

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 18 AUGUST 2008 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Cllrs present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ)-Chairman, Mr Peter Millard (PM), Mr Carl Willett (CW)
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mrs Andrea Johnson(AJ),

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: Mr T Barber

1142 To receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr J Newbold away on holiday -noted and accepted.

Apologies received from Cllr S Scothern away on holiday -noted and accepted.

PC D Lowe

1143 To receive declarations of interest

None

Standing Orders were suspended

Open Forum

Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting -not held in the absence of PC Lowe; however up to 5 August, only one crime-a theft of cycles from a garage, had been reported

- No matters received from City Councillors
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- Mr Barber enquired about various aspects of the Council's management and maintenance of the foreshore and its stance on roadside advertising signs.

Mr Barber left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1144 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 June 2008 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

1145 Clerk's report for information only

- Village Newsletter- F Foster has agreed to edit the October edition but this will be the last one.
- Consideration of not having meetings in August in the future-this would require a change in Standing Orders and therefore a formal proposal
- Bowling Club Lease -the agreed commencement date of 1 April 2006 has been written into the lease and all formalities have been finalised.
- Memorial Hall Lease this has gone back to the solicitors for some corrections requested by the SHMH Committee.
- Grass Cutting- Schedule of work has been received from Putt It Right, as requested
- Recreation field -work has commenced on the new wetpour surfaces but has been held up by the wet weather and consequent problems of accessing the area.
- Shorefield Caravan Park boundary-the Shorefield Caravan Owners Co-op is going to mark out the boundary line along the edge of the ditch as has been agreed.
- Seat on verge near to bus shelter on Shady Lane- permission has been granted by Lancashire County Council.
- Bus shelter provision by Lancaster County Council -agreed to shelter outside Memorial Hall, subject to site survey.
- Snicket between Hest Bank Lane and Sea View Drive complaints have been received about contractors using this to access a property on Sunningdale Avenue with consequent damage to the path -being monitored.
- North West in Bloom Competition -Arden Close has been nominated for an award and representatives have been invited to attend the awards ceremony.

1146 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £3070.62, Savings Account £32,106.97
Unpaid rent -the account had been settled in full prior to the meeting.

1147 **Payment of accounts**

Resolution: -retrospective- to transfer £5000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account to enable the deposit of £5457.88 to be paid to Playdales so that work on the resurfacing project could get underway. (Minute Ref. 1106)

Resolution: to transfer £1000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account

Resolution : to pay the accounts as listed (*Agenda corrected -accounting error -Mrs D Brookes-clerk's salary and expenses-amount changed from £742.52 to £751.19*)

101074	Playdales Playgrounds	5457.88	50% deposit for new surfaces under swings
DD	Lancaster City Council	16.00	5 th instalment- burial ground rates
101075	Lancaster City Council	124.56	play equipment inspections
101076	Putt It Right Ltd	1235.22	grass cutting (<i>minute ref. 1132</i>)
101077	Olympia Cleaning Services	26.21	bus shelter window cleaning
101078	Wybone Ltd.	418.91	litter bin for foreshore
101079	Mrs D Brookes	751.19	clerk's salary & expenses
101080	Petty cash	59.97	sundry items including sign for play area
101081	Cllr S Jones	50.00	chairman's allowance (<i>minute ref. 1131</i>)
101082	Cllr P Millard	10.00	councillor's allowance "
101083	Cllr J Cohen Kingsley	10.00	councillor's allowance "
101084	Cllr A Johnson	10.00	councillor's allowance "
101085	Cllr J Newbold	10.00	councillor's allowance "
101086	Cllr S Scothern	10.00	councillor's allowance "
101087	Cllr C Willett	10.00	councillor's allowance "

1148 **Planning Applications**

Application No.

08/00875/FUL erection of a single storey rear extension
for Mr Andrew Simpson, 82 Main Road, Slyne LA2 6AU
appears to be within planning guidelines, no objections raised

08/00841/FUL erection of a single storey extension to the side
for Mr J Fawcett, 50 Marine Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6EB
appears to be within planning guidelines, no objections raised

08/00923/FUL erection of a two storey extension to the rear
for Mrs Forrest, 43 Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DB
appears to be within planning guidelines, no objections raised

08/00932/ADV &
08/00933/LB erection of various signs
Cross Keys Hotel, The Cross Keys Hotel, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AU
This is in the Slyne Conservation Area, however no objections provided
that the City Council Conservation Officer is satisfied that the signs are in
keeping with the area

08/00967/FUL erection of a new conservatory
for Mr & Mrs Hodgson, 31 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EZ
appears to be within planning guidelines, no objections raised

Applications granted

08/00521/FUL

3 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HL

08/00692/FUL

34A Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DB

Applications refused

08/00598/FUL

11A Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HB

'Brantholme' -it was noted that this property has been completely demolished; the City Council Planning Office has put a 28 day stop on all work on the site; a new planning application for erection of a new property will be required.

1149 Burial Ground

Safety and upkeep of memorials; following an inspection, Lancaster City Council had provided a quotation of £150 to include the testing of headstones, re-banding of 20 headstones, stake and banding of 15 headstones, materials, transport and admin. costs.

Resolution: to accept this quotation and to have the work carried out.

This is only a temporary make-safe procedure and the City Council also quoted for carrying out permanent repairs to the National Association of Memorial Masons standards. It was suggested that attempts are made to contact the relevant grave owners regarding having permanent repairs carried out.

Consideration of appointment of a part-time (3-4 hours per week) groundskeeper to help to maintain the burial ground and possibly other open spaces. This would be on a regular weekly basis. While the lengthsman does an excellent job, the number of hours for which he is employed limits the amount of work possible and although it is expected that the majority of the work for the groundskeeper would be at the burial ground, there could be some input into helping with general maintenance of the village. Funding for this could come from the income from the burial ground and/or open spaces general maintenance budget

Resolution: to advertise for a groundskeeper.

1150 Open Spaces

Recreation field: consideration of the erection of a new gate at the entrance adjacent to the telephone exchange -the old gate had fallen into disrepair and was removed some time ago and for safety a suitable replacement has been investigated. M Ashton has provided an estimate of £370 +VAT for a 'Woodstock' kissing gate which will provide general access and with the addition of a 'Marlow' gate which can be operated by a 'radar' key to provide wheelchair access.

Resolution: to purchase a new gate and to ask M Ashton to fix it in place.

1151 Highways

Roadside signs: consideration was given to the County Council's policy regarding the placement of signs on verges, pavements etc. along with a complaint about the disappearance of some signs. Also the criteria for the provision of brown tourist signs was looked at.

Decided to appoint a committee to look into the complaint and to await its report.

Noted: that the Lancashire Local -Lancaster District committee has passed a resolution to go ahead with the scheme to provide a cycle link from the canal towpath via Rushley Drive to Morecambe promenade and it will include the provision of a toucan crossing near to the VVW entrance.

1152 Correspondence

Age Concern- appeal for funding for Carnforth Branch; to be deferred to next agenda for consideration. Lancaster City Council, Inspection Strategy for Contaminated Land, invitation to comment during Consultation period -report to be circulated.

1153 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

for information only

Notice on dog waste bin on canal bank at Hatlex Lane bridge informing the public that when this is full there is another bin on Ashworth Drive.

Request cutting of grass on foreshore.

Request clearing of brambles along path from Marine Drive across railway on to shore.

1154 Date of next meeting

Monday 16 September 2008 at 7.30pm
Apologies in advance from Cllr A Johnson

The meeting closed at 9.10pm