

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

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

Also present for Open Forum PC D Lowe, Mrs Alyson Jones, City Cllr Malcolm Thomas

813 **Apologies** Mr J Newbold, Mr B Cookson

Standing orders were suspended

Open Forum

Mrs Alyson Jones, Chairman of St Luke's School Travel Group explained the school's concern about safety on Shady Lane and the risks to the children, especially by inconsiderate stopping or parking opposite the school gates and alongside the recently constructed footpath on the north side of the road. The school had enlisted the support of PC Lowe and Geraldine Smith M.P. and it was suggested that the School should write to County Councillor A P Jones. The Council agreed to support the request for parking restrictions and road markings in the area.

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting; PC Lowe reported that since 1st April there had been a noticeable reduction in the number of crimes reported in the parish and also a reduction in the number of incidents of anti-social behaviour. There was still concern about parking and safety at the southern end of Hest Bank Lane. The garage owner had been warned about vehicles causing obstruction, especially for the passage of buses and further action could be taken if the problem continues. It was reported that Mr C Holt of Lancashire County Council had made an inspection of the junction of Hest Bank Lane with the A6 but as there had been few accidents it was unlikely that any work would be carried out. It was agreed that a request should be made for marked bus boxes on the road on Hest Bank Lane near to the garage. Also it was agreed to ask for a similar box to be marked out on Hanging Green Lane outside the Memorial Hall to ensure that sufficient space is left to allow buses to pull in at the stop.

Cllr M Thomas reported that he had received a large number of comments from residents of Rushley Drive who had concerns about a proposed cycle link between the canal towpath and Morecambe promenade passing along Rushley Drive on to Marine Drive. An alternative suggestion was a link leaving the towpath at the Crescent and passing along Station Road, over the level crossing to an upgraded path along the shore to VV Leisure Centre and hence to the promenade.

The visitors left the meeting and standing orders were reinstated

814 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

It was resolved to accept these as a true record; proposal made by SS and seconded by JC-K

815 **Matters arising from the minutes**

Councillors' photographs will be included in the next Village Newsletter published of 1st October. Councillors along with Mike Ashton, lengthsman, agreed to form a working party to carry out some improvement work at the burial ground, cutting back vegetation, shrubs etc. with the particular aim to improve the appearance and safety round the entrance. Arrangements were made for a date when the work will be done.

816 **Financial matters**

A receipts and payments report for the previous month was presented by the clerk.

Current Account £3166.62 Savings Account £26,257.45

The Audit for 2005-06 had been completed and on the basis of the review, in the opinion of the auditor the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory

requirements have not been met. It was resolved to approve and accept the Annual Return, proposed by AJ and seconded by SJ. The notice of Conclusion of Audit is to be displayed as required.

It was resolved to pay the grant of £1000 to Slyne with Hest Bowling Club towards rebuilding of the marking hut in accordance with the agreement made in minute 674; proposed by PM, seconded by AJ.

Cost of printing Village Design Statement; one quotation had been received and others were awaited, therefore the matter was deferred.

Payments by Direct Debit; it was resolved in future to make as many payments as possible to known regular suppliers by direct debit; proposed by PM, seconded by AJ.

817 Payment of accounts

It was resolved to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account, proposal made by SJ and seconded by PM.

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

Cheque no.

100879	BDO Stoy Hayward	411.25	Auditor' s fee
100880	AR Hyslop (Lancaster) Ltd	46.05	stationery
100881	Wybourne Limited	776.51	litter bins for foreshore
100882	United Utilities Water plc	6.76	water service charges for burial ground
100883	Lancaster City Council	29.38	monthly play equipment inspection
100884	Mr F Foster (for Hostway)	79.50	hosting charges for website
100885	Mrs D Brookes	691.55	clerk' s salary and expenses
100886	Petty cash	3.56	sundry items
100887	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	1000.00	grant towards building of marking hut (ref. 674)

818 Open spaces

Leases for Football, Tennis and Bowling Clubs; PM and DB had met with Miss L Glading of Bannister Bates Solicitors to go over the terms and conditions to be written into the proposed leases, discussions about which had already been held with the Clubs. The advice had been taken and draft leases are being drawn up, further discussions will take place when these are received. It had been stressed that there was some urgency in getting the leases in place.

Recreation field; grants for improvements- PM had sent off an initial application to the Big Lottery Childrens Play Fund quoting a figure of £51,500 required to do the work.

New ' birds nest' swing; a complaint about the unsatisfactory surface had been made to Playdales who had promised an inspection but the result of this had not yet been received.

Risk assessment; it was decided that PM and DB would look at drawing up a form which could be used as a basis for risk assessment reports.

The results of the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition had been received.

819 Foreshore

Report from meeting held by North West and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee (NWNWSFC) concerning Warton Sands Cockle Fishery attended by DB -a seasonal closure of all cockle beds from 1May 2006 to 31 August 2006 had taken place and because stocks are low a temporary closure from 1 September 2006 to 28 February 2007 has since been put into place, however as cockles seem to be failing to breed it seems likely that the closure will be further extended. Members will be notified about this in January/February 2007. Progress had been made with the GLA licensing scheme and applications for licences will start in October 2006; also progress had been made with the new permit scheme for cockle and mussel fisheries and if approved the new permit will be introduced from 1 February 2007. The NWNWSFC has appointed a new post to develop a Fishery Order for Morecambe Bay. A memorial plaque for the Chinese cockle pickers was discussed and it was suggested that it should be sited at Hest Bank, Bolton-le-Sands or Morecambe promenade. This could be dedicated to the 23 named Chinese who lost their lives or a general memorial to all who have perished in the Bay. DB had stated that Slyne with Hest PC was considering putting a plaque on the foreshore and offered to liaise with Lancaster City Council .

Land for Dr & Mrs Pearson's garage; it was decided to seek still further advice because it was important that the Council was not acting ultra vires and did not incur unnecessary expenses.

Risk Assessment and safety signs; Bolton-le-Sands PC had confirmed that it is willing to cooperate with the Council on this issue and further approaches had been made to RNLI to make arrangements for an assessment to be carried out.

Encroachment on to PC land; SJ had some concern that some Council land at the property, 'The Mallards', on the shore had been fenced off. Checks are to be made on the map and information obtained from the Land Registry.

820 Planning Applications

Application No.

06/01099/FUL removal of condition 4 on application no 2/4/5975 restricting the occupancy to an agricultural worker for Mr & Mrs D Casson, Geiranger, Beaumont Gate Farm, Lancaster Road reiterate comments made on application 06/00459/FUL but nothing further to add.

Applications granted

06/00706/FUL E & K Livermore, 20 Hest Bank Lane
06/00809/FUL VV Health & Leisure, The Shore
06/00840/FUL Mr M J Wakelin, 35 Croft Ave
06/00845/FUL The School Governors, St Luke's School
06/00805/FUL Mr R Hoggarth, Belmont Farm, Hasty Brow Road
06/00806/FUL Mr R Hoggarth, Belmont Farm, Hasty Brow Road
06/00854/FUL Fairfield Developers Ltd. (for Hodgkinson), 2 Warren Drive
06/00962/FUL R W Gill, 80 Main Road
06/01011/FUL Mr & Mrs Boothman, 42 Hest Bank Lane
06/00918/FUL Mr & Mrs Kenyon, 72 Coastal Road
06/00876/FUL Mr D Clarke, 4A Prospect Drive
06/00901/FUL C Hill, Land north of Beaumont Grange, off Green Lane, Bottomdale Road

Confirmation of Tree Preservation Order No 392(2006), rear garden of 12 Peacock Lane
Refusal of consent to fell sycamore tree TPO No 71, 23 Hatlex lane

821 Highways

Traffic and safety issues; request to be made to County Councillor A P Jones to bring the following to the attention of Mr J Robson and the County Council:
footpath and parking restrictions outside St Luke's School (see Open Forum above)
designated bus boxes outside Webbs garage and outside Memorial Hall (see Open Forum)
additional warning signs on Hasty Brow Road
request for sign on Hest Bank Lane, where there is no pavement, warning of possibility of pedestrians on the road.

Cycle link between the canal and Morecambe promenade passing along Rushley Drive (see Open Forum); Mr G Bowker of Lancaster city Council had apologised for not sending the details to the Council; the scheme had been put before a meeting of the Project Steering Group and Board on 15 September and the points raised had been considered. The Steering Group were looking at the provision of a safety refuge on Marine Drive and improved sight lines and also ways to overcome the parking problems perceived by residents of Rushley Drive. It was thought that alternative proposals for the route of a cycle link would have serious drawbacks.
Further details from this meeting were awaited.

822 Burial Ground

Improvements to the entrance (see above -matters arising from minutes)- it was agreed to hold a further meeting with M Ashton to check over the work proposed, the Tree Wardens had been consulted about work on trees.

823 Correspondence

CPRE, Fieldwork; Clerks and Councils Direct; Lancashire Police Authority, Police Authority Community Newsletter; North West Air Ambulance, request for donation; Lancaster District Community Safety

Partnership, Prioritisation Exercise for Alleygating; Lancashire Country Council Youth and Community Services, information about the work being done in rural areas; - all above circulated

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

Purchase of bulbs for tubs and verges; JC-K to investigate price of bulbs; suggested that maximum expenditure should be £100.

Demolition of wall at property on Hest Bank Lane opposite Hest Bank Hotel resulting in a low ridge which could be a potential trip hazard –problem to be looked into.

825 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 October 2006 at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 9.30pm