

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2005 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors present: Mr P Millard(PM) –Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones(SJ), Mrs Andrea Johnson(AJ),  
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS), Mrs Barbara Barber(BB)

Clerk Mrs D Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: PC D Lowe, Mr J Stelfox, Mr M Ashton

### 652 Apologies City Councillor M Thomas

Standing orders were suspended

#### Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC D Lowe gave the report- seven auto crimes had been reported and were being dealt with, these included the theft of a vehicle and several vehicles being broken into. There had been two incidents of anti-social behaviour. Overall the number of reported crimes was considerably less than in the same period in 2004. Parking on Marine Drive –an article for the local press was being processed.

Parish Plan- Mr Stelfox-Chairman of the Steering Committee reported that the writing of the Plan was near completion and would soon be sent to the printers. It was the intention to print fifty copies for distribution to various agencies and for deposit at libraries etc. for reference. The Plan would be published on a website [www.swhparishplan.co.uk](http://www.swhparishplan.co.uk) and consideration was being given to producing a summary leaflet to be distributed to households. Mr Stelfox reported that the next step was the writing of a Village Design Statement which could be submitted to the Planning Department and would be useful when dealing with planning consultations. Mr Stelfox and the Committee were thanked for the work done so far.

Mr Mike Ashton, the lengthsman explained the work that would be needed to place boulders on the foreshore along the edges of the grassed areas to prevent vehicles parking on them. He estimated that 80 large boulders would be required, cost £35 per tonne + VAT giving an overall cost of around £1400. In addition there would be the cost of Mike's time and the employment of someone (Mr Cowperthwaite was suggested) with machinery to move the tipped boulders into place.

Mr Ashton had completed the work on the kissing gate between the cemetery and the parish council's field used by Mr Riley. He reported an old LandRover which had been left at the football field at Bottomdale. This has apparently been there for some time. The clerk as asked to enquire whether it belonged to the Football Club or had been dumped.

The visitors left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated

### 653 Cooption of New Member on to the Parish Council

PM made the formal proposal to invite Mrs Barbara Barber JP to become a parish councillor, seconded by SJ, and it was resolved to coopt her on to the Council. Mrs Barber signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

### 654 Declaration of interest

Members were reminded that under the terms of the Code of Conduct that they must declare any interest which they might have in agenda items.

### 655 Minutes of previous meeting

Proposal to accept these as a true record made by JC-K, seconded by PM and agreed.

### 656 Matters arising from the minutes

Mr M Fish had agreed to meet the JC-K and the clerk on Monday 7 November to discuss the issue of the dog waste bin at Sea View Drive.  
Foreshore hedge-replanting of hedge along fence adjacent to stables- Mrs Mowle, the Tree Warden, had been consulted and had suggested asking Mr Walton, tree specialist, for advice.

## 657 Financial matters

A monthly receipts and payments report was presented, along with the totals of the receipts and payments for the half year to 30 September 2005.

Current Account £2309.66                  Savings Account £36047.29

Council to Protect Rural England (CPRE), annual membership £25.00. It was decided to continue membership of CPRE and to pay the fee, proposal made by AJ, seconded by JC-K.

Alliance and Leicester Accounts- addition of SS and BB to list of signatories- application form to be requested.

## 658 Payment of accounts

Transfer of funds from Savings Account to Current Account –proposal to transfer £15,000 made by PM seconded by AJ and agreed.

It was decided to temporarily withhold payment of the Contract Services invoice for village grass cutting until the Council is satisfied that all the work has been done.

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

Chq No.			
100769	Hostway	10.52	website running costs
100770	Wybone Limited	1879.46	foreshore litter bins
100771	T Cowperthwaite	10105.00	recreation field drainage
100772	Joanne Leeman	1250.00	parish plan consultancy
100773	Lancaster & Morecambe College	250.00	printing village newsletter
100774	Viking Direct	89.83	stationery
100775	Mrs D Brookes	604.04	clerk's salary
100776	Petty cash	5.34	sundry items
100777	Lancaster City Council	364.25	bowling green maintenance
100778	Lancaster City Council	28.20	play equipment inspection
100779	Inland Revenue	480.06	NIC and Income tax payments
100780	Bannister Bates Solicitors	58.75	legal fees
100781	Mr F Clarke	108.00	various village maintenance jobs
100782	Mr M Ashton	138.88	materials for repair and maintenance
100783	CPRE	25.00	annual subscription

## 659 Open Spaces

Grass cutting- dissatisfaction with work- Mr Cocker of Contract Services had replied to the Council's complaint and admitted that that it appeared that their normally good standards had slipped during this season and apologised. He promised that all the strimming of the edges would be completed before the imminent end of the season.

To date this had not been done and payment was being withheld –see above.

Recreation field developments- the clerk had had a meeting with Mr R Bracewell, City Council Access Officer along with Mr S Edwards, Lancashire County Council Countryside Officer, and Mr M Ashton, lengthsman, to discuss the provision of disability access including a path to the play area and proposed improved woodland area and provision of inclusive play equipment. Mr Edwards and Mr Ashton to produce some proposals for the path.

SJ and the clerk had had a meeting with a representative of Playdales, play equipment providers; he promised to send further information about equipment which is available. He had suggested that there could be a problem with the route of the proposed path because it could cross a safety area around the existing equipment; this to be checked.

A provisional application had been made to the Green Partnership Awards for a grant towards development of the woodland area- endorsement was given to this. Other sources of grants to be investigated.

Bowling Club Lease- a meeting with the Bowling Club Committee had been held attended by PM, SS, AJ and the clerk at which the terms of a lease offered to the Club had been fully discussed. The Council wished to set up a formal agreement with the Club and charge a rent following the line of



05/01296/FUL	retrospective application for a car port to the side for Mr P Melici, 7A Beech Grove	no comments
05/01318/FUL	construction of rear dormer extensions for S Drake, 25 Bay View Avenue	no comments
Applications granted		
05/00773/FUL	Mr N Casson, Beaumont Cote Farm, Kellet Lane	
05/01042/FUL	Mr & Mrs Trevvett, 25 Prospect Drive	
05/01064/FUL	Mr & Mrs Porter, 2A Throstle Grove	
05/01131/FUL	Mr A Orwin, 2 Greenacre Park	
05/01080/FUL	Mr & Mrs McDonnell, 11 Manor Crescent	
TPO 91(1982)	10 Hatlex Lane –consent given to fell beech tree T2	

### 663 Burial Ground

Improvements and proposed work at entrance- a report had been received from Thomas Associates, Architects who had consulted Mr Clive Holt of Lancashire County Council regarding the proposals. Approval was given to the architect's proposals and he was asked to go ahead with the preparation of a planning application for submission on the Council's behalf.

### 664 Highways

Bus Services- following consultation the Lancaster to Kendal service which operated at 21.28 from Kendal and 23.10 return on Monday to Saturday had been withdrawn –noted.

Parking signs relating to the foreshore on Marine Drive –Mr Clive Holt of Lancashire County Council had been consulted and had explained that he would prefer the signs to be left as they indicate a place where parking is possible and this goes some way towards relieving the problem of parking on Marine Drive and in the Station Road area. He had received complaints from residents about lack of parking space and the congestion which was sometimes caused on these roads.

Hatlex Bridge- some of the coping stones had been dislodged and it was feared that they were becoming dangerous- British Waterways had already been informed by telephone that there was damage to the bridge- clerk to write to them

### 665 Correspondence

English Nature, SSSI Awards 2004 and SiteLines; Lancashire Constabulary, Police News for Lancaster Morecambe and Wyre; North West Air Ambulance -appeal for support; Connexions-information; CPRE Countryside Voice; Community Futures, Community Focus; Morecambe Bay Partnership, notice of AGM and conference; Lancaster City Council, Consultation on Coalition Cabinet, Revised Priorities; Lancaster City Council, Introduction to Local Government Framework and invitation to Parish Consultation event on 21 November; Lancashire County Council, Joint Lancashire Minerals and waste Development Framework, Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement – all above circulated.

### 666 Parish Plan

See above

It was resolved to give the to go ahead to the printing of 50 copies of the plan, proposed by SJ, seconded by PM.

### 667 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

SJ –land by bus shelter on south side of Coastal Road work on overhanging trees and bushes  
- provision of bollards on pavements near Hest Bank Hotel to stop parking

JC-K had received a complaint that the gate to the field near 50 Coastal Road was not always properly fastened and there was the danger of sheep getting on to the road - this to be looked into

### 668 Date of next meeting Monday 21 November 2005 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

