

## SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL

Due to the coronavirus pandemic and the Government's social distancing measures it was not possible to hold the scheduled meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Business was conducted by communication through e-mail and telephone.

An agenda had been circulated and reports on matters to be considered sent to all council members. The agenda was also published on the website and members of the press and public who wished have an input invited to contact the clerk.

At the meeting in March it was resolved that, if necessary, decisions will be delegated to the Chairman, deputy Chairman and one other councillor

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

### 2856 Election of Officers

Recent Government emergency legislation states that it is not necessary to hold an Annual Meeting and the election of officers can be deferred to the Annual Meeting in 2021.  
Unanimous agreement given to retaining the present officers.

### 2857 To record Declarations of Interest none

### 2858 Minutes of the previous meeting

Approval was given to the minutes recording decisions made on Monday 20 April 2020.

### 2859 Progress Reports (for information only)

- The precept has been received
- S Brade continues to work to keep everywhere tidy, work having been done on the burial ground, the pound and the notice boards. Envirocare are cutting the grass on open spaces.
- Reports received about work required on Public Rights of Way have been referred to County Council.

### 2860 Administration

No reports were available about the coronavirus impact on the village and the work of volunteer community groups.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group is continuing to work on the Plan and another virtual meeting is planned to progress the Basic Conditions Statement.

Public Right of Way Local Delivery Scheme -Lancashire County Council invited applications to join the Scheme for 2020/21 with a grant of £500.

Formal approval was confirmed to opt into the scheme. An application has been made.

Community event originally planned for July 2020 -the general opinion is that, in the light of the present circumstances, this should be left in abeyance until 2021

### 2861 Financial Matters

Approval was given to the monthly summary of receipts and payments

Current account £7,627.77 Savings account £163,385.63

Consideration of a rent 'holiday' for the three sports clubs that lease land from the Parish Council and

future review of the rents; -due to the coronavirus restrictions imposed by the Government the clubs will probably be able to carry out only limited activities in the immediate future and this is likely to impact on their income.

Proposal -to give the clubs a rent 'holiday' -three members fully in favour, two with reservations and suggestions of a percentage reduction.

Final decision; to accept the majority decision and to give the three club's a rent free year in 2020 with a rent review to be held in 2021.

#### 2862 Open Spaces

Recreation field; contact has been made with Duncan Ross Contractors and they have furloughed staff but have promised to get back to the job when they can. Further contact is to be made.

Will wait and see when the Community Development Group can move forward.

Consideration of alleged problems relating to the Bowling Club hedge reported by the Tennis Club; the hedge is on land leased to the Bowling Club and the Club's responsibility subject to (under the terms of the lease) maintenance being in accordance with the requirements and to the satisfaction of the landlord (parish council). General agreement that the hedge could be reduced in height.

It is to be suggested that the Bowling Club in consultation with the Tennis Club is asked to come up with a solution. However in the meantime

Decision; to seek professional advice on cutting back the hedge and the impact this would have on the hedge itself and on resolving the problem, along with obtaining an estimate of the cost, before a final decision is made on what work should be done and who bears the cost.

It is noted that due to nesting birds protection regulations any work may not be possible before the end of July.

#### 2863 Planning applications

Applications received

20/00410/FUL 35 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DB

No issues raised on this application

20/00437/FUL 25 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

Concerns have been raised on this application as it is for the construction of a large new property in the grounds of an existing property; these include the position of the proposed new build, its size, style and materials used and it being considered not in-keeping with the existing property, the impact on the TPOs existing on the site and the proposed shared driveway with sight line concerns.

Applications permitted

20/00279/FUL 22 Peacock Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EN

#### 2864 Payment of Accounts

Approval was given to the payment of the accounts as listed:

	DD	BT	198.91	phone bill
Cheque	122309	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	780.00	grounds maintenance - April
	122310	Mrs D Brookes	878.70	clerk's salary
	122311	Mr S Brade	408.30	groundsman's pay + material expenses

#### 2865 Matters raised by members for future consideration

none

#### 2866 Scheduled Date of next meeting

Monday 15 June 2020 Arrangements to be confirmed