

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2005 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs D Brookes

Also present for PACT and Open Forum PC D Lowe, City Cllr M Thomas

636 **Apologies** Cllr A Johnson, Mrs B Barber

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe gave the report- in the previous month five crimes had been recorded, including burglary at a dwelling, theft from a vehicle, theft from a locker at VVV Leisure Centre and damage to property. Also there had been eight reported cases of anti-social behaviour. The problem of vehicles being parked illegally and dangerously on Marine Drive near to the Chinese take-away is being targeted and any one breaking the law is likely to receive a parking ticket. It was suggested that more publicity should be given to the problem.

The Council, PC Lowe and Cllr Thomas supported the scheme put forward by Lancashire County Council for improvement on Coastal Road and Marine Drive to calm traffic and improve safety. It is intended to provide a 'gateway' at the northern end of the scheme, created with the installation of a pedestrian refuge and also to introduce more road markings including diagonal markings and 'slow' signs. It had been suggested that there should be a refuge at the southerly end of the scheme near to Rushley Drive to enable safer crossing of Marine Drive to the path and footbridge which crosses the railway. Cllr Thomas had spoken to Mr Holt from County Council about this and he had promised that it would be considered.

PC Lowe reported that the provision of double yellow lines on the road near to the Hest Bank Hotel had been found not to be feasible by the Traffic Management Team.

PC Lowe and Cllr Thomas left the meeting. Standing orders were reinstated.

637 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record, proposal made by SJ, seconded by JC-K.

638 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Foreshore; Mr Gallagher complained that the clerk had said that he had not responded to a previous letter sent to him about the removal of the steps in the embankment and where the steps were is now covered with limestone chippings. The clerk apologised to the Council for having overlooked a letter –matter to be left in abeyance

Bowling Club; discussion of a lease- date suggested for a meeting with the Bowling Club Committee is Monday 3 October 2005- PM, SS and the clerk to attend –date to be confirmed with Club.

639 **Financial matters**

A monthly receipts and payments report was presented.

Current Account £4097.36 Savings Account £40,047.29

Audit for the year ended 31 March 2005; a Notice of Conclusion of Audit had been received from the auditors. There were no matters which came to their attention which required the issuing of a separate additional issues arising letter. The Annual Return was presented to the Council and it was resolved to approve and accept it, proposal made by JC-K, seconded by SJ. The statutory notice advertising the Conclusion of the Audit to be displayed on the notice board. It was agreed that the clerk should complete the form from the auditors requesting information about the Council.

640 **Payment of Accounts**

Proposal to pay £4000 pledged to Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall for improvement work to the hall made by PM seconded by JC-K and agreed.

Proposal to transfer £4000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account made by PM, seconded by SJ and agreed.

Lancaster City Council account -£441.13 for grass cutting- PM proposed that this should be paid but a letter should be sent to the Head of Contract Services expressing dissatisfaction with the standard of cutting and lack of strimming and explaining that if there is no improvement the Council will have to consider other options when the contract comes up for reletting. This was seconded by SJ and agreed.

Proposal to pay the other accounts as listed proposed by SJ seconded by PM and agreed.

Cheque No.

100757	Tradesignz Ltd	89.89	notices for foreshore
100758	United Utilities Water plc	6.19	Burial Ground, water service charges
100759	BDO Stoy Hayward LLP	293.75	auditors fee
100760	Inhouse Computing NW Ltd	106.90	work on computer-anti virus
100761	Marguerite Ashton	24.68	parish plan expenses
100762	St Luke's Church	18.75	hire of hall for parish plan meeting
100763	Mrs D Brookes	604.05	clerk's salary & expenses
100764	Petty cash	8.64	sundry items
100765	Lancaster City Council	364.25	bowling green maintenance
100766	Lancaster City Council	28.20	inspection of play equipment
100767	SHMH	4000.00	grant to Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall
100768	Lancaster City Council	441.13	open spaces grass cutting

641 Open Spaces

Proposals for development of recreation field and improved disability access; suggestions which had come from the Parish Plan discussions were new play equipment, more seating, landscaped areas; also gate adjacent to telephone exchange needs urgent attention. Mr S Edwards, Countryside Officer had indicated that there could be a possibility of money being available for development of the wooded, wet area at the far northern corner of the field. It was agreed to make arrangements to meet Mr Edwards on site (SJ and clerk), to invite Mr R Bracewell, the Lancaster City Council Access Officer to look at the field, to ask a representative of Playdales, to visit the site to advise on play equipment (SJ and clerk).

Relocation of dog waste bin at Sea View Drive; Mr Fish had complained that the bin is still on his land. It was agreed to invite Mr Fish to a meeting on site (JC-K and the clerk) to point out the boundaries of his land and give his suggestion as to where he considered was an appropriate place for the bin.

Village task force; work to be carried out and future plans; winter planting of tubs outside Memorial Hall- agreed that they should do this, cost met by Council; work at pound- PM offered to speak to Mr Bagnall, clerk will speak to Mrs Berry.

Results from Best Kept Village Competition circulated. Recruitment of more helpers needs to be addressed.

M Ashton, lengthsman, to be formally thanked for the work on the land on Coastal Road near to the level crossing. This has been very much appreciated by nearby residents.

Provision of plaque for pound and stocks; brochure in circulation – clerk to see if she can extract some more information from Mr S Gardner, the Lancaster City Council Conservation Officer, also to ask the Local History Group for suggested wording for a plaque.

This item was included here because an urgent decision and reply was needed.

Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall (SHMH) Committee's application for a Premises Licence for the hall; this licence includes the consumption of alcohol and it was the SHMH committee's intention that alcohol should only be consumed within the hall; however the Licensing Officer had asked the committee whether it wished the field to be included because, as the licence lasts for ten years, on some occasion at a future date there may be a request to consume alcohol on the field. As the field is owned by the Parish Council and not leased to the SHMH with the hall, the SHMH committee requested the Council's opinion. It was decided that the Council would give formal agreement to the Memorial Hall field being included in SHMH's revised application for a Premises Licence, proposed by JC-K, seconded by SS.

642 **Foreshore**

Mr J Graham's third tractor on Council land; it was reported that the tractor had been moved from the land adjacent to the highway but was still on Council land -JC-K to speak to him about this. It was resolved to accept the draft Licence for use of the land which had been drawn up by Bannister Bates Solicitors, proposal made by SJ, seconded by JC-K. Agreement to be ratified at next meeting provided that by then Mr Graham has removed the tractor and only those covered by the Licence remain.

Renewal of RSPB's Lease relating to sporting rights on the foreshore; it was resolved to grant the lease for a term of fifteen years and to duly sign the document; proposed by PM seconded by JC-K.

Rating List; the Valuation Officer had given Notice of Alteration to the 2000 Rating List and agreed that the car park should be deleted from the list, effective date of alteration 1 April 2004. Lancashire County Council Highways to be informed of this decision and that the foreshore will revert to open space and asked to remove their parking signs from Marine Drive.

Development of foreshore; enquiries had been made about obtaining boulders to place round the grassed areas to stop vehicles parking on them. More details of costs to be obtained. Five litter bins had been ordered from Wybone, a 5% discount off the brochure price had been obtained and free carriage. These are expected to be delivered at the end September. It was decided that one of the bins presently on the foreshore should be moved and placed next to the seat at the junction of the A6 and Hest Bank Lane.

At the July meeting Mrs Barber had offered to look into sponsorship for the provision of a vista plaque on the existing plinth and had since requested an indication of the cost of the project. A cost of £950 was suggested but the clerk is to make further enquiries.

Land for Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage- the clerk had made contact with the Lancashire County Council solicitor who is dealing with this matter but she was still awaiting further information -deferred again.

643 **Football**

Lease for Slyne with Hest Football Club; there had been no further communication from the Club and as the Council felt that it was time this matter was pursued with some urgency, it was decided to send a letter to the Chairman offering terms for a lease on a similar basis to those offered to other village sports clubs and inviting the Club committee to discuss this with the Council.

644 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

05/01110/ADV erection of a sign board at corner of slip road and Marine Drive for Mrs C Williams, VVV Health and Leisure, The Shore no objection to the erection of the sign provided that it does not encroach on to the small area of parish council owned land. The Council also supported comments received from Mr P Lloyd regarding landscaping and improvement of this area.

05/01161/FUL erection of a two storey side extension with first floor balcony and conservatory to rear for Mr & Mrs Stanwix, 44 Marine Drive although modifications make the proposed extension a little smaller than the previous proposal there is still some concern that it is too big for the this site with potential effect on neighbouring properties.

already circulated and dealt with

05/01080/FUL erection of a rear kitchen/dining room and sun lounge extension for Mr & Mrs McDonnell, 11 Manor Crescent no comments

05/01102/FUL erection of single storey extensions to form bedrooms, lounge and dining room extensions for Mr J Lamoury, Alice Springs, Hasty Brow Road no comments

05/01115/FUL erection of conservatory to rear for Mr & Mrs J Ellam, Peel Byre, Green Lane no comments

05/01131/FUL

erection of two storey extension to rear
for Mr A Orwin, 2 Greenacre Park

no comments

Applications granted

05/00840/FUL

Mr J Guiver, 47 Hest Bank Lane

05/00994/FUL

Mr & Mrs I Johns, 23 Greenacre Road

05/00914/FUL

Mr & Mrs Yates, 6 Hatlex Lane

Tree Preservation Order No. 91 (1982) application to fell beech tree T2 at 10 Hatlex Lane

'Tree House' in the garden of the Prospect, Hest Bank Lane; the construction of this large structure had been brought to the Council's attention. It was decided to seek the views of the Lancaster City Council Planning Department as to whether this falls within planning guidelines.

645 **Burial Ground**

Improvements to entrance -no update -deferred

Provision of a gate to replace the stile between the burial ground and adjoining council land- question of whether this could create a 'right of way' and Council's views sought on this before work proceeds; it was decided that as it was between two areas owned by the council there was unlikely to be a problem and the provision of the gate should go ahead.

Work on graves in Church of England section, the Court of the Diocese of Blackburn has granted a Faculty authorising work to be carried out in accordance with the schedule submitted.

646 **Highways**

Improvements to Coastal Road and Marine Drive -see Open Forum above- the Council decided to give its support to the proposals

647 **Correspondence**

Heysham News; Clerks and Councils Direct; CPRE, Fieldwork; Lancashire Constabulary, Police News; Lancashire Combined Fire Authority, Draft Three Year Action Plan; Lancashire County Council, Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006/07 -2010/11; Local Work, Campaign for the Sustainable Communities Bill -all above circulated

Lancaster Area Rural Road Safety Committee, minutes of meeting held on 28 July, next meeting on 27 October 2005 -PM will attend this meeting then attendance by councillors on a rota basis.

648 **Parish Plan**

A meeting had taken place to discuss the main points of the action plan. This had been very successful with representatives of many bodies attending. Thanks go to Joanne Leeman and members of the Steering Committee for organising this. It is aimed to have the Plan completed by the end of October.

Grant-claim to be made as soon as possible after completion of Plan but some flexibility on deadline -Mark Chappelow of Community Futures.

649 **Cooption of another councillor**

Councillors to think about who might be interested-perhaps there could be a chance of raising interest at SHMH's Open Event.

650 **Matters suggested by members for future discussion**

SJ -more timetables on bus stops. Remind M Ashton about replacement of panel in Shady Lane bus shelter

Contractors for grass cutting

651 **Date of next meeting** Monday 17 October 2005 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm.

