Council	33.39	play equipment inspection
100597	North West in Bloom	30.00	entry fee

359 **Memorial for B Kingsman**

Seat chosen - Glasdon Phoenix type, wording on plaque to be decided upon, location not yet chosen-possible site Marine Drive, County Highways Department to be consulted -deferred to next meeting.

360 **Youth Matters**

Also see above

Youth shelter, electrical work; an estimate for the installation of meters had been received from K-G-F contractors, cost £200 + VAT and in accordance with agreement (325) January 2004 it had been accepted and the go-ahead given. However no work had been carried out to date. IS suggested sending a letter to the Tennis Club to update them on the intended work and this was agreed.

Youth Club; Council encouraged by response and supportive of the scheme but further consideration would need to be given to it.

361 **Open Spaces**

Recreation Field Drainage; MJ had made some enquiries but Lancaster City Council had only been able to supply limited information about the position and condition of the culvert. It was decided to write to drainage contractors seeking help in assessing what would be involved in draining the field.

Disability Access Plan; MJ had produced an equitable access funding policy; this to be submitted to Mr R Bracewell, Lancaster City Council Access Officer for his comments.

Bowling Club- Discretionary Rate Relief and Changes to Constitution; in order to be able to apply for mandatory rate relief the Bowling Club needs to be registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club with the Inland Revenue and has been told that the Club needs to make certain amendments to its Constitution. The Club requested the Council's approval of these changes. Agreement was given to the changes in the clauses relating to the name and objectives of the Club and to the election of members. However an addition to the clause concerning dissolution was recommended i.e. ... *On winding up,.... Any surplus assets will be given to the North Lancs and Fylde County Bowling Association.* This to be changed to*Any surplus assets to be given to a charitable sports organisation operating within the village or failing that to the North Lancs and Fylde County Bowling Association.*

Bowling Green Floodlights; concern had been expressed to Lancaster City Council regarding the floodlighting, a resident of Hanging Green is being troubled by a floodlight which is directed towards his property. PM agreed to speak to the Bowling Club and, if necessary, to the resident to try to resolve the problem amicably.

Lancaster City Council review of public convenience provision and request to meet with Councillors to discuss how service provision could be improved. Mark Davies, Head of City Contract Services to be invited to attend next meeting.

PreSchool Playgroup request to be allowed to surface an area of land on the Memorial Hall field to provide an open air play area for the children; PreSchool would meet the costs themselves. In principle the Council did not have any objections but requested further details of the plans which it would consider; also it will be necessary to check whether there are any covenants on the use and development of the land.

362 **North West in Bloom and Best Kept Village Competitions**

Entry into these competitions confirmed, publicity and contact with various members of the community is ongoing.

363 **Football**

No meeting taken place, however Bay Rangers FC Committee had met and agreed that representatives would attend further discussions; attempts to be made to arrange a meeting; updated plan of proposals to be requested from Slyne with Hest FC. Looking at long term solutions; possibility of asking farmer if he will sell or exchange some land; use of Council-owned fields near to cemetery.

364 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

04/00252/FUL erection of a dormer to side and rear for Mr and Mrs Hopwood, 5 Arden Close
no objections provided that it complies with restrictions on Arden Close

04/00243/FUL erection of a front conservatory for Mr & Mrs P Jackson, 49 Marine Drive no objections

04/00253/FUL raising of walls and roof to form two storey dwelling for Mr & Mrs I Johns, 23 Green Acre Road when development approved in 1960s it was restricted to dormer bungalows and nothing has changed to justify this being reconsidered, objection that the proposed development would create a dominant tower in this locality.

04/00213/FUL erection of a dormer to the rear for Mrs S Fowler, 64B Coastal Road no objections

04/00160/FUL renewal of application 99/01147/FUL for the erection of a two storey extension for Mr P J Edmonson, Coach House, Beaumont Grange, Beaumont Cote
no objections

04/00173/FUL construction of a side dormer and rear conservatory for Martin Collin, 13 Bay View Crescent no objections

04/00168/FUL alterations to flats including new entrance porch and velux roof lights, removal of existing external fire-escape and conversion of basement to create additional living space for existing ground floor flat for Mr Cadman, Dalegarth, Hest Bank Lane no objections

03/01190/FUL Notice of appeal to Secretary of State
Mr & Mrs J Hughes, 60 Marine Drive

Notice of Appeal made by Mr & Mrs Melici, 7 Beech Grove; Council stands by comments already made but does not wish to appear as a witness.

Permission granted

03/01485/CU T K Hanley, Slyne Caravan Park, Bottomdale Road

03/01614/FUL Mr Crowther, 6 Marine Drive

04/00013/FUL Mr & Mrs Physick, 5 Lawson Gardens

04/00065/FUL NTL, Lancaster Transmitting Station, Kellet Lane

365 **Highways**

Lancashire County Council, Parish Partnership on Highway Issues; request that consideration be given to submitting a plan on local highway concerns. MJ had produced draft proposals, this to be looked at, priorities determined and considered on next agenda.

Peacock Lane, damage to grass verge; a letter had been received from Mr P Lord, County Highways had been contacted and had promised to look at this; the Council prefers to retain the grass verges as they are rather than replace part with tarmac.

366 **Correspondence**

Heysham News, 2 issues; Clerks and Councils Direct; CPRE Countryside Voice and notice of AGM of Lancashire branch; Morecambe Bay Hospitals NHS Trust, NHS Foundation Trust Application, consultation document; Countryside Agency, Vital Villages update; Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Local Investigation of Allegations of Misconduct, information; Lancashire Constabulary, monthly communication, crime figures, crime prevention advice and posters, LAPTC, notice of Training Events;

Lancaster City Council, Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Public Places) Regulation 2001, information - all above circulated.
LAPTC Area Committee Representatives; MJ and IS nominated.
Lancaster District Local Strategic Partnership, invitation to relaunch of Community Strategy, MJ to attend.

367 **Leases**

Deferred

368 **Matters for Future Consideration**

None

369 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 19 April at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.45pm