

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 15 APRIL 2019 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones, Mr Roland Stretch,

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2702 To receive apologies for absence Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley, Cllr T Scott

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr S Morris

Apologies for absence: City Cllr S Rogerson (retrospectively)

The following were discussed with Cllr Morris

- Flooding at the southern end of Hest Bank Lane; a considerable amount has been spent on drainage work and no more money is available from Lancashire County Council. A meeting has been arranged between an engineer from Lancashire County Council and the Hest Bank Lane Flooding Forum.
- Hatlex lane; there are no storm drains on Hatlex Lane resulting in flooding in severe conditions along the lane and on to Coastal Road. Lancashire County Council is to spend £50,000 on remedial work.
- Hest Bank Lane/Hasty Brow crossroads; there has been another accident and there are concerns about safety. Some signs have been erected but it is felt that this is not enough. A meeting is to be arranged to discuss improvements. Evidence has been found that Lancashire County Council are responsible for the railings at the junction.

2703 To record Declarations of Interest none

2704 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 March 2019 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2705 Progress Reports (for information only)

- More work has been done on refurbishing the village notice boards.
- The outstanding payments for advertising in the village newsletter have now been received.
- A report has been received from County Council that drains & grids in Hanging Green Lane area have been assessed and work will be undertaken.
- Plans are going ahead by Morecambe Bay Trust for the installation of the sculpture and information board on the foreshore.

2706 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan: it is reported that slow progress is being made with the assessments and the Steering Group now has a named link with Lancaster City Council. They are hoping that the 5 week consultation period can soon get underway. The Group has received a revised plan of the proposed development at Sea View Drive and the Council will request a copy of this. Further work on some sections of the draft Plan is underway.

Community Development Group; no further information about the residents' survey.

Due to unforeseen circumstances and a lack of volunteers it was decided not to hold the 'Picnic in the Park' or similar event this year.

Request by a Lancaster company to fly drones over the Hest Bank shore -decision deferred at last meeting: further information and assurances have been received.

Resolution; to give permission to fly drones over the parish council owned land on the foreshore, provided that the conditions outlined by the company are adhered to.

Caravan parked on council owned land on the foreshore; it has been reported that this has been there for several weeks and that there appears to be some-one living in it. Advice has been sought from Lancaster City Council and they have suggested perhaps initially a personal approach, followed by the issue of a notice for the caravan's removal. A decision was taken to monitor the caravan's use and to leave any action in abeyance until the next meeting.

2707 **Financial matters**

Resolution: to approve the end-of-year receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.

Current Account £2,719.25 Savings Account £145,668.06

The requested precept of £65,000 has been received from Lancaster City Council

2708 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field issues; information has been received from JWK Solicitors that the other party is not prepared to extend the Standstill Agreement which expired on 31 March 2019. A response from the Council was requested within a few days and an emergency meeting was held to discuss this. The details of this meeting are minuted. After much deliberation and discussion of the points made by Mr Hollingdrake, solicitor, and with some disappointment, the Council reluctantly decided not to pursue any further claim against Penny Bennett, Landscape Architect.

Resolution: to affirm this decision.

The Council felt that it had shown due diligence in trying to claim compensation but a stage has been reached when the further expenditure of public money is difficult to justify.

Recreation field -emptying of the 'teddy bear' litter bin: Cllr Stretch had indicated that he no longer wished to be responsible for emptying the bin at the play area. A quotation of £35 per month has been received from Lancaster City Council for emptying the bin. The frequency of emptying is to be checked.

Resolution: to accept the quotation and ask LCC to empty the bin.

Manor Road north bus stop; several residents have recently picked up litter in the vicinity of the bus shelter and the Council expresses its gratitude One of the problems is that rubbish is often blown from the present open top litter bin. Quotations had been obtained from Glasdon for an enclosed top litter bin

Resolution; to accept the quotation of £107.26 for a 'Topsy 2000' bin and place an order.

Public Rights of Way (PROWs); Lancashire County Council has responsibility for the maintenance of PROWs in the parish which include 1-31-FP 3a, Rushley Mount and Marine Drive, 1-31-FP8, Throstle Grove and 1-31-FP1, A6 to Bottomdale Road and 1-31-FP2 Bottomdale Road to Ancliffe Lane.

The Council has been given the opportunity to opt into the County Council's PROW scheme for 2019/20 for vegetation clearance around gates/stiles/signposts and for up-growth such as nettles and brambles growing through the surface but not to cut back trees/hedges which may overhang lengths of the right of way as that is the owners' responsibility.

However due to other commitments in the year it was decided not to take on maintenance responsibility for the coming year.

Throstle Grove ginnel; reports have been received of this being used by horse riders in spite of notices being in place prohibiting this. A suggestion was made to place offset posts at both ends to reduce access. Further enquiries are to be made.

Memorial hall field -Centenary Field designation - there has been further communication with Field in Trust and more information has been supplied but a decision is still awaited.

2709 **Highways**

Canal bridges; the Council has been in contact with the Canals and Rivers Trust and Lancashire County Council and it is understood that agreement will be given to erecting some signs at the canal bridges in order to protect them from inappropriate use by large vehicles. It is reported that LCC have already erected a sign at the Hasty Brow crossroads to warn about the limits of Hasty Brow bridge. The Council has offered to pay towards the cost of signs and further details have been requested. Left in abeyance.

2710 **Planning Applications**

Applications received

19/00356/FUL 2 Manor Close, Slyne, LA2 6JG

19/00367/FUL 32 Bay View Avenue, Slyne, LA2 6JS

19/00378/AD Belmont Farm, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AE

No issues were raised on the above applications

19/0046/TPO 21B Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

Concern was raised about the number of trees which have been removed from this site over recent years

despite Tree Protection Orders being put on the area. The whole aspect of this corner of the village is being changed.

Applications permitted

19/00049/FUL & 19/0050/LB The Keys, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AU

2711 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £2000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account

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

DD	Eon	8.17	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque 122213	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	876.00	grounds maintenance -March
122214	Viking	45.00	stationery items
122215	Mrs D Brookes	873.30	clerk's salary
122216	Mr S Brade	203.40	groundsman's pay and material invoices
122217	Lancaster City Council	153.34	waste collection at burial ground 2019/20

2712 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Notification of suggestion to fly the Red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 -declined

2713 **Date of next meeting**

Annual Parish Assembly Monday 20 May 2019 at 6.30pm

Annual Parish Meeting Monday 20 May 2019 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm