

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2015 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present    Mr Stewart Scothern, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mr Roland Stretch,  
 Mr Stephen Jones, Mrs Joanne Leeman

Clerk                      Mrs Doreen Brookes

2214 **To receive apologies for absence**    none

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr M Thomas, 16 members of the public.  
Apologies were received from City Cllr S Rogerson

- County Cllr Jones reported that Lancashire County Council will need to make drastic reductions in its budget (£100 million over the next three years) and although statutory services will need to be maintained there could be cuts in many other services, for example, street lighting, libraries.
- City Cllr Thomas spoke about the consultation meeting with three Officers from Lancaster City Council and members of the Parish Council regarding the proposals for changes to the Green Belt and the potential building of 6-7000 houses in the district over the next few years. He explained that the Green Belt has not been reviewed since 1992 and the review of the Local Plan which is presently taking place is the only time when changes to the Green Belt can be considered. The guide lines for Green Belts remain the same as before. There are four areas within the immediate district with proposals for building on Green Belt areas but the one causing the greatest concern locally is the one between Slyne and Bolton-le-Sands. Cllr Thomas went on to explain that objections to the proposals should be based on planning criteria; why is it there -i.e. it separates the two villages; proposals for 500 new homes would not be sustainable in terms of transport, schools, shops, employment; retention as a rural/agricultural area with protection of its diverse wild life.  
 In answer to a question he said that City Council Officers would be able to provide details of brown field sites in the district and the number of houses that could be built on them. Also in response to comments that with the building of the new bypass there would seem to be creeping of the outskirts of Lancaster towards the village and eventually the potential for the coalescence of Lancaster, Slyne with Hest, Bolton-le-Sands and Carnforth he stated that he could not see this happening and in his view proposals to build on the Green Belt between Skerton and Torrisholme did not reduce the separation of Slyne with Hest from Lancaster or Morecambe.
- Members of the public asked for the Parish Council's support in opposing the proposals for redefining the Green Belt and were assured that the Council would be writing to the City Council. The public was encouraged to attend the consultation event which was to take place at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday 28 October.

Four people who expressed an interest in the vacancies on the Council remained and the rest of the public left the meeting. Standing Orders were re-instated.

2215 **To record Declarations of Interest**    none

2216 **Co-option of Councillors**

Four people had shown an interest in the vacancies for councillors and it was decided to defer the decision and to ask each one to make a written application to the Council stating their interest in the position. Meanwhile the Elections Officer at Lancaster City Council is to be consulted on the best way to fairly make a selection.

2217 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 July 2015  
 They were duly signed by the Chairman.

## 2218 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Sea View Drive handrail -more appreciative comments have been received.
- The new fencing now is in place round the play area.
- Work on the foreshore to repair some of the areas and reduce flooding has been carried out.
- Public Right of Way near to Ancliffe Hall, a complaint about the erection of a fence across the PROW has been dealt with. It is to be converted to a stile.
- Mr Edward Burrow has said that he will cut the hedge along the roadside at the Burial Ground when he is cutting his own hedges. He acknowledges that it is the farmer's duty to protect his livestock but would still like the Council to consider maintenance of the hedge between his fields and council-owned land.
- Mr Brade the groundsman has supplied a list of tasks he has completed but he is not working the full hours designated -it was suggested that additional work, for example, refurbishment of notice boards, painting of bus shelters, tidying up of Peacock Lane garden, weeding of the children's play area should be allocated to him.
- Permission to plant memorial trees on various areas in the village is still being pursued.

## 2219 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan; at the meeting on 5 October, Mr Michael Wellock from Kirkwells of Burnley gave a presentation on the development of a plan. He pointed out the steps to be taken in the formulation of a plan, the help that is available and funding which can be accessed. Kirkwells is a company of professional consultants and able to provide guidance if this is required. Although it is the intention to form a Committee to steer the Neighbourhood Plan, designation of the area to be included in the Plan and other approvals and funding need to be through the Parish Council and there needs to be liaison between the NP Committee and the Council. The next meeting for the Neighbourhood Plan is on Monday 9 November.

Lancaster Local Plan consultation -a meeting was held with Lancaster City Council Planning Officers to discuss the proposals made by City Council for re-designation of Green Belt areas within the parish and the **need** for building houses within the District. The Green Belt has not been reviewed since 1992 and the review of the Local Plan which is presently taking place is the only time when changes to the Green Belt can be considered. The Council will listen to the concerns of residents particularly in relation to the Green Belt area between Slyne and Bolton-le-Sands whilst still considering the need for some new homes in the parish and will formulate a reply to City Council for approval at the next meeting. Cllr Jones agreed to write a draft which will include all four Green Belt areas within the parish that are under review, and this is to be circulated to councillors for appraisal

Annual review of the placement of Preschool's hut on council-owned land at the back of the Memorial Hall (*minute ref. 1653*)

Resolution: to agree to leave the hut for a further twelve months but to inform Preschool about concerns over the condition of the hut and its security and the condition of its play area at the side of the hall.

## 2220 Financial matters

Resolution: to accept the half year receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.

Current Account £712.73 Savings Account £74,310.49

The renewal of the website agreement and payment of the hosting fee of £79.50 + VAT

Resolution: to give approval

A suggestion of whether the Council should adopt communication by various forms of social media was rejected because it would need considerable monitoring which the council is not able to provide at this stage.

## 2221 Open Spaces

Recreation field issues; confirmation has been received from JWK Solicitors that they will go ahead and appoint Mr Andrew Hill, an independent consultant surveyor to look at the concerns about the work on the field.

**2222 Burial Ground**

Consecration of the new area for Church of England burials will take place on Tuesday 3 November at 2.00pm by the Bishop of Lancaster, The Right Reverend Geoff Pearson, assisted by Rev Pauline Bicknell, vicar of St Luke's Church.

Marker discs for the graves; further enquiries about the discs that it was intended to buy indicate that they may not be suitable for outside use as they deteriorate over a period of time when exposed to weather. Therefore other types are being investigated and samples obtained. However some of these are fairly costly. As a total of approx. 550 discs would be required other sources and options are to be looked at.

**2223 Planning Applications**

Applications received

15/00972/FUL land adjacent to 2 Rosegarth, Slyne, LA2 6AT

Some issues were raised on this application, i.e. building on Green Belt land, encroachment on the rural nature of the area and loss of wild life habitats, access along a private road.

15/01181/FUL 38 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BT

15/01220/FUL Geiranger, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AN

No issues were raised on the two above applications.

15/0143/TPO The Lodge, 92 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

The Council wishes to see the protection of as many trees as possible but in this case the Council will rely on the judgement of the Tree Protection Officer

Notification of permission granted

15/00983/FUL 66 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB

15/01037/LB Slyne Lodge, 92 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

15/00880/FUL 60 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ

15/01099/FUL 6 The Moorings, Mowbrick Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DJ

**2224 Payment of Accounts**

To record the transfer of £4000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account -already approved  
To record the approval of the advanced payment of £2350 to JWK Solicitors (cheque 101841)

Resolution; to authorise the transfer of £17,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to approve the payment of the accounts as listed:

	DD	Eon	11.16	electricity bill-burial ground
Cheque	101842	Travis Perkins Trading Co. Ltd	48.62	open space maintenance materials
	101843	Lancaster City Council	1647.40	work at recreation field
	101844	O'Connor Fencing Ltd	11218.20	fencing round play area
	101845	Envirocare	1872.00	grass cutting- September
	101846	Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance	26.77	bus shelter window cleaning
	101847	Viking	31.73	stationery
	101848	Mrs D Brookes	831.52	clerk's salary
	101849	Petty cash	16.74	sundry items
	101850	HMRC	362.56	NIC & PAYE payments
	101851	Mr D Ruddick	95.40	reimbursement web hosting fee

**2225 Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Cllr Leeman reported on her recent attendance at a LALC meeting but it had not been very constructive. Future membership of LALC may need to be considered.

Cllr Scothern -dog owners using the recreation field and should dogs be on leads.

**2226 Date of next meeting Monday 16 November 2015 at 7.30pm.**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm

