

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 16 OCTOBER 2006 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Peter Millard(PM) – Chairman, Mrs Andrea Johnson(AJ), Mr Stewart Scothern(SS)
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

Also present for Open Forum Pc D Lowe, City Cllr Malcolm Thomas, Mr John Stelfox, Mr Bryan Cookson
20 residents of the Rushley Drive area

826 **Apologies** Cllr J Newbold, Cllr S Jones

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Mr A Holden, a spokesman for the Rushley Drive residents, explained their concerns about the proposed cycle link between the canal towpath and Morecambe promenade which would pass along Rushley Drive; these include safety at the Marine Road junction because of poor sight lines and speeding traffic, increased use of Rushley Drive for parking of vehicles and the ensuing congestion, possible environmental issues linked with the increased usage of the land by the side of the canal towpath and possible increase in crime in the area. The Lancaster City Council Steering Group appeared to have taken some decisions without consultation with the residents or the Parish Council.

Pc Lowe offered to approach the Road Traffic Safety Team on the road safety issue and the Crime Prevention Team on the perceived crime increase. It was thought that the issuing of residents parking permits as had been suggested might not solve the problem

The Chairman explained that while the Parish Council is sympathetic towards the concerns of the residents it is also aware that the greater use of cycles is being promoted and supports this and has suggested an alternative route for the cycle link. He advised the residents to write both individually and as a group to the City Council with their objections.

City Cllr M Thomas offered to try to find out the names of the members of the Steering Group and what processes of planning, risk assessment and cost evaluation have been entered into.

Mr J Stelfox presented the Village Design Statement which has now been completed and printed. It is hoped that this will be adopted by Lancaster City Council alongside the Parish Plan. Copies are to be sent to relevant authorities. Mr Stelfox was thanked for all his work on the Parish Plan and Village Design Statement. Thought is to be given to organising a meeting/celebration for all who have worked on these important documents.

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC D Lowe gave the report. During the previous month two crimes had been reported, theft of a bicycle and an attempted break in at a property and there had been three incidents of anti-social behaviour reported.

As far as PC Lowe is aware the double white lines on Marine Drive, near to Station Road, which were removed when the new road markings were put in place are not to be reinstated. There have been problems with dangerous and inconsiderate parking in this area. To date there were no further

saving potential and as the accident record on Shady Lane is very good the priority would be low but the order will be placed on a list of orders waiting to be considered.

829 **Financial report**

A receipts and payment report for the previous month was presented by the clerk; also included were half year totals of income of expenditure.

Current Account £1080.99 Savings Account £25,257.45

A BIG Lottery bid for funds for work on the recreation field is being processed with further forms to complete

Renewal of clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks; proposal to pay the fee of £93 made by AJ, seconded by SS and agreed.

830 **Payment of accounts**

It was resolved to transfer £2000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account; proposal made by PM, seconded by JC-K

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

Cheque no.

100888	Lancaster City Council	29.38	monthly play equipment inspection
100889	Lancaster & Morecambe College	252.00	Village Newsletter –printing
100890	RBS Invoice Finance (Olympia Cleaning)	22.69	bus shelter window cleaning
100891	Mrs D Brookes	688.52	clerk's salary and expenses
100892	HM Customs and Revenue	507.27	NIC and PAYE payments
100893	Petty cash	3.44	sundry items
100894	Society of Local Council Clerks	93.00	annual membership fee

831 **Open spaces**

Risk assessment; the clerk had produced a form which could be used for risk assessment reports and this was approved. It was decided that, because of the variety of locations, completion of the forms would be descriptive rather than prescriptive. The locations for assessment were allocated as follows: Burial Ground-PM, Memorial Hall field-JC-K, Recreation field-SJ, Foreshore-AJ, Gardens-church triangle and Peacock Lane-SS, Pound and stocks-JN.

Plaque to mark stocks and pound; Mr S Gardner, Chief Conservation Officer for Lancaster City Council had approved in principle the Council's suggested wording for the plaque but had suggested small amendments. A quotation of £131.56 + VAT had been received from Leander Architectural for the cost of production of a plaque 300 x 200mm. It was resolved to order a plaque; proposal made by AJ, seconded by SS.

Leases Football Club and Tennis Club: Copies of Draft Leases had been received from Bannister Bates

expected that a donation would be made towards costs- £75 was suggested and Bolton-le-Sands PC is to be contacted to see if they will be willing to match this.

Encroachment on to Council land- Cllr Jones' concern about land at the 'Mallards'- information had been obtained from the Land Registry -deferred because of Cllr Jones' absence from the meeting

Land for Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage; the clerk has written to Mrs L Bates of Bannister Bates Solicitors for further advice but as yet not received a reply -deferred.

833 **Planning applications**

Application No.

06/01209/FUL

erection of a first floor extension to side
for Mr and Mrs R Gaskell, 4 Summerfield Drive

no comments

06/01251/FUL

erection of a single storey extension to rear
for Mr & Mrs I Hall, 64 Coastal Road
not made clear that this property is divided into flats, some concern that the
proposed extension could cause some access problems and impinge on sections of
the building not occupied by applicants.

Applications granted

06/00983/FUL

Mr J Teasdale, 4 Raikes Hill Drive

Village Design Statement –see Open Forum above- the VDS was formally approved and accepted by the Council; proposed by PM, seconded by JC-K; also the printing costs were retrospectively approved.

Listing of buildings of historical and architectural importance; it had been brought to the Council's attention that some buildings, for example Uplands, are not listed and inappropriate alterations could potentially be carried out. It would seem that Mr S Gardner, Lancaster City Council Conservation Officer, would welcome the Council's support for the listing of such buildings. The Local History Group had been asked if they could supply some information and as yet this had not been received the matter was deferred to the next agenda.

834 **Highways**

Proposed access to canal towpath at Rushley Drive –see Open Forum above -developments will be closely followed.

Various traffic issues in the village- information sent to County Cllr AP Jones had been passed on to Mr J Robson of Lancashire County Council.

835 **Burial ground**

Improvements to entrance; considerable work had been carried out by Council members and the lengthsman. The next step is to build a retaining wall and to fill in an area to the east side of the entrance in preparation for the building of a car park. A meeting is to be arranged with T Cowperthwaite to look at

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

PM -filling of casual vacancy -clerk to speak to those who have shown an interest.

838 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 20 November 2006 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.