

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2013 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk                                Mrs Doreen Brookes(DB)

1827    **To receive apologies for absence**    Cllr J Leeman,

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson, Mr J Leach, Mr R Greaves, two residents of Slyne Caravan Park

Apologies were received from PC Ian Nickson

- **Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting:** In the absence of PC Nickson his report for the month was read out: in the previous month there had been 38 incidents (55 the month before), four of which were crimes -an attempted burglary, a theft of a garden bench, a vehicle damaged on a private driveway and an assault. No anti-social behaviour had been reported.  
Following a previous complaint about a horse tethered on the foreshore, the RSPCA had investigated and while it is not best practice or approved by the RSPCA, it is not illegal. This will be monitored  
A schools and community roadwatch is being done in January on Hest Bank Lane.
- County Cllr Jones advised that a 0% increase in the Lancashire County Council budget for 2013/14 was proposed. City Cllr M Thomas explained that Lancaster City Council had been discussing changes to the council tax funding for Town and Parish Councils and the impact on the tax base for parishes. More information will be forthcoming about this
- With reference to the proposed new local plan, a second draft plan is due about Easter and will take into account all observations and sites that are feasible. It is understood that sites in the ward have been revised and only two, behind the telephone exchange on Hanging Green Lane and on Coastal Road, Bolton-le-Sands, have been retained.
- Further concerns were raised about the planning application for the change of use of Glenfield at Bottomdale Road into a children's home. The application has been referred to the Lancaster City Council Planning Committee and is due to be heard on Monday 4 February. It was explained that anyone wishing to speak at this meeting must register with the City Council beforehand.
- An observation was made about the state of the hedge along Manor Lane. This is on Lancaster City Council land and will be referred to them. Some work is due to be carried out on the former Manor Lane play area.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated

1828    **To record Declarations of Interest**    none

1829    **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17 December 2012 as a true record.

They were duly signed by the Chairman.

1830    **Progress Reports**    *(for information only)*

- QEII Field, Fields in Trust; an official plaque has been received and registration with the Land Registry as required in the Deed is in the hands of Bannister Bates Property Lawyers.
- Registration of parish land with the Land Registry is progressing however there is some difficulty in proving ownership of some of the land around the Memorial Hall and further investigations are being made.
- Assurance has been given that the two felled beech trees on Peacock Lane will be replaced.
- Numbering of the memorials at the burial ground; this is still being considered and further prices for the number plaques are being investigated.

- Co-option of another councillor -there is a casual vacancy that has not been filled -further attention will be brought to this, particularly at the Annual Parish Assembly in April.
- The Hest Bank Lane residents still have concerns about the flooding and requested the Fire Brigade to attend to pump out water from the field over the New Year, in accordance with their emergency plan. Also United Utilities have been working at the pumping station over several weeks.

### 1831 Administration

Over several months the possible location for a wartime plaque has been under discussion and it was referred to the Memorial Hall Committee to see if it would be willing to have the plaque erected in the hall. The Committee has discussed this at some length and has agreed in principle to the plaque being erected somewhere in the hall with perhaps a picture of the cross and an explanation. The Committee has asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to make a contribution to the cost of this.

The Council decided that in principle it would support the Hall Committee and would consider a donation but could not make a definite commitment to the amount until the cost is known.

### 1832 Financial matters

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

Current Account £2942.25 Savings Account £18,284.25

Annual review of clerk's salary

Resolution: to make no change in the salary paid to the clerk for 2013/14

Consideration of the quotation received for grass cutting in the village in 2013; a quotation has been received from Lancaster City Council, Environmental Services for the cutting of the grass on land owned by the parish council. The cutting schedule is on a nine working day basis with grassed areas mown, edges strimmed, cuttings not collected but not to be left on paths and surrounds.

Resolution: to accept the quotation supplied by Lancaster City Council Environmental Services of £3188+VAT for grass cutting throughout the village and including the cemetery and to award them the contract for the 2013 season.

Consideration of the quotation received from Lancaster City Council Environmental Services for the fortnightly emptying of the 'teddy bear' litter bin at the play area.

Resolution: to accept the quotation of £164.58 +VAT

Lancaster City Council has confirmed that it will carry out four safety inspections of the play equipment at the recreation field in the twelve months commencing April 2013 free of charge.

Budget -councillors had been provided with information on the current financial position of the council, an estimate of receipts and expenditure in the financial year 2012/13 and projected receipts and expenses for 2013/14. A budget meeting was held on Monday 14 January 2013 at which the budget and therefore the precept requirement for 2013/14 were considered. Resulting from discussions at the meeting, a proposed budget was presented to the full Council

Resolution: to adopt the proposed budget for 2013/14

Resolution: to raise a precept of £31,750 to meet the expenses of the parish council in the financial year 2013/14. This is an increase of 3.42% on 2012/13. Due to some changes to council tax allocations made by the Government and under discussion by Lancaster City Council, notification of the tax base for 2013/14 has not yet been received from the City Council.

### 1833 Open Spaces

Recreation Field project; the proposed jetting of the gullies by Lancashire Country Council in order to try to resolve the drainage problem, has been delayed due to the breakdown of the jetting machine. The main contractors have indicated that they intend to return to the field to carry out further work within the next week providing that the weather stays reasonably dry.

Further investigations are to be made into possible sources of grant funding for some of the items that had to be removed from the contract to keep the cost within budget.

1834 **Burial Ground**

Development project; the rebuilding of the wall along the agreed new line is progressing slowly but further work is needed to improve the sight lines at the entrance as approved in the planning application. Some investigation of funding for further development work has been undertaken but it is proving difficult to find grants for this type of work. The need for the new Church of England burial area is not yet critical but is becoming more urgent.

1835 **Planning applications**

Applications received

12/01134/FUL 17 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6ES  
No issues were raised on this application

12/01078/OUT Birklands, Hest Bank Lane, LA2 6DG  
Outline application for three detached dwelling houses  
No objections were raised on the outline application provided that the development is carefully managed and the conditions particularly with regard to the protection of the trees are taken into account. In accordance with the aspirations of the Village Design Statement 2006 it is expected that the properties ‘...will be in keeping with the surrounding architecture using sympathetic design and materials so to fit comfortably within the surroundings...’. The Council would like to see the surrounding wall and entrance retained as this adds to the character of the area.

12/01100/CU Glenfield, Bottomdale Road, Slyne, LA2 6BG  
Change of use of dwelling house (C3) to children’s care home (C2)  
Concerns have been raised about the safety of the children as the property is located on a busy country lane with bends, the road is narrow in places with no pavement and unlit at night. It is used as a ‘rat run’ to access the motorway with a large number of vehicles passing along at peak times. It would be very hazardous for children to walk along the lane and they would need to be escorted or transported by vehicle to reach the A6 road for public transport and to access facilities within the village. There is also concern about sight lines at the entrance to the property and the increase in the number of vehicle movements especially as it is proposed to employ 16 staff on a shift basis. Other concerns are the flooding problems in the area, the size of the property and grounds to accommodate four children and staff and the apparent lack of disabled provision

Notification of permission granted

12/00937/FUL 20 Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX

12/00955/FUL Hammerton Hall, Hammerton Hall Lane, Slyne, LA2 6AA

12/01007/FUL 12 Throstle Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AX

Notification of permission refused

12/00750/CU Williamsland Farm, Hasty Brow, Slyne, LA2 6AE

12/0115/TPO 116 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

1836 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

DD	Eon	4.92	electricity bill -burial ground
Chq	101562 SLCC	127.00	clerk’s membership fee
	101563 Lancaster City Council	150.43	final bill grass cutting 2012
	101564 Carnforth Chamber of Trade	48.00	Christmas trees
	101565 SwH Football Club	310.05	summer grass cutting -football pitch (as per lease)
	101566 Mrs D Brookes	786.10	clerk’s salary & expenses
	101567 HMRC	399.26	NIC & PAYE
	101568 Mr R McGuire	115.20	groundsman’s pay

1837 **Matters raised by members for future consideration** none

1838 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 18 February 2013 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.52pm