

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 16 MAY 2005 in the MEMORIAL HALL
ANNUAL MEETING

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

Clerk Mrs D Brookes (DB)

Also present for PACT meeting and Open Forum; City Cllr M Thomas, PC D Lowe, Mr S Milce, Mr C Hodson, Mr A Bowker

574 **Apologies** Cllr S Scothern (SS) –arrived late

The Council had been saddened by the sudden death of Cllr M Jackson; PM, JC-K and DB represented the Council at the funeral.

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting –PC D Lowe gave the report

During the previous month eleven crimes had been reported and these included vehicle damage, theft from vehicles, an arson attack on a hut at the Bowling Club, an alleged assault and theft. One youth incident had been reported compared with nine in the same period of the previous year.

Trading Standards had been investigating the sale of alcohol to under age drinkers and warnings had been issued.

Parking on Hest Bank Lane particularly in the vicinity of the Hest Bank Hotel –PC Lowe had checked up on previous complaints and found that no action had been taken. Discussion held on merits of yellow lines - could displace vehicles to more dangerous place, parked vehicles can have a traffic calming effect. The situation will continue to be monitored.

There was concern about the increasing practice of leaving cars with 'for sale' notices at various places and particularly near the level crossing off Coastal Road, as this could cause dangerous obstruction–PC Lowe to investigate. PC Lowe also to look at advertising signs on pavements and on A6 road to see if they are causing any hazards for pedestrians or traffic.

City Cllr M Thomas had been asked if a cul-de-sac sign could be placed at Warren Close as residents complained that motorists drove into Warren Close and then turned round in their drives. DB to contact City Council to request this.

M6/Heysham Link- there had been considerable discussion at the Parish Assembly and also Lancashire County Council had held an exhibition in the Memorial Hall on 13 May. The potential impact on the village was discussed; this include increased traffic and congestion, noise pollution, potential development of adjacent land. There was concern that the County Council Officers did not have a full understanding of this. They were not able to answer questions posed by residents and were concerned only with the road rather than a fully integrated traffic system. Cllr Thomas had concerns about flyposting in Slyne by a Torrisholme Action Group objecting to the link road. The practice is to be discouraged, PM offered to put a notice regarding this on the website.

S Milce and C Hodson were interested to learn more about the suggested new village amenity at the Knoll/Sea View Drive. It was explained that the land belonged to Mr M fish and it seemed unlikely that the Council would be acquiring it for the development proposed by Mr and Mrs Hardman. Mr Fish had complained that the dog waste bin had still not been removed from his land. Mr Milce thought that the bin on this land was an eye-sore. It was explained that a bin had been placed in this area following requests to clean up the area and after consultation with the City Council Dog Wardens. The Council would look sympathetically at providing a replacement bin which was more in-keeping with the surrounds. Cllr Thomas offered to contact the City Council about a more suitable site for the bin.

A Bowker complained about the state of the village- it was explained that a second person was being employed to carry out improvements throughout the village. Mr Bowker also complained that the Manor Lane hedge needed to be cut as it was causing an obstruction of the sight lines at the junction. DB to contact City Contract Services to request that this is done.

The visitors left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated

575 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolved to accept these minutes as a true record; proposal made by SJ, seconded by AJ.

576 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Stagecoach bus service route 5, linking with train connections at Carnforth; Stagecoach had replied that it was very unlikely that they would be able to re-time services and felt that disruption to the established times would not be in the best interest of the majority of customers, however they would bear the factor in mind when reviewing timetables.

Data Protection Act 1998; Acknowledgement of Notification received, Council may now process personal data as described in the form.

Proposed alteration to rating list regarding the foreshore; this is being considered by the Valuation Office and the target date for settlement is 24 February 2006.

577 **Appointment of Officers and Committee Members**

Chairman - P Millard

Vice-chairman – S Jones

Internal Auditor – P Millard

Responsible Financial Officer – the clerk- D Brookes

Representatives on Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee – S Jones and J Cohen-Kingsley

Resolved to re-elect the above en bloc; proposal made by AJ, seconded by JC-k.

Planning matters to be dealt with by the whole council rather than a sub-committee, at least or the time being.

P Millard will attend committee meetings of the Tennis Club, Bowling Club and Football Club as circumstances require.

578 **Financial Matters**

A monthly receipts and payments report was presented

Current Account £2162.67, Savings Account £58047.29 – this includes the recently received precept payment for 2005-06.

A draft report of the receipts and payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2005 was given to the Council.

Insurance of Bowling Club premises; in accordance with clause 8 of the Agreement, the Bowling Club claimed half of the insurance premium for the year viz. £290.32- it was agreed to pay this, however as the Agreement terminates in June the Club is to be notified that this will not be included in a new agreement.

J Hoggarth & Sons, invoice for the repair of the hedge adjacent to the recreation field; the Council had not been informed that this work was to be carried out. If it had been aware that the repair was urgent it would have done it itself. As the Council had not been given the opportunity to ascertain the best value for cost of the work, it was resolved to pay half of the invoice total i.e. £88.13; proposal made by AJ, seconded by JC-K.

579 **Payment of Accounts**

Proposal to transfer £3500 from the Savings Account to the Current Account made by SJ, seconded by JC-K and agreed.

Proposal to pay the accounts as listed made by SJ, seconded by AJ and agreed

Chq No

100717	A R Hyslop Ltd	98.32	stationery
100718	K-G-F Electrical	1135.64	lighting at recreation field
100719	Suspect Packaging.net	63.45	anti-graffiti varnish-youth shelter
100720	BT	61.14	telephone bill
100721	Mr F Clarke	162.61	contractor-foreshore maintenance jobs

100722	Mrs D Brookes	580.27	clerk's salary and expenses
100723	Petty cash	11.42	sundry items
100724	Lancaster Canal Trust	20.00	donation-S137-speaker at Annual Parish Assembly
100725	SHMH	2000.00	grant to Memorial Hall
100726	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	290.32	insurance of premises-half of premium
100727	J Hoggarth & Sons	88.13	repair of fence at recreation field

580 **Open Spaces**

Various maintenance jobs around the village; arrangements to be made to meet Mr F Clarke and M Ashton, lengthsman, on Friday 27 May to discuss further work which needs to be done. SJ, AJ and clerk to attend and agree programme of tasks to be undertaken.

Group of volunteers for small village improvement tasks; meeting to be arranged on Wednesday 25 May at 7.30 pm, clerk to contact those who put their names forward.

Tennis Club; no response had been received from the Club regarding proposals for a new lease. It was decided to arrange a meeting with Club committee members and the suggested date was Monday 13 June; clerk to contact the secretary, Mr Atkins and then confirm date with councillors.

Bowling Club; Agreement expires in June -decision taken to defer discussion on new lease or agreement until leases for other clubs have been decided.

Dog waste bins on Sea View Drive; Mr Fish's complaint -see Open Forum above

Suggested new village amenity at the Knoll/Sea View Drive; Mr and Mrs Hardman and neighbours had contacted Mr Fish about erecting a new fence and he was agreeable to this provided that certain conditions were met. Mr and Mrs Hardman had written to the Council wondering if it would be prepared to replace the fence. However it was decided that the Council could not fund the replacement of the fence because it is on private land in private ownership. There is the danger of setting a precedent if the Council was to agree to this. -also see above -Open Forum

581 **Football**

A letter concerning the lease had been sent to Mr S Wright, Football Club committee member, but to date no response had been received.

582 **Foreshore**

Land for Dr Pearson's garage; to date a reply had still not been received from Lancashire County Council-clerk to chase this up.

Land for J Graham's tractors; SJ had produced detailed measurements of the area. Bannister Bates, solicitors, to be asked to draw up a straightforward agreement backdated to 1 October 2004 -terms as previously agreed (minute ref. 456 and 549)

583 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

05/00443/LB listed building application for the installation of new window opening to the rear for Barrie and Heather Wells, Slyne Hall, Lancaster Road no comments

05/00531/FUL erection of a first floor extension above garage to form a bedroom with en-suite accommodation and external balcony for Mr & Mrs K J Galley, 3 Orchard Close no comments

05/00601/FUL erection of an external lift shaft to west elevation for Scope, Beaumont College, Lancaster Road no comments

dealt with by sub-committee

0500487/FUL erection of a garage/utility area to side and rear 1st floor bedroom extension for Mrs C Gill, Prospect, Lancaster Road no comments

05/00505/FUL erection of a rear single-storey extension and carport with garden landscaping for Mr and Mrs R Jump, 6 Lonsdale Road
no objections to building extension; some concern about the potential loss of trees and suggest a replanting programme as a condition of approval.

Permission granted
05/00249/FUL Mr Howard K Rae, The Willows, Bottomdale Road
05/00143/FUL Mrs J King, 14 Highfield Drive
05/00272/FUL Mr and Mrs Mather, 3 Ashworth Drive
Notice of Appeal to Secretary of State
04/01526/FUL Mr and Mrs R Atkins, 43 Sea View Drive

584 **Burial Ground**

Consideration of suggestions for work to be done and quotation received from the architect, Mr C Rushton. Overall approval was given to the suggestions made by the late M Jackson for improvements to the entrance and vehicular access and upgrading the paths. However further thought needed to be given as to whether the building was demolished and replaced by a smaller building –a decision on this was deferred. It was decided to obtain a quotation from a second architect –clerk to arrange this.

Removal of kerbs and levelling of graves; consideration of quotation and advice given by Mr Cocker of City Contract Services – it was resolved to accept the quotation of £2580 + VAT for the removal and burial of the kerbs of 78 single graves and 4 double graves, proposed by PM, seconded by AJ. It was agreed to take Mr Cocker's advice and to have this work carried out before the memorials are tested for stability. The work is to be done after the 30 June 2005.

585 **Highways**

Traffic and parking on Hest Bank Lane- see Open Forum above

Heysham /M6 Link –see Open Forum above. It was decided to write to Geraldine Smith MP to request her to press the Government for a full Public Inquiry into the proposals.

Lancashire County Council- Parish and Town Council Bus Shelter Grants-the County Council is offering a partnership scheme in which it would fund (up to £5000) the installation of a standard bus shelter and the Parish Council, it is anticipated, would agree to fund the maintenance of the shelter. There is a limited number of grants available this financial year but it is anticipated that the grant will continue in subsequent years. It was decided to register an interest in the scheme.

586 **Correspondence**

Heysham News; Community Futures, Community Focus; Lancaster District Sustainable Transport Forum, minutes of meeting held on 15 March; Lancashire Constabulary, Northern Division News; English Nature, Sitelines; Clerks and Councils Direct; CPRE News; LAPTIC, Lancashire Area Committee, minutes of meeting; Cumbria County Council, Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Project- consultation; Society of Local Council Clerks, notice of first meeting of Lancashire branch; all above circulated.
Lancashire Police Authority, notice of community meeting on 20 May –AJ will attend.

587 **New Councillors**

Following the death of M Jackson there is one vacancy which will be put forward for election. There is still one vacancy which is to be filled by co-option –some interest has been shown in this.

588 **Matters arising from Annual Parish Assembly**

M6/Heysham Link -see above

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

None

590 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 20 June 2005 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

