

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 20 MARCH 2017 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern- Chairman, Mr Roland Stretch, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley,  
Mr Eric Hamer

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2414 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr H Brownjohn, Cllr S Jones,

**Open Forum**

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

Present for the Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas

Apologies were received from County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr S Rogerson

- It was brought to the attention of Cllr Thomas and the Council that following the closure of the Bolton-le-Sands library there is an intention to discuss its re-opening by a community group and the support of this Council is being sought. It is to be discussed at the Annual Parish Assembly of Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council which Cllr Thomas hopes to attend.
- Also raised was the emptying of waste bins which are on the canal towpath. This is the responsibility of the Canal & River Trust.
- Cllr Thomas gave information about the County Housing Fund derived from money raised from tax on second homes in the district. £700,000 has been allocated by the County Council towards provision of homes for first time buyers. Local groups are invited to attend a meeting about this on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Cllr Thomas left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

2415 **To record Declarations of Interest** see 2420 Resolution (i)

2416 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 February 2017 -agreed  
They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2417 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- The Canal & River Trust is looking into cutting back vegetation at the canal bridges. There has been another incident at the Hest Bank Lane bridge that has been reported to the Trust.
- Recreation field trees -much of the work on the trees has now been completed. An enquiry by a resident about ivy growing on some trees was passed on to the Lancaster City Council Tree Protection Officer and discussed with Mr P Walton.
- The complaint about the deteriorating surface of the Ashworth Drive pavement and the problems of the road surface on Marine Drive between Station Road and the Crescent have been reported to Lancashire County Council.
- The items for the Emergency Community Plan are in place. Arrangements have been made with the local churches for distribution of information leaflets along with their Easter service cards.
- It has been reported that a car has been left parked on the foreshore for a fortnight. The Police have been requested to investigate ownership of the vehicle.
- No response is to be made to complaints received in an anonymous letter about a business being run from a property in the village.
- Bolton-le-Sands library -the Council would be willing to consider giving some support to a campaign to re-open it.

2418 **Administration**

Mrs J Leeman's resignation from the Council was formally accepted. Lancaster City Council has been informed that there is a vacancy on the Council and it is being advertised.

Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr Jones is liaising with the Neighbourhood Plan Group. Some issues have been raised about potential boundary changes to the south of the parish and development of land identified by policies SG10 and SG11 in the Lancaster Local Plan and this is being investigated by the NP Group. While having some misgivings about these changes the Council acknowledges that the building of the Bay

Gateway has brought about significant changes between it and the Lancaster boundary. It is felt that some areas for development in the parish should be identified and contained within the Plan to lessen the possibility of developers coming in with large scale plans. A decision on a date for a meeting of representatives of the Neighbourhood Plan Group with the Parish Council was deferred. The Council has responded to the Lancaster Local Plan consultation.

Replacement hut for Preschool at the rear of the Memorial Hall; this was agreed to in principle. Some information on a type of hut had been submitted by Preschool. However the Council requested to know the size of the proposed hut, whether it is to be fixed on a concrete base and whether any provision has been made for the collection of rain water from the roof to reduce the flooding of adjacent land.

Preschool's request to fix a banner on the front gate of the Memorial Hall; -no objection to a temporary banner but it will be referred back to the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Committee for a decision on the length of time that the banner can be left in place.

#### 2419 Financial matters

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

Current Account £3597.09, Savings Account £61,968.66

Lancaster City Council has granted a full rates relief on the Burial Ground for 2017/18.

Recreation field dispute and insurance cover; -JWK Solicitors have indicated that they are close to agreeing a 'standstill agreement' with Penny Bennett's solicitors which will give more time for negotiations. Following enquiries to the Council's insurance provider about possible insurance cover for legal expenses, DAS Legal Expenses Insurance Company Limited has said that there is a possibility that this may be an insured incident under the Council's policy and the next step is to have a solicitor, preferably appointed by them, to assess the claim's prospects of success. However there is a number of points that need clarification before this step is taken, particularly as the Council does not wish to incur any further expense. The clerk is to make further enquiries.

Membership of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils (LALC); to correct the February 2017 minutes, some doubts were expressed of the worth of membership of LALC at the March meeting in 2016, however it was resolved to renew the membership and review again in twelve months' time (minute ref 2283). At the February meeting 2017 (minute ref 2409) it was decided not to renew the membership of LALC and the invoice has not been paid. Subsequently the Council has been informed that under the terms of the LALC constitution, any member council wishing to terminate its membership must do so in writing by the 30<sup>th</sup> September of any year and it will become effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> April following. The clerk has never seen a copy of the constitution and being unaware of this requirement could not advise the Council. LALC is to be informed of this and any payment is withheld.

To consider the renewal of the membership of Fields in Trust and pay the subscription of £50.00.

Resolution; to renew the membership.

#### 2420 Open Spaces

Recreation field project; a hoped for assessment of the drainage problems and quotation for remedial work has not been received from William Pye Ltd of Preston. Duncan Ross Limited, Contractor, is to be contacted.

Provision of a MUGA; a specification and quotation has been received but no progress can be made until the legal and drainage issues have been resolved.

Manor Road play area; a preliminary agreement with Lancaster City Council for the lease of the area has been signed but the full lease agreement has not yet been received. Until this is in place work cannot progress.

Quotations have been received for fencing the area, for the installation of surfacing and provision of play equipment. It is intended to develop the area mainly for use by toddlers and young children and equipment suitable for this age range will be installed.

Resolution (i) to accept the quotation received from Mountainstone Forge Ltd. for one metre high metal mesh fencing round the whole perimeter. Cllr Scothern, having family connections to the contractor, declared an interest and did not take part in the decision making.

Resolution (ii) to appoint Playdale as supplier of the play equipment but to request some modifications to the specification supplied.

**2421 Foreshore**

After heavy rain, flooding of parts of the highway and some areas used for parking on the foreshore is still a problem.

Mr T Cowperthwaite has carried out some exploratory work on the drains and some are crushed or blocked and need attention. Arrangements are to be made to meet Mr Cowperthwaite on site to discuss further work that is needed. The drainage and repair of the highway is really the Lancashire County Council's responsibility but there seems little prospect of any work being done.

Memorial bench; a request has been received to place a memorial bench on the foreshore. The style is intended to be similar to those already in place. The exact position for the bench has not yet been determined

Resolution; to grant permission to install a bench under the terms of the agreement for benches on the foreshore.

**2422 Planning Applications**

Applications received

17/00126/FUL Cote Farm, Strellas Lane, Slyne, LA5 8AB

No objections were raised on this application provided that the proposed residential unit is restricted to agricultural workers' use only.

17/00222/FUL 6 Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX

No issues were raised on this application

Applications permitted

16/00850/FUL 7 Kirklands, Hest Bank, LA2 6ER

16/01458/FUL 6 Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET

16/01457/FUL 11 Greenacre Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HD

16/01601/FUL 26 Manor Road, Slyne, LA2 6LB

16/01596/FUL Cote Farm, Strellas Lane, Slyne, LA5 8AB

17/00026/FUL 81 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6BS

17/00056/FUL 9 Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET

17/00073/FUL St Luke's School, Shady Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JL

17/0019/TCA 80 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AU

Applications refused

16/01292/FUL 32 Hatlex Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HA

**2423 Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £10,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed:

	DD	Eon	7.62	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque	122023	Printing Plus	226.27	newsletter printing
	122024	Viking	97.08	stationery & cartridges
	122025	Queensbury Shelters	3445.20	bus shelter
	122026	Weasdale Nurseries	147.00	trees for foreshore
	122027	Mr S Brade	125.00	groundsman's pay
	122028	Mrs D Brookes	836.15	clerk's salary
	122029	Petty cash	35.49	sundry items
	122030	Mrs D Brookes	89.71	reimbursed -purchase of CEP items
	122031	United Utilities	135.94	water bill -burial ground
	122032	JWK Solicitors	5810.64	recreation field reports & legal fees
	122033	Fields in Trust	50.00	membership fee

**2424 Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Replacement or refurbishment of the bus shelter Hest Bank Lane/Shady Lane

Repair of seat near to above bus shelter.

Enquiry to Lancashire County Council about the possibility of putting a weight limit on Coastal Road/Marine Drive as discussed during consultations on the construction of the Bay Gateway.

**2425 Date of next meeting Monday 24 April at 7.30pm**

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm

