

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 16 MAY 2016 in the MEMORIAL HALL
Annual Meeting of the Council

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mrs Joanne Leeman, Mr Roland Stretch, Mr Stephen Jones, Mr E Hamer, Mrs Helen Brownjohn,

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2304 To receive apologies for absence none

2305 Election of the Chairman

Cllr Stewart Scothern was elected unopposed as Chairman for the next twelve months

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr A P Jones

Apologies for absence were received from City Cllr M Thomas and City Cllr S Rogerson

- Cllr Jones explained the concerns of the residents of Hest Bank Lane because there has been a delay in responding to their comprehensive report on the flooding issues. Cllr Jones has been in contact with the Chief Executive of Lancashire County Council, County Council members and Officers in an attempt to find out what is being done to move the progression of remedial work forward and to find out how funding is being allocated.
- The problem of potholes on many roads and how they are being dealt with was raised and Cllr Jones offered to find out what is being done.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

2306 Election of Deputy Chairman, Internal Reviewer of Accounts, Representatives on Memorial Hall Committee, Representative to attend LALC meetings

The following elections were made:

Deputy Chairman	Cllr R Stretch
Internal Reviewer of Accounts	Cllr S Scothern
Representatives on the Memorial Hall Committee	Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley, Cllr S Jones
Representatives to attend LALC meetings	none

2307 Appointment of the Responsible Financial Officer

Resolution: to re-appoint the clerk, Mrs D Brookes, as the Responsible Financial Officer.

2308 To record Declarations of Interest

Cllr Scothern as a member of the Bowling Club -discussion of an application by the Club for a grant

2309 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 April 2016 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2310 Progress Reports (*for information only*)

- Canal bridges; contact has been made with the Canal & River Trust and a report on the bridges is awaited. They are looking into removing the sunken boat.
- Footpath at the church triangle; Lancashire County Council Highways has been contacted and a response following an inspection is awaited.
- Work on the foreshore; Mr Cowperthwaite has begun the work to improve the surfaces and to investigate the drainage.

- Throstle Grove path; concerns about its use by horse riders have been passed on to Lancashire County Council, Public Rights of Way
- Play equipment inspection; for safety, the lengthsman has removed the seat of the zip wire because the surface beneath is in very poor condition
- Representatives from Virgin Media gave a presentation at the Annual Parish Assembly at which they explained the company's intentions to expand their ultrafast fibre optic broadband network in the area. A consultation is taking place and Virgin plans to work with Lancaster City Council and parish councils to explain what will happen during the expansion of the network and to keep residents informed of possible disruptions, which it hopes to keep to a minimum. Assurances were given that any roads and pavements that are dug up to install the underground fibre optic cables will be fully reinstated.
- Tree at Peacock Lane covered by TPO; -following investigation of the damage to the tree, Lancaster City Council may consider legal proceedings.

2311 Administration

Annual review and adoption of Standing Orders: there are no amendments

Resolution: to re-adopt the Standing Orders of the Council.

Neighbourhood Plan; the Steering Committee is moving forward with the launch of the plan and public consultation focussing on issues that need to be prioritised. It is intended during the summer to reach a wide spectrum of people through presence at various venues and events.

Formulation of a community emergency plan; it was decided that the first step is to investigate which other organisations, for example, the churches, would be willing to be involved and to invite them to a meeting to discuss the information and a template for a plan that has been provided by Lancaster City Council and the way forward in setting out a plan.

Slyne with Hest Football Club; points raised at the last meeting about changes they were considering; as no contact has been made by the Club the matter was left in abeyance

2312 Financial matters

Resolution: to approve the monthly receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.

Current Account £2217.59 Savings Account £85,649.03.

Audit 2016 - Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2016

Resolution: to complete and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

Further consideration of funding towards the replacement of the Bowling Club pavilion roof

Cllr Scothern, having declared an interest as a member of the Bowling Club, left the room and did not take any part in the discussions.

Following the rejection of their application for £6,030 at the last meeting the Bowling Club made a new request for 50% of the total cost i.e. £3,030. A proposal to make a loan to the Club was rejected. There was much discussion about the size of the request and the level of contingency that had been written into the Council's 2016/17 budget to support all village organisations.

Resolution; to inform the Club that the Council is willing to consider making a small grant towards supporting the project once it has evidence of the Club's own fund raising efforts and applications to other sources for support.

2313 Open Spaces

Recreation field issues; The Surveyors report has still not been received

Consideration of a quotation for necessary work on the play area as highlighted in a recent inspection; a quotation has been received from Lancaster City Council totalling £1412 +VAT. This includes replacement of the basket swing seat which is said to be beyond repair (£1071 +VAT). A second quotation has been received through the lengthsman from G.B. Sport & Leisure UK Ltd totalling £697.00 + VAT. This is for the equipment. It was agreed to accept the quotation from G.B. sport & Leisure and to ask the lengthsman to carry out the work.

Consideration of a request from 1st Slyne with Hest Guides to use a small area of the Memorial Hall field to create a small green space. The space would be cared for by the Guide Unit. It was agreed to allocate a small area at the edge of the field to the rear of the Scout & Guide HQ for the creation of this green space. The Clerk will liaise with the Guide Leaders.

2314 Foreshore

Consideration of a request for a memorial seat on the foreshore; a resident of the parish has made an application to place a bench on the foreshore in memory of his late parents who were also local residents. Details of the bench manufactured by Glasdon, weather and vandal resistant, have been supplied.

Resolution: to approve the fixing of a bench and to make an inspection to approve a site.

2315 Planning Applications

Applications received

16/00454/FUL Williamsland Farm, Hasty Brow Road Slyne, LA2 6AE

This is a re-application of a previous application that was withdrawn and other than small modifications is similar to that application. The Council reiterates its comments. The development is in the North Lancashire Green Belt and it is seen as an inappropriate development and conflicting with both Green Belt and Local District policies. It is not seen as being exceptional circumstances for development and is not designed to meet rural housing needs or for those in agricultural employment. It is feared it could set a precedent for future development in this area and in the Green Belt. The development of four dwellings with ancillary buildings and services on this site is thought to be too intensive and would impact on the surroundings. There is also concern about increased vehicle movements and linked safety issues because there are no public transport routes in close proximity and occupants of the properties would be reliant on private vehicles. Hasty Brow Road is a narrow road which is hazardous because of the speed of traffic, the lack of pavements or pedestrian refuges and lack of street lighting.

16/00472/FUL 14 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

Some issues raised about the proposed size of the extension and the impact on surrounding properties

16/0052/TPO St Luke's School, Shady Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JL

This seems to be the demise of a number of trees but the decision is left to the Tree Officer.

Applications permitted

15/01623/FUL 38 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BT

16/00317/FUL 7 Slyne Hall Heights, Slyne, LA2 6EH

16/00371/FUL 2 Rushley Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EF

2316 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £3,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Eon	8.98	electricity bill
Cheque	101898	Lancaster City Council	140.35	hire & of waste bin at burial ground
	101899	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	1386.00	grass cutting - April
	101900	Mrs D Brookes	839.87	clerk's salary & expenses
	101901	Petty cash	11.64	postage
	101902	Mr M Ashton	78.00	open spaces maintenance

2317 Matters raised by members for future consideration

- Extension at 23 Hatlex Lane -queried whether it has been approved.
- Maintenance of the grassed area on the canal towpath near to the Crescent -appreciation expressed for the work being done by an unknown person.

2318 Date of next meeting Monday 20 June 2016 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 pm