

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 21 MARCH 2005 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard (PM)-Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Mr Michael Jackson (MJ),  
Mrs Andrea Johnson (AJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley (JC-K)

Clerk Mrs D Brookes

Also present Mr Stewart Scothern, and for Open Forum/PACT meeting -ECSO D Gwilliam, Mr R Greaves,  
City Cllr S Rogerson

541 **Apologies** City Cllr M Thomas

Standing orders were suspended.

**Open Forum**

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting –ECSO D Gwilliam gave the report  
During the month, five crimes had been reported including burglary and damage to property; there had  
been some incidents of disturbances including juvenile nuisance and incidents involving vehicles. It was  
reported that a man with a foreign accent, possibly Polish had been in the village asking for money.  
Anyone who had any information was asked to contact the Police.

Mr R Greaves still had concerns about parish boundaries and boundary signs in spite of the fixing of  
electoral boundaries by the Boundary Commission having been previously explained to him. Signs on  
highways indicating speed limits and bearing the parish name are not necessarily on the parish boundaries.  
ECSO Gwilliam, Mr Greaves and Cllr Rogerson left the meeting.

Standing orders were reinstated

542 **Minutes of the previous meeting**  
Resolution to accept these as a true record proposed by SJ, seconded by JC-K and carried.

543 **Matters arising from the minutes**  
Dog waste bin at Raikes Head Lane; Mr Fish had complained that it had still not been moved from his land.  
Lancaster City Council to be contacted again and asked to move the bin on to land taken into the highway.  
Grass verge Shady Lane; Lancashire County Council Divisional Highways Surveyor had observed that the  
damage was not too serious but work would be carried out to have it reinstated and the situation will be  
monitored. A copy of the letter is to be sent to Mr MacLeod, the complainant.  
Warning signs for horse riders; parking on the Foreshore; both these matters have been referred to  
Lancashire County Council Network Management (Traffic and Safety) Section for consideration.

544 **Cooption of new councillors**  
Mr Stewart Scothern who attended the meeting explained his interest in becoming a councillor and  
working for the village.  
Consideration will be given to co-opting him as a new member; item on next agenda.

545 **Financial matters**  
A receipts and payments report for the month was presented by the clerk  
Current Account £6361.40; Savings Account £35,037.29  
Risk management; ways of improving this- report already circulated- decision on accepting the report or  
making modifications to it deferred  
Review of valuation of assets and adequacy of insurance cover; to be looked at by sub-committee- SJ, AJ  
and clerk –meeting to be arranged.

546 **Payment of accounts**  
It was resolved to transfer £2000 from the savings Account to the Current Account and to make the  
payments as listed; proposal made by SJ, seconded by AJ.

Chq No.

100688	P Walton	750.00	felling of tree
100689	Lancaster City Council	35.93	inspection of play equipment
100690	A R Hyslop Ltd	31.79	stationery
100691	Mrs D Brookes	585.14	clerk's salary & expenses
100692	Petty cash	10.92	sundry items

100693	SLCC	35.00	purchase of clerk's manual
100694	Mrs Joanne Leeman	1068.00	parish plan, consultancy fee and expenses
100695	Mr J Stelfox	35.00	parish plan, childrens competition prizes
100696	Mrs D Brookes	16.79	parish plan exhibition sundry items
100697	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	1724.80	reimbursement of rent (minute ref. 515)
100698	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	27.92	rebate on maintenance payments
100699	SHMH	2000.00	grant for tarmacing (minute ref. 529)
100700	United Utilities Water	6.19	burial ground, water & sewage charges
100701	Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council	20.00	contribution to beach clean up
100702	North West in Bloom	30.00	competition entry fee
100703	Lancashire's Best Kept Village	10.00	competition entry fee

547 **Open Spaces**

Lancashire's Best Kept Village Competition and North West in Bloom Competition; it was resolved to enter these competitions, proposal made by SJ and seconded by AJ. Village organisations and businesses to be encouraged to take part in the Lancashire BKV certificate of merit classes.

MJ suggested that the Council should provide funding for improvement to village features rather than relying on voluntary help- a future budget consideration. Meanwhile an action plan is to be drawn up and then a meeting of volunteers will be arranged.

Tennis Club lease; the Club had still not come back with its comments on the suggested terms for the lease; a letter is to be sent to the Club committee reminding them that the lease has terminated and requesting the results of their deliberations as soon as possible.

548 **Football Club**

There had been no communication from the Club or from the Council's solicitors or Mr Richard Turner. Further letters to be sent to try to speed up progress towards a settlement.

549 **Foreshore**

Dr & Mrs Pearson-land on which their garage is situated; an attempt had been made to obtain a valuation but it was decided that probable value of the land did not warrant the valuation fee requested by estate agents. MJ suggested making enquiries about the legal position regarding the registration and sale of common land-clerk to do this.

John Graham's tractors; to date the two tractors by the road have not been moved, deadline is 31 March. During a beach clean operation it had been noticed that drum of red diesel was being stored in the compound which the Council had agreed Mr Graham could construct for one tractor. It was agreed that for health and safety reasons he must be instructed to remove this immediately. It had also come to light that the fencing round the compound is obstructing a bolt hole in the wall used by Mr Archer's sheep to access the grazing on the foreshore. Mr Graham is to be asked to relocate the fencing to overcome this problem. Improvement work; the advertisement for tenders to carry out improvements had resulted in only one reply. It was therefore resolved to accept the offer made by Mr F Clarke of £12 per hour for his services plus the cost of any materials or hire charges, proposal made by MJ, seconded by J C-K. List of jobs to be done is to be finalised in conjunction with the lengthsmen.

It was agreed that the fencing put up by United Utilities just beyond the first pair of houses should be removed, the rest is to be left for this season. Mr Eckersley from Lancaster City Council had promised to look at the line of boulders at the north end of the shore which were being breached by cocklers and to put more in place as necessary.

Railway cottage, 4 Coastal Road: the Business Administrator for Spacia/Network Rail had written to say that he had raised an order for contractors to remove the dilapidated shed and other rubbish from the garden and secure the site. He also said that he would be developing plans for re-letting 4 Coastal Road and would be interested to hear if the Council had any views on how the property or the area nearby could be developed. One possibility suggested was for use as an information centre and because of the extensive birdwatching activity it was thought that the R.S.P.B might have an interest. Column in the Resident's views are to be sought through the local column in the press

550 **Planning applications**

Application No.

05/00249/FUL demolition of existing garage and erection of a new pitched roof garage for Mr Howard K Rae, The willows, Bottomdale Road no comments

05/002372/FUL removal of lowpitch felt roof and replacement with pitched slate roof with bedroom in roof space for Mr & Mrs Mather, 3 Ashworth Drive P Millard declared an interest and left the room during discussions objections -as in previous applications to raise roofs it was suggested that this

should be refused for similar reasons- property is in a prominent location and to raise the roof would affect surrounding property, be out of character and detract from the general appearance of the neighbourhood

05/00333/FUL erection of two storey side extension for Mr & Mrs Hughes, 60 Marine Drive no comments

Planning Appeal By Mrs C Hill, site off Green Lane, Bottomdale Road – appeal lodged against enforcement notices which Lancaster City Council served.

Breach of planning control –without planning permission, the erection of a steel framed building for non-agricultural use and change of use of agricultural land to a mixed use for agriculture and commercial equestrian uses, including livery, horse riding tuition and associated uses.

Breach of planning control –without planning permission, the change of use of land from agricultural to use for the siting of a portable cabin structure for use in connection with commercial equestrian/livery uses

Applications granted

05/00077/FUL Eric Dixon, Land off Powderhouse Lane

Prior Approval

05/00071/PAM Vodafone Ltd, pavement opposite VVV Marine Drive -further details not required

Refusal of Planning Permission

05/00072/FUL Mrs C Gill, Prospect, Lancaster Road

05/00035/FUL Mr N Ireland, Derby Barn, Main Road

05/00036/LB Mr N Ireland, Derby Barn, Main Road

Application withdrawn

05/00169/FUL Mr & Mrs Jenkinson, 1 The Moorings, Mowbrick Lane

Appeal Decision

04/00253/FUL Mr & Mrs I Johns, 23 Greenacre Road appeal dismissed

Tree Preservation Orders

TPO No. 342(2002) T1, T2, T17 (2 sycamores and 1 Holm Oak) -fell consent granted

TPO No. 155(1989) T9 beech- removal of first scaffold branch which overhangs highway granted

Trees within Slyne with Hest Conservation Area- 1 sycamore within hedge -fell consent granted

#### 551 **Parish Plan**

The exhibition was very well attended and favourably received. Thanks go to Mrs Joanne Leeman who organised this and to members of the Local History Group for their input and to the staff of St Luke's School who organised a children's art competition and on the following Monday brought all the children to see the exhibition. Results from the exhibition will be analysed and incorporated into the group reports. The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for Monday 4 April.

#### 552 **Highways**

Hest Bank Lane/Shady Lane bus shelter- replacement of broken glass panel with polycarbonate panel; it was agreed to give the goahead to the lengthsman to do this work.

#### 553 **Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct; Lancashire Constabulary, Northern Division –Northern News; CPRE, various newsletters -Voice, Countrywise, Lancs CPRE, Fieldwork and notice of AGM; LAPTC, Lancaster Area Committee meeting minutes; Lancaster District LA21 Partnership, Lancaster Sustainable Transport Forum, minutes of meeting 7 December and agenda for next meeting; Defra and Dti, Partnership in Rolling Out Broadband for Rural Communities; Morecambe Bay Partnership, invitation to seminar on 12 April; copy of letter sent by Leader of Lancaster City Council to Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs –Review of Marine Enforcement; all above circulated  
Lancaster City Council- invitation to Mayoral Reception, Tuesday 19 April –accept -2 members + clerk Robert & Doreen Hardman, Suggested New Village Amenity, suggestion for tidying up and developing land at the The Knoll/Sea View Drive –agreed that this is a good idea, however land belongs to Fish Estates and it would need to be ascertained whether Mr Fish would be willing to sell the land and if so what the price would be; improvement of the hedge would enhance Mr Fish's land as well as the whole area and this could be suggested to him.

#### 554 **Burial Ground**

Improvements and Safety Checks; application for a Petition of Faculty had been made to the Diocese of Blackburn, Rev M Tulley, the Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lancaster had been informed of the Council's intentions and appropriate notices had been displayed at the burial ground and on the notice boards in the village and at St Luke's Church. It was agreed that the clerk could incur costs for advertising in the local press to inform the public of the Council's intentions. Local undertakers and stone masons also to be informed.

Improvements to entrance; also improvements to paths to be brought into the project; it was agreed that professional help should be sought and MJ to contact architects.

555 **Matters for future consideration**

Clerk to investigate Council's position with regard to data protection legislation

MJ; need for handrails on steps, paths etc. throughout village -item for next agenda

PM; need for arms on seats to help less mobile persons – to be borne in mind for future purchases.

PM; new fences constructed on foreshore side of caravan park; SJ to check to see if they are encroaching on Council land.

SJ; problems of traffic and parking round by Hest Bank Hotel -item for next agenda

556 **Date of Annual Assembly**

Monday 9 May 2005 at 7.30pm; suggestion for speaker- someone from the Northern Canal Trust to talk about development of the Lancaster canal.

557 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 18 April 2005 at 7.30pm