

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 16 DECEMBER 2019 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2799 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr Tracey Scott, Cllr June Cohen-Kingsley

Open Forum

Apologies were received from City Cllr K Budden
No-one present for the Open forum

2800 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2801 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

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

2802 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- Public Right of Way at Rushley Mount -there has been further acknowledgement by Lancashire County Council of work required but to date no action has been taken
- As was agreed a number of years ago, that the path through the Burial Ground will be closed on 21 December to preserve its status. It is a permitted path not a PROW. The PROW runs from the gate just below the burial ground across the football field.
- There appears to be some problem with the hedge around the Bowling Green, -this is the Bowling Club's hedge but the Tennis Club would like it reduced because it apparently shadows part of the tennis court. Enquires suggest that any drastic cutting back would cause permanent damage. It is hoped that an amicable solution can be reached by the clubs.
- S Brade -groundsman- has repaired and replaced bins on the foreshore, cleared leaves from round the Memorial Hall, carried out maintenance work at the cemetery, repaired some of the borders round the play equipment at the recreation field and put up Christmas trees.
- The clerk attended a meeting with Lancaster City Council Planning Officers and others to hear submissions about the proposed developments beyond the Bay Gateway. Taylor Wimpey put forward their aspirations for development of the North Lancashire Strategic Site which includes building on both sides of the A6 south of Slyne including some areas within the parish.

!803 **Administration**

Neighbourhood Plan: a useful meeting has been held with the Steering Group to clarify some of the issues including concerns raised by the Sea View Drive group about land west of Sea View Drive for possible development. It was necessary to include this in the Plan and consultations but no decisions have been made. The Steering Group has met with Lancaster City Council planners and continues to develop the Consultation Statement. Some information has been received from Morecambe Town Council about development of land near to the Morecambe/Slyne with Hest border.

Proposed summer event 2020 -no update available

2804 **Financial matters**

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

Current account £3,376.59 Savings account £107,668.06

Consideration of the payment of the subscription for the clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks

Resolution: to give approval and to pay the fee of £161.00

2805 **Open Spaces**

Recreation Field; a meeting has been held with the drainage contractor -Duncan Ross- and he is aware that further work is needed but nothing could be done due to adverse weather conditions. The drainage of the field is much improved and more work will be done when possible, especially to further drain the area near to the pond. BT has been contacted because damaged guttering on the telephone exchange building is causing water to flood on to the field and exacerbating the flooding problem. Remedial work is promised.

Dog fouling; this is an on-going problem, apparently comments have been posted on a 'Facebook' page. Appeals Have been made a number of times in the Village Newsletter for dog owners to be more responsible and to clean up after their animals. The Council will continue to try to find a solution.

It should be noted that the Parish Council does not have a 'Facebook' page. Any contact can be made through the Council's website.

2806 **Foreshore**

Drainage work; Duncan Ross is aware that work still needs to be done to alleviate flooding but weather conditions have prevented progress.

2807 **Highways**

Safety and speed; it is believed that an inspection of the Hasty Brow crossroads is to be carried out by Lancashire County Council officers and improved layout and signage are to be considered.

Information has been obtained about Speed Indicator Signs and their costs -left in abeyance

2808 **Burial ground**

Maintenance issues; a complaint has been received about work carried out on a plot in the Garden of Remembrance and another about one of the graves. The clerk is to speak to the groundsman about further work to tidy up the areas concerned and the complainants will be contacted with an explanation.

2809 **Planning applications**

Applications received

19/01476/FUL 34A Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BT

No issues raised

19/0170/TPO 6 Summerfield Drive, Slyne, LA2 6AQ

Some concern about the extensive work being requested

Applications permitted

19/00492/FUL Uplands, 21 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EU

19/01258/FUL 10 Rushley Mount, Hest Bank, LA2 6DU

19/0149/TPO 1 Shady Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JL

Application withdrawn

19/0141/TPO 24A Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

2810 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to agree the transference of £2000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account

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

	DD Eon	34.73	burial ground -quarterly electricity bill
Cheque	122277 Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	876.00	grounds maintenance- November
	122278 Printing Plus	236.77	village newsletter printing
	122279 Mrs D Brookes	914.73	clerks salary and reimbursement of expenses
	122280 Petty cash	13.72	sundry items
	122281 Mr S Brade	450.00	groundsman's pay and purchase of materials
	122282 Society of Local Council Clerks	161.00	membership fee

2811 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

None

2812 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 20 January 2020 at 7.30pm

Date of budget meeting Monday 13 January 2020 at 7.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40pm.