

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 MARCH 2008 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: PC D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson, County Cllr A P Jones,
10 residents regarding flooding issues, 7 residents regarding planning
application

1068 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Cllr Carl Willett on holiday, Cllr Julian Newbold - working late shift
Apologies noted and accepted

1069 To receive declarations of interest

Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley declared an interest in the planning application for 11A Coastal Road
(08/00257/FUL)

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC D Lowe reported the crime statistics since 1 January 2008, -10 crimes had been reported, including burglaries from properties, thefts from sheds and vehicles and one minor assault. There had been reported only one incident of anti-social behaviour involving youths. The crime statistics report for the year 2007 show an increase of 18% over 2006. However they do indicate the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme with a much lower crime rate within the seven Neighbourhood Watch areas in the parish.

County Cllr A Jones read out a report which he had received from Bernard Kershaw, Lancashire County Council Chief Emergency Planning Officer, regarding the flooding incident at Slyne on Monday 21 January. A number of residents affected by the flooding had formed an action group to pursue the issues with regard to the responsibility of various authorities relating to flood warning and emergency response, land drainage, and maintenance of drainage and sewage systems and asked for the Parish Council's support.

A number of residents voiced their concerns about a planning application on Coastal Road in which it is proposed to demolish the present property and to build a much larger dwelling. The concerns included the size and style of the proposed building and its dominance over the area, overlooking neighbouring properties, road safety issues linked with a proposed new access.

1070 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 February 2008 as a true record.
These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1071 Administration matters

Financial Regulations- deferred from previous meeting- minute ref. 1059

Resolution: to insert the figures recommended by NALC and to adopt the proposed Financial Regulations.

Standing Orders

Resolution: to adopt the proposed revised version of Standing Orders for Slyne with Hest Parish Council

Clerk's Contract

Resolution: to accept the up-dated version of the Clerk's contract and list of Clerk's responsibilities.
Copies to the Chairman and Vice-chairman.

1072 Financial matters

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

Current Account £5736.05, Savings Account £20740.97

Rent; the clerk requested agreement to invoice the Bowling Club for the rent for the 2007 season, pending the lease agreement which is still under negotiation -carried

1073 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

DD	BT		
		129.99	phone bill
Cheque No.			
101036	Lancaster City Council	29.96	monthly play equipment inspection
101037	Lancaster City Council	358.08	grass cutting 2007
101038	Society of Local Council Clerks	55.95	purchase of reference book
101039	Mrs D Brookes	765.66	clerk's salary and expenses
101040	Petty cash	10.22	sundry items
101041	Viking Direct	46.80	printer cartridge and flash drive
101042	Lancs Best Kept Village Comp	15.00	entry fee

1074 Planning Applications

Application No.

08/00217/FUL

various alterations and extensions
for Mr Philip Rogerson, Brantholme, Hasty Brow Road, LA2 6AG
concerns about this application because some aspects of the plan seem to be
contrary to Policies, H7, E2, E4, E17, E18 and E20 of the Lancaster Local Plan and
statements contained in the Slyne with Hest Village Design Statement 2006

08/00259/FUL

erection of a ground floor extension
for Mr A Hartley, 18 Bryn Grove, LA2 6EX
no comments, this is within planning policy guidelines

08/00257/FUL

proposed demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a replacement dwelling
for Mr M McCarthy, 11A Coastal Road, LA2 6HB
objections to this application on the grounds that it is contrary to policies H7, H8,
H12, E4 and SPG 12 of the Lancaster Local Plan and to statements contained
within the Slyne with Hest Village Design Statement 2006

07/01719/FUL

notification of amendment to plan
for Hillcroft Limited, Slyne House, Throstle Grove, LA2 6AX

Applications granted

07/01525/CU

2 Manor Road, LA2 6JY

07/01547/FUL

58 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6BS

07/01562/FUL

10 The Crescent, LA2 6DP

07/01574/FUL

18 Manor Road, LA2 6JY

07/01727/FUL

25 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DG

07/01783/CU

5 Marine Drive, LA2 6DZ

Applications refused

07/01756/FUL

17 Bay view Crescent, LA2 6JU

07/01809/FUL

14 Sea View Drive, LA2 6BY

1075 Burial Ground

Memorial benches; Resolution: to make the charges as follows:- for the purchase, siting and subsequent maintenance of the 'Warwick' seat £495 and for the 'Evesham' seat £595, a small commemorative plaque may be fixed to the seat at an additional cost. Costs to be subject to review as stated in the Memorial

Bench Policy (minute ref. 1050). Also to adopt the proposed application form for the purchase and siting of a memorial bench.

Entrance improvements; more discussions have been held and further information has been supplied to the architect who has been requested to finalise plans for submission to Lancaster City Council for planning approval.

Future developments; the 2007-08 receipts for the burial ground are £4830, whereas £500 was the estimated total for the 2007-08 budget calculations; a considerable sum will be required for proposed developments

Resolution: to earmark £4000 from these receipts towards the improvements to the entrance and the opening up of a new burial section.

Memorial Inspections; issues arising from this -not all reports have been completed therefore matter deferred.

1076 Open Spaces

Recreation field; panels of a fence at a property adjacent to the recreation field had been removed and burned by people using the youth shelter; this had subsequently been tidied up with the help of the lengthsman and new fencing panels erected. However it was decided that the cost of repair must be born by the property owner as the Council does not have the power to make payment to individuals in these circumstances.

Surface beneath play equipment; the monthly inspection report again highlighted the condition of the bark surface beneath the play equipment, especially beneath the 'birds nest swing'. It was decided to revert back to Playdale, the installers, for advice.

1077 Memorial Hall

Lease; members had no further comments to make on the draft lease for the Hall; any further comments from the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall (SHMH) Committee are awaited

Planning Application; the architect working for the SHMH Committee has drawn up a planning application for alterations and extensions to the hall for submission to Lancaster City Council for approval. This follows many months of discussion and consultation. The application fee is £530 and the SHMH Committee had made a request to the Parish Council for financial support. Under the Local Government Act 1972 (133) the Council has power to 'contribute towards the expenses incurred by any other parish or community council or any other person in acquiring or providing and furnishing a parish or community building'.

Resolution: to support the SHMH Committee and to pay half the cost of the planning application fee (i.e. £265).

Request by PreSchool to erect a shed for storage at the south side of the Memorial Hall; there were some doubts about the type of shed proposed and its ability to withstand any acts of vandalism and it was suggested that only a shed of a type and design approved by the Council should be accepted; also that the Council should be assured that the shed and its contents will have full insurance cover - this is to be passed on to PreSchool through the SHMH Committee and a decision was deferred until more information has been obtained.

1078 Foreshore

Consideration of improvements; the clerk reported on meetings with two contractors, Mr Cowperthwaite and Mr Moorhouse, to discuss the work required to improve the gravelled areas on the seaward side of the highway which are used to park vehicles. This would include improving drainage at the level crossing end of foreshore, topping up gravel on the already stoned areas and additionally some levelling then kerbing and stoning of the churned up area situated at the north end before the embankment.

Councillors suggested that railway sleepers rather than concrete kerbs would be more environmentally friendly and give a 'softer' appearance.

Specifications and quotations have not yet been received from either contractor -deferred to await these.

1079 **Highways**

The clerk reported information which she had received from Lancashire County Council concerning extensive disruption which is likely to occur due to the laying of gas pipes in several areas including, Hest Bank Lane, the 'Manors' area and Coastal Road.

Flooding in the Slyne area (see Open Forum) -some more information is to be requested from Lancaster City Council and the clerk will try to ascertain where responsibility lies in relation to warning of flooding, reduction of risk of damage to property and maintenance of drainage and sewage systems

1080 **Matters suggested by members for future consideration -for information only**

Members reported that a line has been erected along the boundary being claimed by Shorefield Caravan Park.

1081**Date of next meeting**

Monday 21 April 2008 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.40pm