

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 19 MAY 2008 in the MEMORIAL HALL  
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

CLLrs present Mr Stephen Jones (SJ), Mr Peter Millard (PM), Mr Julian Newbold (JN),  
Mr Carl Willett (CW), Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes (DB)

Also present for Open Forum: PC D Lowe, County Cllr A P Jones, City Cllr S Rogerson, Mr J Stelfox,  
Mrs A Stelfox, Ms H Martin, Mr D Nevinson, Mrs S Nevinson, Mr W Kenyon,  
Mr R Welsh, Mr S Walker, Mrs M Walker, Mr C Stuart-Burgess,  
Mrs L Stuart-Burgess, Mr J Marsden, Mrs D Marsden

**1097 Election of Chairman**

**Vice Chairman, Internal Auditor and SHMH Committee Representatives**

Cllr Stephen Jones was re-elected as Chairman unopposed. He declared his Acceptance of Office by signing the acceptance form.

In the absence of two members, it was not found possible to make other appointments -deferred to the next meeting.

**1098 To receive and accept apologies for absence**

Cllr A Johnson due to husband's serious illness and Cllr S Scothern attending residential course relating to work. Apologies noted and accepted

**1099 To receive declarations of interest**

Cllr C Willett as a member of the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall Management Committee declared interest in the Memorial Hall Lease

Standing Orders were suspended

**Open Forum**

**Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting;** PC D Lowe reported the crime statistics for the previous month. Two crimes had been reported compared with eight in the same period in 2007 and there had been two instances of youth related anti-social behaviour (five in 2007). The Police had provided some information about a scheme for Police Information Points (PIP) -interactive boards for the display of notices and collection of information -which they would install. A suggested location would be the main entrance hall of the Memorial Hall. More information to be sought but thought to be worth considering taking up the offer.

- County Cllr Jones reported that the Slyne with Hest Scout & Guide Management Committee and the Over Sixties Club had been successful in their bids for funding from the County Councillors' grant allowance scheme.
- Mr Stelfox reported that little progress seemed to have been made with Lancaster City Council over the flooding issue. County Cllr Jones suggested that the Parish Council should take the initiative and try to arrange a meeting with the representatives of the Local Authorities along with City councillors and representatives from the flooding action group.
- Planning application for demolition of a house and its replacement by a larger property on Coastal Road; a previous application had been withdrawn and a new one now submitted. A number of residents voiced their concern. The Council noted these, however, it was explained that as the application had arrived too late to be included on the agenda of the present meeting, the Council was unable to debate it and make any decisions.  
Following suggestions at the Open Forum and the resolution of the Council (minute 1088) at the last meeting, the Lancaster City Council Planning and Development Officer had been asked for advice about the inclusion of an additional statement in the Village Design Statement to discourage the demolition of habitable properties and their replacement by larger dwellings. His advice is to wait for the forthcoming Local Development Strategy, Land Management Consultation and to take an active part in the consultation process. In developing a strategy consideration will be given to the Council's concerns and proposals.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

### 1100 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 April 2008 as a true record. These were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 1101 Administration matters

Training for Council members; notification had been received of training courses run by the County Training Partnership; this could be important if the council decided to go for Quality Status -no uptake on the offer at present.

### 1102 Financial matters

Resolution: to accept the monthly report of receipts and expenditure presented by the clerk.

Current Account £2324.13, Savings Account £47,606.97

The precept payment for the year 2008/09 had been received from Lancaster City Council and credited to the Savings Account

Audit 2008; Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2008, all councillors had been sent a copy of the form which includes the completed Statement of accounts and the list of the council's obligations regarding the Annual governance statement along with a copy of the Receipts and Payments record for the year.

Resolution: to approve the accounts as presented by the Responsible Financial Officer

The Annual governance statement was considered by the Council and completed at the meeting

Resolution: to approve the annual governance statement.

### 1103 Payment of accounts

Resolution: to transfer £4,500 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed;

DD	Lancaster City Council	16.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> instalment- burial ground rates
101051	Viking Direct	72.60	stationery
101053	Allianz Insurance PLC	1450.58	insurance premium
101054	Mrs D Brookes	798.77	clerk's salary & expenses
101055	Petty cash	42.87	sundry items, includes anti-virus update on computer
101056	PC World	165.09	publisher disc for computer and ink cartridge
101057	Mr M Ashton	217.04	stone/boulders (refs 875 & 935)
101058	SHMH	2000.00	grant (ref 1047)
101059	Slyne with Hest Bowling Club	1000.00	grant (ref 1047)

### 1104 Planning applications

Application No.

08/00443/FUL

erection of a storage building  
for Mr N Casson, Proposed Storage Barn, Cote Farm, Kellet Lane  
does not seem to be contrary to planning guidelines -no objections

Application granted

07/01719/FUL, Slyne House, Throstle Grove, LA2 6AX

Application withdrawn

08/00257/FUL, 11A Coastal Road, LA2 6HB

### 1105 Burial Ground

The Chairman and clerk had met with an architect from Gill Dockray Architects at the burial ground to discuss proposals for an amended application for improvements to the entrance and provision of parking spaces, and also to discuss the future of the storage building and the possibility of opening up a new area for burials. An idea put forward by the architect was to rethink the proposals for a parking area

and to develop a circular area at the bottom of the drive, which would be easier to access, provide a larger parking area while at the same time, with suitable planting, give a more aesthetically pleasing feature.

Also from this, a driveway into the adjacent field could be developed for the opening up of a new area. A draw back of using the adjacent field is the steepness of the ground and considerable infrastructure would be necessary to make it suitable for the purpose.

No decisions were taken pending the receipt of a more detailed report from the architect -deferred to next meeting.

Building; following advice from the Planning Officer and discussions with the above architect it was decided that it would seem more sensible and probably more cost effective to retain the building and to re-roof it with roofing sheets of a type in keeping with the building. The cost of these is to be investigated.

Memorial inspections; it was reported that the stake and banding on some of the headstones is becoming loose and others may soon need some attention. The headstones are the property of the grave owners and they are responsible for their maintenance. The problem is the contacting of the owners and in some cases there may not be any living relatives. Advice is to be sought from the Lancaster City Council Cemeteries Manager on how they deal with this kind of situation

#### 1106 Open Spaces

Recreation field -resurfacing beneath play equipment, (refer to minute 1091) further enquiries had been made about the robustness of the two options quoted for, also a second quotation had been obtained.

Resolution: to award the contract for the resurfacing work to Playdales Limited and to choose the wetpour option as this would seem to be the more robust surface and be the most cost effective. Total cost for resurfacing beneath the birds nest swing and below the large swings is £12670 +VAT

Purchase of plants for tubs; JC-K had obtained an estimate for the cost of plants.

Resolution: to purchase plants for the tubs up to a maximum cost of £700.

#### 1107 Memorial Hall

Lease; it was reported that the lease had again been discussed by the Slyne with Hest Memorial Hall (SHMH)Committee which was still dissatisfied with the Determination Clause 6- and had suggested its removal. SJ is to attend the next SHMH committee meeting to discuss this clause and its implications.

#### 1108 Foreshore

Improvement works required (minute 1094); two estimates had been received but it was decided to wait for a third one before giving any further consideration -deferred to next meeting

Provision of an extra bin to be placed at the far north-easterly end of the foreshore;

Resolution: to purchase a litter bin from Wybone Ltd of a similar type to those already on the foreshore, cost £397.36 + delivery + VAT

Compound used for tractors; it had been reported that tractors stored at the compound on the foreshore had been removed but oil drums and other rubbish had been left behind.

Mr Graham had informed the Council that no diesel is stored there, the drums are merely used as floats, he intends to purchase a new tractor and wishes to continue to lease the land -explanation accepted but area will continue to be monitored.

#### 1109 Matters suggested by members for future consideration

Clutter of signs on foreshore -some seemingly defunct, also removal of lifebelt

Provide seat and litter bin at bus shelter on Shady Lane (mentioned at previous meeting, no action yet taken)

Report that during the collection of glass for recycling, bottles etc. were being smashed by the operatives, broken glass was not properly cleaned up, and some was left on pavement and road.

#### 1110 Date of next meeting

Monday 16 June 2008 at 7.30pm. Apologies for absence given in advance by CW

The meeting closed at 9.25pm

