

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
Held on MONDAY 15 MAY 2006 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), Mr Stewart Scothern (SS), Mr Julian Newbold (JN)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum PC D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas

757 **Apologies** City Cllr S Rogerson

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC D Lowe gave the police report. In the previous month, three crimes had been recorded, theft of a trailer, a burglary and damage to a vehicle, considerably fewer than in the same period of the previous year. There had been ten instances of anti-social behaviour reported, more than in the comparative period in 2005. PC Lowe confirmed that the problem of damage to the canal bridges had been reported but he had not received any information. The Parish Council had received a reply from British Waterways and they too are concerned about damage to the structures and are carrying out repairs within funding limits

A proposed scheme by Lancashire County Council to improve traffic safety on Coastal Road is now set to go ahead. A problem of visibility at the Hest Bank Lane/A6 junction caused by an overgrown hedge was reported to PC Lowe to pass on to the Traffic Division.

SS reported a number of issues that had been brought to his attention at the community coffee morning: parking on the pavement and provision of double yellow lines in the vicinity of the Hest Bank Hotel –PC Lowe explained that if cars caused a serious obstruction by being on the pavement action would be taken, however cars parked in this area had a traffic calming effect by slowing down traffic, the provision of lines would need to be approved by County Highways, they have already put H markings to control parking outside properties; traffic speed and traffic calming on Manor Lane and Shady Lane -this is an on-going problem throughout the village but measures such as speed humps are not favoured-some information had been received about control of speeding vehicles in rural areas; use of quad bikes on the foreshore- previously reported to PC Lowe; condition of surface on Raikes Head (Old Bobs) Lane; positioning of dog waste bin on Sea View Drive-this is still in dispute and advice is still awaited from Lancaster City Council Environmental Health Department.

Cllr M Thomas reported that he had attended a meeting concerning the provision of library services following the closure of the libraries at Hest Bank, Warton and Caton. AJ and DB had also attended the meeting. The loss of information services and resources provided by the library had been brought to the attention of the meeting and Mr Steve Eccles, County Librarian, had promised information about available services, some of which could be accessed through the mobile library that is now visiting the village on alternate Mondays. It did not seem viable to set up a voluntary library and it was reported that it is the Memorial Hall Committee's intention to let the room formerly used by for library.

758 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record; proposal made by JN, seconded by AJ

759 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Library closure- see above

Canal bridges –see above, the clerk had also spoken on the telephone to Mr Clive Holt, County Highways, and the use of inappropriate roads by large vehicles seems to be a County-wide problem, possibly linked to the increase in the use of satellite navigation systems and County is trying to resolve the problem.

The possibility of improved signage will be looked at but depends on funds being available.

The village has a new Tree Warden, Claire Dixon

760 **Appointment of Officers and Committee Members**

It was resolved to appoint the Officers for 2006/07 as follows;

Chairman - Peter Millard -proposed by JN, seconded by SS

Deputy Chairman - Stephen Jones -proposed by AJ, seconded by JC-K

Internal Auditor – Andrea Johnson -proposed by PM, seconded by SJ

Responsible Finance Officer – the clerk -proposed by PM, seconded by JC-K

Representatives on Memorial Hall Executive Committee - Stephen Jones and June Cohen-Kingsley – proposed by PM, seconded by AJ.

Planning sub-committee - Stephen Jones, Julian Newbold, June Cohen-Kingsley, Stewart Scothern – proposed by AJ, seconded by PM

761 **Declaration of interests**

None to declare -members were reminded that under the Members Code of Conduct they must declare any relevant interests at meetings.

762 **Financial Matters**

A report of the receipts and payments for the previous month was presented by the clerk (RFO).

Current Account (as statement) -£8898.36, Savings Account -£31757.45; the precept of £27,350 had been received and paid into this account.

Tax returns had been filed on-line with a saving of £250.

A summary of the receipts and payments for 2005/06 was given to members –to be approved for audit at next meeting.

Renewal of insurance policy –it was resolved to retain the same insurance cover as in the previous year and to pay the annual premium of £1,127.67 –proposal made by PM, seconded by SJ -any possible need for changes will be noted throughout the year.

763 **Payment of Accounts**

Transfer of £3000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account proposed by AJ, seconded by JC-K and resolution carried

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed. Proposed by SJ, seconded by JC-K

Chq. No.

100851	Viking Direct	81.32	stationery & office supplies
100852	BT	124.80	telephone bill
100853	Playdale Playgrounds	1669.68	interim payment, new play equipment
100854	Mrs D Brookes	622.76	clerk's salary and expenses
100855	Petty cash	12.11	sundry items
100856	Bay view Garden Centre	615.00	bedding plants
100857	Allianz Cornhill	1127.67	insurance premium

764 **Open Spaces**

Risk Assessment Reports -not all completed-deferred

Best Kept Village and North West in Bloom competitions- judging for BKV starts at beginning of June-agreed to continue weekly tidying up etc. –further attempts to be made to recruit more help.

Topping up of bark beneath tower slide; JN had obtained a price for the bark but it was decided that there was little merit in going ahead with this because labour would have to be arranged by the Council and there would be minimal saving and therefore it was decided to accept the quotation of £255 + VAT supplied by City Contract Services

Lease for Football Club; rent and inclusion of additional land (ref 750); the use of the land by the present lessee, Mr G Riley, had been discussed with him and he had pointed out the possible problem of access to the land which he rents if new football pitches were to be constructed to the north and west of the Club's present site; AJ is to look at the possibility of opening up access to the land through the Burial Ground because at some stage this will become necessary when the Burial Ground is extended. This could be incorporated into the intended reconstruction work at the entrance. Mr Riley has indicated that he would consider giving up part of the land that he rents, subject to the adjustment of the rent or compensation.

Lease for Bowling Club and Tennis Club- drafts that were requested had still not been received from Bannister Bates Solicitors –this is to be followed up.

765 **Foreshore**

Land on which Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage stands- Mrs Bradley, the clerk of Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council, had been contacted and had promised to look for any information in their records regarding the status of the land -further discussion deferred.

766 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

06/00545/FUL erection of a two-storey side extension to form additional living accommodation and garage with bedroom and ensuite over for Mr & Mrs O Whiley, 5 Prospect Drive
some concern about over-development of the site due to large size of extension

06/00559/FUL & erection of a rear conservatory
06/00560/LB for P Walker and D Hurst, 136 Main Road no comments

06/00588/FUL erection of rear conservatory and front and rear dormers
for Mr & Mrs Wilding, 43 Manor Road no comments

Applications granted

06/00197/FUL Mr P Edmondson, The Coach House, Beaumont Grange
06/00259/FUL Duncan Ibbotson, Thornbank, Coastal Rise
06/00223/FUL Mr C Gill, Prospect, Lancaster Road
06/00365/FUL Mr & Mrs J Collins, 14 Hest Bank Lane
06/00230/FUL Mr & Mrs Jackson. 49 Marine Drive
06/00428/FUL Mr & Mrs Melici, 7 Beech Grove

767 **Highways**

Lancashire County Council-Bikewise Scheme, provision of cycle stands; 50% grants are being offered to provide cycle stands and encourage the use of cycles; stands cost approx. £100 each; the foreshore and the Memorial Hall were suggested as two possible sites; it was decided to make an application.

Resurfacing of Peacock Lane; notice had been received that Peacock Lane is to be temporarily closed for resurfacing work.

768 **Burial Ground** no report

768 **Correspondence**

Clerks and Councils Direct; LAPTC, Lancashire Area Committee, minutes of meeting; Lancashire County Council, Bus Service Contracts, Failing Guidelines-report-this area not affected; North West Regional Assembly, NW Regional Plan Consultation Events for Local Strategy Partnerships and Parish Councils; CPRE and Lancashire County Council, Lancashire Landscape Appreciation Day, information; Office of Deputy Prime Minister, Local Authority Bye-laws in England, a discussion paper; -all above circulated

769 **Election of new councillor**

Lancaster City Council has put the election procedure in place and the vacancy has been advertised.

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

JN - photographs of councillors would help residents to identify members- agreed to publish these.

SJ- verges on Marine Drive have not been cut also weeds growing round seat and bus stop near VVW entrance need attention.

Clerk to write to the May Fair Committee to thank them for organising a successful event.

771 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 19 June 2006 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

