

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

1955 To receive apologies for absence Cllr R Stretch

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr A P Jones, Mr J Leach, Mr J Edmonds, Mr C Knowles

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting:** no police officers were present at the meeting and no report had been received. A report of the crime statistics is available on the Lancashire Constabulary website.
- County Cllr Jones -the Heysham link road appeal has been rejected, funding for the project has been given final approval and work is due to start at the beginning of January
The County Council's financial strategy for the next four years is under discussion. A saving of £300 million has to be found over the next 4 years. One item that may be cut is the Local Members' Grant Scheme. Subsidies for bus services may also be cut and this could have an adverse effect on some services in this area.
One Connect, a partnership between the County Council and BT to provide information and communication services is under investigation because of alleged irregularities
- Mr Leach commented on the proposed temporary closure of the canal towpath/cycle track at Beaumont Bridge to Halton Road Bridge to enable culvert work to be carried out and wondered whether full consideration had been given to the alternative route and the safety of users. He reported that the dog waste bin on the towpath at Hatlex Bridge is overflowing. This is the responsibility of the Canals & Rivers Trust who should be contacted.
- Mr Edmonds put to the Council his concerns about proposals in a planning application for 35 Hatlex Lane which is next door to his property. The new dwelling will be closer to his property than was approved in the original plans and there may be some access problems. His comments were noted.
- Mr Knowles, representing Slyne with Hest Football Club, explained why the Club would like to extend the present junior football pitch to enable it play matches with an older age group of children. He also explained the statutory requirement for spectators at matches to be at least 3 metres from the playing area and that the Club had, with the agreement of Mr G Riley, been using a section of the paddock leased to him by the Council. He also expressed concerns about the suggested use of the paddock area to provide allotments. Mr Knowles was told that Mr Riley had no right to allow the use of the rented land by others. Regarding allotments, the paddock has been identified by the Council as a suitable area but the Council needed to ascertain the interest in provision of allotments before it made any long term commitment.
It was agreed that priority should be given to the improvement of car parking at Bottomdale, for safety reasons, whether for the burial ground and funerals or for spectator parking on football match days. It was felt that there could be a joint approach to the project, the Council already holds planning consent to provide additional parking at the burial ground and the football club may be able to access some additional funding.
A quotation has been received for the laying of the hedge alongside the football ground but a second one from Lancaster City Council is still awaited.
In reply to an enquiry following some damage to one of the football pitches, it was noted that the farmer who owns adjoining fields does not have any right of access over the Council owned land at Bottomdale.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1956 To record Declarations of Interest none

1957 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18 November 2013. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1958 **Progress Reports** *(for information only)*

- The path through the cemetery will be closed on 21 December, as agreed last year, to protect it as a permissive path and not a Public Right of Way
- The damaged barrier at the Station Road/Coastal Road junction has been repaired
- Tree planting -a position for the oak tree has been determined and planting will be carried out as soon as conditions are suitable
- Mr John Stelfox, Tree Warden, along with Maxine Knagg, Lancaster Council Tree Protection Officer has been investigating the cutting down of trees in Reanes Wood. Reanes Wood is covered by a Tree Protection Order but apparently 12 trees have been destroyed.

1959 **Administration**

Consideration of an application to place a new bench on the foreshore in memory of Mrs Clare Bagshaw, a long-time resident of the parish. It was suggested that the new bench could be put in the place of an old and damaged seat which is to be removed.

Resolution: to approve the application made by Mr & Mrs Fraser and Mr & Mrs Bagshaw to site a bench on the foreshore.

1960 **Financial matters**

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

Current Account £7705.12 Savings Account £25,370.99

Consideration of the payment of the subscription for the clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks -the clerk regularly attends meetings and seeks advice

Resolution: to pay the subscription of £129 for the year 2014

Consideration of the payment of the outstanding balance on the invoice from Newground CIC -a meeting has been held with a representative from the company and the project manager and written agreement has been received that there is still some work to be completed by Newground and assurance has been given that this will be carried out as soon as possible.

Resolution; to pay the outstanding balance of £9001.39

1961 **Open Spaces**

Recreation field project -the extra work needed to complete the project was discussed with Newground and Penny Bennett, landscape architect and project manager, and this includes levelling of the football pitch, additional drainage under the zip wire, re-siting of the benches, picnic table and warning sign, landscaping of the wetland area and planting of more trees. Where additional costs will be incurred estimates are to be obtained which will be considered by the Council.

Improvement of embankment slide -in spite of further enquiries, a quotation had still not been received from P McGaffigans -matter deferred to allow enquiries to be made elsewhere.

Consideration of work needed on the play equipment -highlighted on the recent inspection report.

Resolution: to order bark chippings from Lancaster City Council to fill up the area under the play equipment as required for safety; to ask the lengthsman or groundskeeper to repair the fence and gate.

Hedge adjacent to the football field at Bottomdale -see Open Forum above- decision deferred until a

second promised quotation has been received

Consideration of a complaint received about an overhanging tree at 1A Peacock Lane -expert opinion is to be sought about any work that might be necessary.

1962 Burial ground

Development of the car parking area -see Open Forum above -consideration is to be given as how to best develop the car parking area, in partnership with Slyne with Hest Football Club. Careful thought will need to be given to the availability of funding for the project and it was agreed to hold a meeting with the football club to discuss the way forward. PM and SS offered to attend.

Provision of new burial spaces -some enquiries have been made to the Blackburn Diocese about consecration of ground on the eastern side of the driveway which is indicated on the original plan as a burial area. An application form has been received and it will be necessary to liaise with the vicar and church wardens of St Luke's Church. Approval was given to pursue this.

1963 Foreshore

Restoration of the car parking surface; this was already under discussion because some maintenance work was needed but further damage has been caused by a recent storm and unusually high tide. Some bins have been washed out of place and may need repair or replacement. A full assessment of the damage and possible insurance claim has still to be carried out. The Environment Agency which is responsible for the foreshore banking and flood protection has already been to assess the damage and has submitted a report but is waiting for financial clearance before work can commence. County Council Highways has been contacted about clearing the highway of rubble

No decision taken until a full estimate for repair work has been obtained.

1964 Planning Applications

Applications received

13/01152/FUL	2 Beech Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AJ
13/01155/FUL	62 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ
13/01139/FUL	6 Throstle Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AX
13/01179/FUL & 13/01180/LB	Whitewalls, 39 Hatlex Lane, Bank, LA2 6EZ

No issues were raised by the Council on any of the above applications

13/01186/FUL & 13/01187/LB 35 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX

The Council had not raised any issues on this application, however following Mr Edmonds comments (see Open Forum-above), it was decided to support the concerns expressed in his submission to Lancaster City Council

Notification of permission granted

13/00914/ELDC	14 Bay View Crescent, Slyne, LA2 6JU
13/01001/FUL	18 Bryn Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX
13/01049/FUL	7 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BX
13/01081/FUL	5 Rushley Mount, Hest Bank, LA2 6EE

13/00932/FUL Branholme, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG.

The Council had not received notification of this application for a change of use of land for the installation of 42 solar photovoltaic panel arrays and the erection of a 1350mm high post & wire fence and hedgerow.

1965 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £5,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Eon	3.17	electricity bill -burial ground
	DD	BT	126.82	phone bill
Cheque	101657	Weasdale Nurseries Ltd	83.24	purchase of oak tree and accessories
	101658	Travis Perkins Trading Company Ltd.	112.70	materials for open space maintenance
	101659	OC Cleaning Ltd	26.77	bus shelter window cleaning
	101660	Mr R McGuire	102.40	groundsman's pay
	101661	Mrs D Brookes	779.87	clerk's salary
	101662	Petty cash	6.00	postage
	101663	SLCC	129.00	renewal of clerk's membership
	101664	Newground CIC	9001.39	outstanding balance of invoice

1966 Date of next meeting Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.30pm.

Date of budget meeting Monday 6 January 2014 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20pm