

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 21 JANUARY 2019 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones, Mr Roland Stretch,
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mrs Tracey Scott

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2666 To receive apologies for absence none

Open Forum

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

Present for the Open Forum

County Cllr S Morris, City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson, Mr D Liptrott

- Cllr Morris reported that the repair of a fence at the Hasty Brow crossroads, damaged in a serious accident is claimed by Lancashire County Council not to be its responsibility. The Parish Council rejected a suggestion that it might contribute to the repair bill and the matter is to be pursued further with the driver of the vehicle that caused the damage. Improved signage and road markings at the cross roads are due to be put in place by County Council.
- Canal bridges; no further progress has been made with the erection of signs. It was noted that temporary signs warning of the unsuitability for large vehicles have disappeared.
- Footpath by the church triangle; Cllr Morris was informed that a similar request made to Lancashire County Council in 2016 was rejected because this is perceived as a low risk area for accidents and any work seems unlikely because of budget constraints.
- Flooding and drainage work on the foreshore; Cllr Morris reported that he had been made aware that a large pothole at the edge of the road had been filled in and gullies had been cleared. Further drainage work would seem to be necessary.
- Mr Liptrott enquired about development of land in the Green Belt area close to the canal off Sea View Drive. It is being considered for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan but he was assured that to date no decision on development proposals has been taken and the re-designation of the Green Belt boundaries is still under review by Lancaster City Council. Once the Neighbourhood Plan has been approved there will be a period of public consultation.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

2667 To record Declarations of Interest none

2668 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17 December 2018 as a true record.

They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2669 Progress Reports (*for information only*)

- Severe flooding in a garden on Hanging Green Lane has been brought to the council's attention. In 2012 a new drain was put in place by Lancashire County Council to reduce flooding in this area and in Prospect Drive and householders paid towards the cost of individual connections being made into the drain. This information has been forwarded to the Hanging Green Lane resident.
- Hest Bank Lane crossroads; see above -the council will continue to check on the erection of signs.
- Canal bridges -see above -the damage to the canal bridge at Hasty Brow was reported to the Canal & River Trust and barriers have been erected to prevent further damage until repairs can be carried out

2670 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan; the Steering Group has held a meeting with Mr Ian McClusky of Aecom, the company that will be doing the Strategic Environmental Assessment(SEA) and the Habitats Regulation Assessment(HRA) for the Plan. He will liaise with Lancaster City Council for relevant information and will also be consulting Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency to aid in writing the report. The Council took the decision that it would prefer to delay a full meeting with the Neighbourhood

Plan Steering Group until it has received a full draft of the Plan incorporating any changes which may be necessary following the SEA and HRA reports and the Lancaster City Plan review so that a full and meaningful discussion can take place. In the meantime there will continue to be a council presence at the Steering Group meetings so that the council is kept up-to-date with any developments.

Community Development Group; work on the consultation questionnaire is still ongoing and it is hoped to have this printed for distribution to all households. In the meantime some information has been sent out electronically. Fields in Trust, with which the recreation field is dedicated, is planning a nationwide Have a Field Day picnic in the park on Saturday 6th July 2019 and this will be given some consideration.

2671 Financial matters

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

Current Account £3,987.64 Savings Account £86,176.56.

Annual Review of Clerk's salary

Resolution(i): to retain the salary at the present level

Consideration of the quotations received from Envirocare for grass cutting and general grounds maintenance on council-owned land in the parish in 2019/20. A quotation had been requested from Lancaster City Council but to date not received.

Resolution(ii): to accept the quotation supplied by Envirocare for a yearly maintenance price of £8760 +VAT, invoiced on a monthly basis, for the period April 2019 to March 2020.

Budget -councillors had been provided with information on the current financial position of the Council, an estimate of receipts and expenditure to the end of the financial year 2018/19 and projected receipts and expenses for 2019/20. A budget meeting was held on Monday 7 January 2019 at which the budget recommendations and therefore the precept requirement for 2019/20 were considered.

Resolution(iii): to adopt the proposed budget for 2019/20.

Resolution(iv): to raise a precept of £65,000 to meet the expenses of the Parish Council in the financial year 2019/20.

The parish tax rate on a Band D property will be £49.62.

A request for the precept requirement will be made to Lancaster City Council.

2672 Open Spaces

Recreation field; further contact has been made with JWK Solicitors and it is hoped to receive a report on the progress of the negotiations by the end of January.

Tree safety inspections; this has been discussed with Lancaster City Council Officers and specialist contractors are needed to carry out full safety inspections -a decision on inspection of all the trees on council-owned land was left in abeyance.

Arrangements are to be made for the inspection of trees in Hanging Green wood.

Designation of the Memorial Hall field as a Centenary Field; further information has been requested from Fields in Trust and this is to be supplied.

Proposal for some kind of memorial on the memorial hall field; by a majority decision it was decided that there should be a memorial in the form of a World War I centenary seat. An estimated cost has been obtained of £860 including delivery (ex VAT).

2673 Highways

Suggested footpath on Hanging Green Lane alongside the church triangle; -also see above- a definitive answer to a request made to County Highways has still not been received, however when a similar request was made in 2016 it was rejected as the area is perceived as a low risk area in terms of accidents. There would be some difficulty in trying to construct a path across the triangle of land because of a TPO on the trees and the nature of the ground.

2674 Burial Ground

Consideration of a request for the disposal of grave space; a person bought a space in 2005 at a cost of £240 but no longer wishes to be buried in Slyne cemetery. It was decided to request confirmation of this

decision in writing. However it was felt that no refund could be made unless and until it should be purchased by another person(s).

2675 **Planning Applications**

Applications received

18/01578/FUL 18 Rushley mount, Hest Bank, LA2 6DU

No issues raised on the above application

18/01438/FUL 4 Bryn Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX

The only comments made on this application are that the proposed large extensions could make the property somewhat overbearing in this location

18/01627/FUL The Shore, Hest Bank

This application for the erection of a sculpture and information plaque is made by Morecambe Bay Partnership. The Council has not raised any issues about the installation of the structure but has objected to the proposed location. As this is on parish council land the Council wishes to make the decision on where it should be placed. This is to be conveyed to Lancaster City Council and to the Morecambe Bay Partnership.

Applications permitted

18/01353/FUL St John's Hospice, Slyne Road, Slyne, LA2 6ST

Application withdrawn

18/01229/ADV signs at roundabout at junction of A683, Bay Gateway

2676 **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	122195	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	876.00	grounds maintenance -December
	122196	Viking	164.68	stationery
	122197	Mrs D Brookes	873.30	clerk's salary
	122198	Petty cash	35.71	sundry items
	122199	HMRC	344.04	NIC & PAYE
	122200	Mr S Brade	521.05	groundsman's pay & maintenance expenses
	122201	St Lukes Church	40.00	printing & distribution of CEP cards

2677 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Further concerns had been raised by a resident about the use of the Hest Bank Lane/Sea View Drive snicket by horse riders and the suggestion of the installation of a kissing gate made. However as this snicket does not belong to the parish council (although occasional essential maintenance work is carried out) no action is to be taken.

2678 **Date of next meeting** Monday 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.