

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 18 MAY 2009 in the MEMORIAL HALL
Annual Meeting of the Council

Councillors present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Peter Millard (PM)
 Mrs Beverley Melici (BM)

1275 Election of Chairman

Cllr S Jones was elected as chairman for the next twelve months and declared his acceptance of office.

1276 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr J Newbold -absent due to shift working commitments. Reason for absence approved.
 Cllr S Scothern

1277 To record Declarations of Interest

Members of the Council were reminded of the importance of declaring any interests, personal or prejudicial, in any items on the agenda.

No interests declared at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum -Standing Orders were suspended.

Open Forum

PC D Lowe, County Councillor AP Jones and five members of the public were present. City Cllrs M Thomas and S Rogerson sent their apologies

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting**; 6 crimes had been reported in the previous month (compared to one in the same period in 2008) and these included burglaries, attempted burglary, criminal damage and possession of drugs; 2 instances of anti-social behaviour were reported (5 reported in 2008).
 The purchase of a Speed Indicator Display Sign (SpID) for the Carnforth area is being investigated by the Police. Pc Lowe explained how & where the signs could be used and enquired whether the Council would be willing to contribute towards funding the sign. Other parishes in the area are also being asked and LANPAC will provide match funding. A letter with full details is being prepared to send to the parishes.
- **Flooding and drainage**; the ongoing attempts to try to resolve the drainage problems at the southern end of Hest Bank Lane by liaison with various authorities and the possibility of incorporating a new drainage system in construction works for the planned M6/Heysham link road were discussed. A meeting of representatives from the Environment Agency, County and City Councils along with councillors and residents was suggested.

The visitors left the meeting. Standing Orders were reinstated

1278 Appointment of Deputy Chairman, Internal Auditor and Representatives on Memorial Hall Committee

Resolution; to make the appointments for the next twelve months as follows:
 Deputy Chairman - Cllr Millard,
 Internal Auditor -Cllr Scothern,
 Representatives on Memorial Hall Committee -Cllr Cohen-Kingsley and Cllr Newbold

1275 To accept the minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 April 2009 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1280 Progress reports given by the clerk for information only

The following were noted

- 'Special Expenses' meeting (convened by LALC and Carnforth Town Council) attended by the clerk -following discussions it was resolved to send a letter to Lancaster City Council deploring their handling of special expenses, demanding further explanation and asking for greater consultation with the parishes in the future.
- Lancaster City Council has dropped its budget plans to close rural toilets which included those on the foreshore.

1281 Administration

Village newsletter- June issue

Resolution(i): to approve the draft produced by the clerk, PM to proof read it.

Resolution(ii): to accept the quotation supplied by PrintingPlus (formerly Prontaprint) and to have 300 copies printed.

1282 Financial Matters

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

Current Account £6,574.71 Savings Account £43,381.59

Audit 2009 Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2009

Resolution (i) to approve the Statement of accounts completed by the Responsible Financial Officer

Resolution (ii) to approve the Annual governance statement.

Renewal of the Council's insurance -three quotations had been obtained

Resolution(i) to cancel the insurance cover with Allianz

Resolution(ii) to accept the quotation supplied by Came and Company to take out insurance with Norwich Union, to accept the offer of the three year contract, as this represents substantial saving, and to give the RFO the authority to act on behalf of the Council to implement the decisions.

1283 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to transfer £3000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

DD	Lancaster City Council	17.00	2 nd instalment- burial ground rates
Chq	101163 M Jackson	1035.00	supply of soil for foreshore improvements
	101164 P Walton Tree Services	57.00	supply and plant sweet chestnut tree
	101165 Lancaster City Council	179.40	refuse collection at burial ground
	101166 Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundskeeper's pay
	101167 Mrs D Brookes	773.27	clerk's salary & expenses
	101168 Petty cash	35.19	sundry items
	101169 SHMH	2000.00	grant (minute ref. 1218)
	101170 Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	800.00	grant (minute ref. 1218)

1284 Planning Applications

Consideration of applications received

Application No.

09/00321/FUL 74 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ

09/00214/FUL 11 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

no matters raised -resolved not to make any comments on these applications

Notification of permission granted

09/00177/FUL 2 Raikes Hill Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6DA

09/00053/FUL Branholme, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

09/00172/FUL Elkstone, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AS

09/00175/FUL 32 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

1285 Open Spaces

Task force to tidy up village in preparation for judging in Lancashire Best Kept Village and North West in Bloom competitions -confirmed that this is being set up, advertising for volunteers -meet Wednesdays at 7.00pm from 3rd June.

1286 Burial Ground

Inspection and upkeep of memorials -having considered a Ministry of Justice Report -Managing the Safety of Burial Ground Memorials- and various articles dealing with over zealous testing of memorials-
Resolution: to carry out visual inspections of the graves and memorials every two years in the months of June and July and to deal with any urgent matters relating to safety of individual memorials as and when deemed necessary.

Following recent inspections no urgent matters were brought to attention.

Planning application for improvements to the burial ground entrance- application now validated and being considered by Lancaster City Council. A refund of £65 of the application fee is due. No further action required at this time.

1287 Foreshore

Consideration of the delay in producing art work for the plaque -firstly on the part of Pryorsigns because of unforeseen circumstances and secondly in obtaining a suitable panorama to be included on the plaque and a decision on the layout for the pictures and information about the quay.

Decided to stick with Pryorsigns for the production of the plaque, layout preferences confirmed and further efforts to be made to obtain a suitable panorama.

1288 Highways

Consideration of providing funding for a Speed Indicator Display Sign (SpID) -see Open Forum
Resolution: to give favourable consideration to a contribution towards a sign dependant on full information, including costs and percentage contribution expected, being provided.

1289 Correspondence

Consideration of a response to the public consultation on the re-opening of a Post Office at Hest Bank for three mornings per week at the dental surgery.

Resolution -to reply to the consultation and to welcome a reinstatement of services as this will provide a much needed facility which was lost when the previous Post Office closed down.

Also noted Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)-Lancaster City Council's Publication of Conclusion of Site Assessments.

1290 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

-for information only- decisions cannot be taken

Enquiry about use of Memorial Hall field for a car boot sale.

1291 Date of next meeting

Confirmed that next meeting will be on Monday 15 June 2009 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.40pm.