

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 15 OCTOBER 2012 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM) -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K)  
Mr Stewart Scothern(SS), Ms Moyna Hargest(MH)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1791 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr S Jones, Cllr J Leeman

1792 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: PC I Nickson, City Cllr M Thomas, County Cllr A P Jones, Mr R Greaves

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting:** PC Nickson reported a number of thefts of ornaments etc. from gardens, also theft from a shed and shoplifting. The Bowling Club pavilion and marking hut had been broken into and a number of items stolen. There had been no reports of anti-social behaviour. The problem of parked vehicles on Green Lane and on the A6 near to Beaumont College was again raised. While these vehicles are not parked illegally, the large number does cause difficulty with site lines at junctions and in some cases minor obstruction. PC Nickson will take a look at this and liaise with County Council Traffic Management. A suggestion is that a request should be put to the College to try to reduce the number of vehicles.
- County Cllr Tony Jones gave some statistics that indicate that in 3 pilot areas where 20mph zones have been in operation for some time the number of deaths and serious injuries on the roads has been greatly reduced. There is still concern that the 20mph is not being adhered to in parts of the village. A SPID sign was erected for a short period but there seems to be a lack of coordination and contact in its use.
- Mr Greaves made various comments about the historical development of the parish and what he perceives as a lack of information about the various projects that have been carried out by the parish council. He is to be supplied with some information.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

1793 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

**Resolution:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 September 2012 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1794 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- The redundant bus shelter on the A6 at the top of Manor lane has been removed and the ground reinstated
- Flooding at Hest Bank Lane -a meeting with residents and Mr McAllister (Lancaster City Council), two representatives from the Environment Agency and two Fire Officers was held on Friday 4 October. A report was given of the surveys that have been now been completed. A new drain will be installed provided that the Heysham/M6 link road goes ahead. Subsequent to the meeting Lancaster City Council has received confirmation from the Environment Agency that it has an indicative allocation of funds for the work 2013/14 and 2014/15. The Fire Officers suggested that the residents draw up their own emergency plan and they are working on this.
- The trees at the side of the Memorial Hall that have been causing the disruption of the satellite television signals at the house at the corner of Shady Lane have been inspected. It is thought that the tree should not be topped but that a few branches can be removed too alleviate the problem.
- Memorial Hall car park proposed extension by the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee - information had been received from Maxine Knagg, Lancaster City Council Tree Protection Officer, advising an inspection of the trees and the area and assessment of any impact on the trees before any decision is made.
- Notice of an information evening for prospective County Council candidates to be held on Wednesday 28 November at County Hall, Preston

- Noted: message from Electricity North West asking for views on how they should invest in the local electricity network
- Noted: LALC newsletter and information about training courses

#### 1795 Administration

Consideration of the request made by Cancercare for the use of the foreshore for the Cross Bay Challenge on Sunday 16 June 2013.

Resolution: to grant permission as requested.

Preschool storage hut on Parish Council land behind the Memorial Hall -a decision was taken in September 2010 to allow the Preschool to put the hut on the land but this was subject to annual review. Resolution: to roll this over for another twelve months. However Preschool has an obligation to monitor the condition of the hut and to look at alternative storage.

Consideration of Lancaster City Council's 'Meeting Housing Needs Supplementary Planning Document' which is open for consultation -as no comments were immediately forthcoming the document has been circulated for full consideration. The dates of several consultation meetings in the area were noted

#### 1796 Financial matters

Resolution: to accept the monthly receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.  
Current Account £1210.38 Savings Account £54,284.25.

Some information about Community Banks was given by the clerk who had attended various discussions about this. Information was also included in circulation to members and noted for future consideration.

Consideration of an application made by Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall (SHMH) Committee for a grant towards the cost of resurfacing of the Memorial Hall car park.

Resolution: to make a grant of £2000 to the SHMH Committee which will be paid on completion of the work.

#### 1797 Open Spaces

Recreation Field project; work is at a standstill because of the excessive water and drainage problems. Solutions to this are being investigated and a meeting with the landscape architect and the contractors has been arranged. More drains may be necessary. Unfortunately the safety barriers erected by the contractors are frequently being moved allowing access on to the field. A complaint has been received about three boys who were playing on the field becoming stuck in the mud. As there is concern about safety the barriers are checked regularly and additional warning notices and barriers have been put in place but are being ignored by the public.

Registration of open spaces owned by the council with the Land Registry; further information and plans of the land have been requested and Cllr Millard and the clerk are to meet Lyn Glading, solicitor, of Bannister Bates to check the details. The dedication of the QEII field has still not been completed and further information is awaited from Fields in Trust

Enquiry about the possibility of the reopening of footpaths (1) footpath from Sunningdale Crescent to Bridleway No. 5 (Raikes Head Lane) and (2) footpath from Bridleway No. 5 to Bridleway No. 6 (Townfield Lane). Cllr Hargest has received a considerable amount of support from the general public and has collected and collated information about the paths. An application has been made to Lancashire County Council. Mr Fish, the landowner, and the tenant farmer have been informed of this. One of the problems raised by Mr Fish was the amount of dog fouling both along the paths and in the adjacent fields. The provision of dog bins was discussed but because of the potential cost and possible difficulty of emptying these, the matter was left in abeyance.

Tree Preservation Order at Birklands, Hest Bank Lane; it was noted that a TPO has been made by Lancaster City Council on the trees at Birklands.

#### 1798 Burial Ground

Numbering of memorials; the consultation period has now ended, three objections have been received.

Further discussion was deferred to the February meeting by which time the number of plaques required and the cost should have been determined.

Placement of a wartime plaque in the burial ground; this was considered some months ago along with the possibility of moving a stone cross to which the plaque had been attached. It has been decided that it would be difficult and possibly costly to move the cross and therefore it is to be left where it is. There is concern about the possible theft of the metal plaque if it is placed in the burial ground and therefore it is proposed to ask the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee if there would be a place for it in the hall.

#### 1799 Planning Applications

Application No.

12/00835/FUL 24 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB  
 12/00874/FUL The Sycamores, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AS  
 12/00750/CU Williamsland Farm, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AE  
 12/00880/FUL Hest Bank Hotel, 2 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DN  
 12/00817/FUL Hest Bank Hotel, 2 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DN  
 12/00915/FUL Throstle Grove Farm, Throstle Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AX

No issues were raised on any of the above applications

12/00887/RENU 4 The Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6DQ

As in the original application no issues were raised over the proposals for the dwellings however there is concern about the proposed access by the Drive and sight lines at the Hest Bank Lane junction (NB *the application was subsequently amended to access from Highfield Drive*).

#### 1800 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £2,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account. This will be done by letter signed by the Chairman and a councillor.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

DD	Eon	2.97	burial ground electricity bill
Chq	101541 Olympia Commercial Cleaning Services	26.77	cleaning bus shelter windows
	101542 Travis Perkins Trading Company	54.38	open spaces maintenance
	101543 Mr R McGuire	147.20	groundsman's pay
	101544 Mrs D Brookes	794.26	clerk's salary & expenses
	101545 Petty cash	13.20	postage
	101546 HMRC	399.25	NIC & PAYE payments

#### 1801 Matters raised by members for future consideration

none

#### 1802 Date of next meeting

Monday 19 November 2012 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm