

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2006 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard(PM) –Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones(SJ), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS)  
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Julian Newbold(JN)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

Also present Mr Carl Willett,  
and for Open Forum City Cllr Malcolm Thomas, Mr A Holden, Mrs L Gormally

839 **Apologies** Cllr A Johnson, PC D Lowe, ECSO D Gwilliam

Standing orders were suspended

**Open Forum**

In the absence of Police Officers there was no PACT meeting.

Rushley Drive, canal towpath link; Cllr M Thomas had made further enquiries to the Lancaster City Council officers with mixed success and Mr Holden and Mrs Gormally restated their concerns. There is particular concern about the safety issues relating to the proposed central refuge on Marine Drive near to the Rushley Drive junction. It was questioned whether British Waterways had a right of access to the canal at the end of Rushley Drive. It was noted that British Waterways have already started some work on the picnic site. There is concern that the development of this area could have an impact on its ecology. Cllr Thomas is to continue to pursue further information. It was deplored that there had been a lack of consultation by the City Council, the Cycling Demonstration Town Steering Group and British Waterways.

C Willett; lights on footbridge near to level crossing; it was suggested that he contacted Spacia, the Network Rail property division.

J Newbold; concern about the seeming lack of progress over the safety issues of linked with indiscriminate parking on Hest Bank Lane near to the garage and outside the Hest Bank Hotel –clerk to write again to Mr Robson of Lancashire County Council about this. Also problem of reduced visibility when turning from Hest Bank Lane on to the A6 because of the overgrowing hedge at Pointer Parrock -clerk to write to occupier to request that it is cut back to improve safety.

The visitors except Mr Willett left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated

840 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record; proposal made by JC-K and seconded by SS.

841 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Parking on Marine Drive near to the take-away shop- the clerk had been given to understand that the white lines indicating no parking are to be reinstated.

842 **Financial matters**

A receipts and payments report fro the previous month was presented by the clerk.  
Current Account £1781.78 Savings Account £23,257.45

Purchase of wreaths and donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (S137/118); it was resolved to make a donation £50, proposal made by SJ, seconded by JC-K. Expenses of £10 were paid to the bugler at the Service. Mrs Berry and Mr and Mrs Nelson generously provided refreshments after the service.

Visit of RNLI Officer to carry out a risk assessment of the foreshore; it was resolved to make a donation of £150 to the RNLI and to pay 50% of the inspector's reasonable expenses, proposal made by PM and seconded by JC-K. (Bolton-le-Sands PC has agreed to match this).

Christmas Trees; it was resolved to erect Christmas trees again this year outside the Memorial Hall; proposal made by SJ, seconded by SS. M Ashton to be asked to arrange this. Approximate cost will be £50.

CPRE membership; it was decided not to renew this.

Lancashire County Council Lengthsman Scheme; information had been received that the County Council has reduced the overall budget for the lengthsman schemes by 40% for 2007, therefore the total contribution received by the four parishes will be £1,083. The Council is in favour of retaining M Ashton as the lengthsman and the cuts will need to be taken into account when the 2007/08 budget is discussed.

#### 843 **Payment of accounts**

It was resolved to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account, proposal made by PM and seconded by SS.

It was resolved to pay the accounts as listed; proposal made by JC-K and seconded by JN.

Cheque No.

|        |                        |        |                                      |
|--------|------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| 100895 | Bay View Garden Centre | 118.87 | bulbs, compost etc. for planters     |
| 100896 | Lancaster City Council | 29.38  | monthly play equipment inspection    |
| 100897 | Mayoh Press            | 490.00 | printing of Village Design Statement |
| 100898 | Mrs D Brookes          | 685.76 | clerk's salary and expenses          |
| 100899 | R B L Poppy Appeal     | 50.00  | donation for poppy wreaths (\$137)   |
| 100900 | Petty cash             | 13.95  | sundry items                         |
| DD     | BT                     | 117.53 | telephone bill                       |

#### 844 **Open spaces**

Plaque for stocks and pound; slight amendments to the wording and layout had been made incurring an extra cost of £10; it was agreed that these and the cost should be accepted. The colours decided upon for the plaque are black and white.

Recreation field -ongoing improvements, for example, to paths and repair of seats; M Ashton is to be asked to look at doing this work during the winter months. JN offered to give assistance. The lottery bid for funds to improve the facilities is to be completed by PM and DB.

Risk assessment reports and issues arising from them; not all have been completed yet, therefore discussion was deferred.

Electricity meters in Tennis Club storeroom; the Tennis Club had raised the question of who was responsible for the two additional sub-meters and for the payment of the electricity being used. These meters record electricity being used by the lights along the recreation field path and the floodlight on the hard play area, therefore the Council accepted responsibility and the Tennis Club is to be asked to provide invoices detailing the charges.

Lease for Football Club; the draft lease along with two amendments suggested by Wright and Lord Solicitors, representing Slyne with Hest Football Club, had been looked at by members of the Council and it was agreed to accept the amendments. This to be conveyed to Bannister Bates Solicitors with the go-ahead to finalise the lease.

Tennis Club lease; comments from the Club are still awaited.

Bowling Club lease; still not received from Bannister Bates.

#### 845 **Foreshore**

Risk assessment by RNLI inspector; a meeting has been arranged with Mr John Powell on 22 November – A Johnson, C Willett and clerk to attend along with representatives from Bolton-le-Sands PC.

Encroachment on to Council land near to the 'Mallards'; this has been checked by SJ and as far as can be ascertained there is no encroachment.

Descriptive plaque (toposcope) for plinth on foreshore; this is still being pursued, SJ, JC-K, clerk and C Willett to meet on foreshore on 1 December to discuss requirements.

846 **Planning applications**

Application No.

06/01253/FUL

erection of a conservatory to the rear  
for Mr & Mrs Martin, 42 Marine Drive

no comments

06/01336/FUL

demolition of toilet block and erection of new holiday chalet with associated  
landscaping and amenity area  
for T & K Hanley, Slyne Caravan Park, Bottomdale Road  
strong opposition to this proposal

It would seem to be another incursion into the Green Belt and could be seen as an attempt to circumvent the regulations. This is no longer a holiday caravan site but is moving towards a 'park home' development, all the units now have mains supply water and electricity. It has been described as 'a housing estate in the middle of the Green Belt'. If this were an application for a bricks and mortar dwelling it would not be accepted. Also reference to refusal of 2002 application for a warden's caravan which at the time was said to be contrary to the provisions of the Lancashire Structure Plan, the North Lancashire Green Belt Local Plan and the Lancaster District Local Plan. The Council would strongly object to any attempt to change this site to year-round residential occupation from a holiday caravan site.

Applications granted

06/00818/FUL

Mr & Mrs Owen, 14 Kirklands

Application refused

06/01099/FUL

Mr & Mrs D Casson, Geiranger, Beaumont Gate Farm, Lancaster Road

Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate –appeal dismissed

05/01579/FUL

Mrs B Sanderson, 6 Rushley Drive

TPO No. 155, permission granted to fell one sycamore tree at 42 Peacock Lane.

TPO No. 392 (2006) rear garden of 12 Peacock Lane- order confirmed as an unopposed order without modification.

Consideration of listing of buildings of historical or architectural importance; the Local History Group had provide some information about the merits of some buildings in the parish; it was thought that the better option was probably to consider a conservation area rather than to list properties individually; the clerk is to contact Mr S Gardner, the Lancaster City Council Conservation Officer for more advice.

847 **Memorial Hall**

The Memorial Hall Management Committee has been discussing ways of improving the facilities at the hall and has consulted Harrison Pitt Architects who have produced draft plans for three possible schemes for extensions to the hall. The Council was given a preview of the plans. It is the intention of the Management Committee to arrange to make the schemes available for public consideration at the Community Coffee morning on Saturday 3 February 2007.

The Scout and Guide Management Committee have recently carried out work at the Scout Hut to provide disabled access, however the tarmaced area in front of the hut does not come up to the required standards and, as this is on Council land, the Scout & Guide Committee made a request for help with funding to resurface the area. The Council agreed to look at sharing the cost and asked for an estimate of the cost of the work so that it can be incorporated into its budget for the next financial year. Clerk to speak to Scout & Guide Committee.

848 **Highways**

Rushley Drive -see above  
Parking and traffic issues -see above

849 **Burial Ground**

Improvements to entrance; still waiting for quotation from Tony Cowperthwaite. Blackburn Diocese has been contacted; ground to the west of the entrance is consecrated and if it is necessary to encroach on to it a Petition of Faculty will be required -cost of application is £186.05- decided to leave it until plans for work are finalised.

Memorial Safety Policy; using drafts from recommended sources the clerk has drawn up a policy; this has been scrutinised by the Council. It was resolved to adopt this Policy, proposal made by PM and seconded by SJ; clerk to make arrangements for the inspection of headstones, work to be shared by councillors.

Thanks are to be sent to Mr Paul Capper for helping the lengthsman with work on the burial ground building.

850 **Correspondence**

CPRE, Countryside Voice; Community Futures newsletter; Clerks and Councils Direct; Lancashire Environmental Fund, Annual Report; Cumbria County Council- Draft Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document; Information about Slyne Post Office closure; Countryside Alliance Campaign about Post Office closures; North West in Bloom Competition report and comments, -all above circulated.

851 **Casual Vacancy**

SJ proposed that C Willett should be invited to join the Council, seconded by PM and agreed. Formal co-option will take place at the next meeting.

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

None

853 **Date of next meeting**            Monday 18 December 2006 at 7.30pm

854 **Date of budget meeting**        Tuesday 9 January 2007 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.1

