

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2011 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Peter Millard(PM), Mr Stephen Jones(SJ), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K),
Mr Stewart Scothern(SS), Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

1636 To receive apologies for absence none

1637 To record Declarations of Interest none declared

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: PC Ian Nixon and 18 residents. Apologies were received from City Cllr M Thomas

- Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting: PC Nixon reported 12 crimes in the previous month that included theft of lead from a roof, theft of jewellery and money, burglary at a property, assault and criminal damage (compared with 9 reports in the corresponding period of 2010). Eleven incidents of anti-social behaviour had been recorded (16 in 2010). Questions were raised about the proposed 20mph zone in the village and about the proposals for double yellow lines to stop parking near to St Luke's school. The 20mph zone is due to be introduced later this year. In the first stage, 'through routes' including the southern end of Hest Bank Lane, Throstle Grove and Hasty Brow will not be included. It was suggested that signage might help to bring about a change of behaviour with regard to speed and safety. As far as is known the plans for the double yellow lines are still in the pipeline but enquiries are to be made about the scheme.
- Mr C Jones complained about flooding of the snicket between Hest Bank Lane and Sea View Drive. It was explained to him that the ownership and therefore the responsibility for this path is unclear, although as a public service the Parish Council does carry out some maintenance work from time to time. However the Council does not have the power or financial resources to carry out major improvements. It was suggested that he contacts Lancashire County Council.
- A number of residents brought to the meeting their concerns about various sites in the village identified for possible housing development in the Lancaster District Local Development Framework, particularly an area of land between Hest Bank Lane, the A6 and Throstle Grove. Many had already made submissions to the consultation. The proposed development sites in the parish are within the North Lancashire Green Belt and the erosion of this and potential urban sprawl needs to be resisted. The still unresolved flooding issue in Slyne could be adversely affected by any housing development and this is of great concern to the residents of that area. Also of concern is the impact of any housing development on traffic levels on the A6 as a potential doubling of traffic has already been identified if the M6/Heysahm link road were to go ahead. The Council will submit comments to the LDF consultation
- Favourable comments were received about the on-going improvements at the foreshore.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1638 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 July 2011 and the report of financial activities and planning matters between the July and September meetings. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1639 Progress Reports (for information only)

- Many complimentary comments have been received about the planters. The Council wishes to record its gratitude to Cllr Cohen-Kingsley for all her work on these. The Arden Close Residents Association has once again been awarded a certificate in the NW in Bloom competition - congratulations to them
- Members of a religious organisation in the village have offered to plant bulbs on some of the highway verges and permission has been requested from Lancashire County Council

- Damage to wall at Burial Ground- the insurance claim has been agreed and arrangements are to be made to have the repair carried out
- Planning application 11/00748/FUL for 13 Kirklands, Hest Bank, LA2 6ER demolition of existing single storey garage and erection of two storey side extension and alterations to existing extension to rear. The neighbour at 15 Kirklands has expressed concerns because the Council did not raise any issues on this application. Information requested by him has been sent.
- A complaint had been received about a banner placed on the railings at the Hest Bank Lane/Hasty Brow junction by Slyne with Hest Preschool. The complainant had been advised to contact Lancashire County Council Highways.

1640 Administration

Consideration of Lancaster City Council's offer to collect unwanted bulky household items through the Bulky Matters Scheme at a reduce rate in the rural parishes. As in the previous year it was decided not to take up the offer.

Representation of the Council at the Lancashire Association of Local Councils(LALC) Autumn Conference - no member was available to attend this, however Cllr Millard will attend the LALC AGM in November.

Further consideration of the purchase of a tree in memory of Mrs Jean Mowle -deferred to next meeting.

1641 Financial matters

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

Current Account £4334.52 Savings Account £20,548.46

Cllr J Leeman is now a signatory on the accounts

Non Domestic Rate Bill for Slyne Burial Ground -following the announcement made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Budget, the Small Business Rate Relief has been extended and applied by Lancaster City Council. The Parish Council's liability for 2011-12 is zero.

1642 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to retrospectively approve the transfer of £22,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account to enable the payment to be made to Playdales Playgrounds before the end of August to comply with the requirements of the grant application.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

Chq No.	101431	Lancaster City Council	537.43	grass cutting -August invoice
	101432	United Utilities Water PLC	50.15	water/drainage charges at Burial Ground
	101433	Eon	17.44	electricity bill for Burial Ground
	101434	Mrs D Brookes	776.47	clerk's salary
	101435	Petty cash	7.08	postage
	101436	P Walton Tree Services	80.00	work on trees on Memorial Hall field
	101437	Mr M Ashton	271.89	materials for maintenance work and foreshore

1643 Open Spaces

Curtailement of work in Hanging Green Wood; the well needs to be made safe and arrangements are to be made for it to be capped. Mr Greaves is to be informed that in the present economic climate expenditure on full winding gear could not be justified; however this could be reconsidered at a later date. It is to be reiterated to Mr Greaves that no additional work is to be carried out.

Purchase of a litter bin for the play area on the recreation field;

Resolution: to purchase from Glasdon U.K. Limited a 'Tidybear' bin, cost £198.79 +VAT

Registration of the Recreation Field with the Land Registry; this is a requirement for the Deed for QE2 Fields in Trust. It was agreed to contact Bannister Bates Property Lawyers about the registration process.

Plaque to acknowledge the funding from RDPE for the two new pieces of play equipment -a quotation of £28.71+VAT had been received from Signs Express for a suitable plaque

Resolution: to approve the design of the plaque and to accept this quotation for its purchase.

Recreation Field Development Project; Cllr Leeman had drawn up a list of aim and objectives and these were given approval. A list of the phases that the project could be split into along with the costings for each phase had been received from Julie Paton, Environment Projects Officer at Lancashire County Council. The involvement of the May Fair Committee and necessary changes to its constitution need to be confirmed. To apply for a grant from the Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF), the body making the application needs to be registered with ENTRUST. The Parish Council is not eligible to do this but it could be done through the May Fair committee. A further meeting with Miss Paton has been arranged for the 27th September.

An application for a grant of £500 has already been made to the Green Partnership Awards and an application is to be made to the Galbraith Trust. These were approved.

1644 Foreshore

The drainage work on the foreshore being carried out by Mr Tony Cowperthwaite and Mr Mike Ashton is proceeding. It was found that some extra, unexpected work was needed to install more gullies to take away the water, thus making it a more satisfactory job. Cllr Millard and Cllr Jones were consulted and this was given the go ahead as it seemed sensible to incorporate it into the ongoing work. Lancashire County Council Highways have inspected the shore road and will carry out some repair work to the road surface
Resolution: to give approval to carrying out the additional work needed.

Consideration of the management of the foreshore and car parking -Cllr Millard is drawing up a plan - deferred to next meeting

Consideration of the request from Cancercare to use the foreshore for the finish of the Cross Bay walk and Cross Bay Half Marathon on Sunday 12 August 2012.

Resolution: to grant the request.

1645 Burial Ground

Improvement to the entrance, discharge of conditions linked with the planning application and development of a new burial area -further work on this and some new plans will be required. Estimates for the preparation of plans had been received from Frances Truscott, Chartered Landscape Architect.

Resolution: to accept the estimates and to ask Mrs Truscott to carry out the work.

A meeting with Mrs Truscott and Mr J Bradley of All the B's Surveys Ltd. is to be arranged.

1646 Planning Applications

Applications considered by full Council

Application No.

11/00742/RCN

The Lodge, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AN

11/00788/FUL

Field North of Hammerton Hall Lane, Slyne, LA2 6AA

11/00786/FUL

The Coach House, Beaumont Grange, Kellet lane, Slyne, LA2 6BJ

No issues were raised on the above applications.

1647 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

-for information only

Cllr Cohen-Kingsley -numbering system for graves at the burial ground

1648 Date of next meeting

Monday 17 October at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.00pm