

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2019 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

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

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2786 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr Whittall absent due to illness.

Open Forum

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

Present for Open Forum: City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr K Budden, Mr C Knowles (Slyne with Hest Football Club), Mr D Passant (SwhFC), seven members of the public (ref. Sea View Drive)

- Cllr Thomas pointed out that there is to be a meeting with Lancaster City Council Planning Officers to discuss proposed development of land beyond the Bay Gateway. This is an exploratory pre-planning discussion.
- Cllr Budden had received a complaint about the state of the Public Right of Way between the canal and Rushley Mount. The Council has been in contact with Lancashire County Council PROW Officer as it is LCC's responsibility to maintain PROWs.
- Members of the public raised concerns and objections to any development alongside the canal behind Sea View Drive. These concerns had been raised at a Neighbourhood Plan meeting but no information had been forwarded to the Parish Council. It was pointed out that this site was one of several sites that had been identified for possible development. As they are required, members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee had met with potential developers for this site and others in the parish. No decisions have been made. It was agreed that a date would be fixed for the parish councillors to meet with members of the NP Steering Committee to further discuss some of the concerns that were being raised.
- Mr Knowles and Mr Passant explained the Football Club's plans for development of the pitch, improvement of the clubhouse and construction of new parking facilities. At its October meeting the Council had discussed the Club's request for extra land and had been prepared to agree to it but needed further clarification of several issues.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

2787 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2788 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 October 2019 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2789 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- Public Right of Way at Rushley Mount -the PROW Officer at County Council has been contacted over concerns about the state of this path, also suggesting that the groundsman might be able to do some work but LCC cannot give permission for this.
- The Centenary plaque is now in place on the Memorial Hall field.
- The groundsman is repairing some of the litter bins from the foreshore. Improved lids will help to prevent litter being spread by birds.
- Community Emergency Plan; a committee meeting has been held recently to review and update the Plan. Cllr Stretch and the Clerk have attended a training session organised by Lancaster City Council.
- A complaint has been received about some maintenance work carried out on the Garden of Remembrance at the Burial Ground. This has been inspected and assurance can be given that no interred cremated remains have been disturbed. Work is sometimes essential to keep the Garden of Remembrance in good order. Some of the plaques may need to be levelled to prevent damage to them.

2790 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan: work continues on collating all the responses to the Regulation 14 consultation. Responses have been received from the Canal & River Trust and Lancashire County Council Highways as well as members of the public. This exercise involves a considerable amount of work. Any changes to the Plan will need to be considered in light of the responses. The final document will need the Parish Council's approval. The NP Steering Group will prepare a Consultation Statement and this will need to be approved by the Parish Council prior to publication and the next step will be the submission of the Plan to Lancaster City Council.

Proposed Summer Event 2020; an open meeting held by the Community Group and the Parish Council was well attended with meaningful discussions on the possible format of the event. Several people indicated that they would be prepared to become part of an organising committee and a meeting is to be held on Monday 2 December.

Preparations are well in hand for the Christmas Fayre to be held on Saturday 23 November in the Memorial Hall.

As in previous years, approval was given to the purchase of Christmas trees and the erection of lights outside the Memorial Hall.

2791 Financial matters

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

Current account £5090.72 Savings account £102,668.06

Half-year audit; an internal audit by Cllr S Scothern has been carried out and an Independent Internal Audit by the Independent Internal Audit Panel has also been done -everything was considered to be satisfactory and no issues were raised.

Signatories on the council's accounts with Santander; at present there are four signatories on the accounts

Resolution: to add Cllr Tracey Scott to the list of signatories

Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; two wreaths had been supplied for the Annual Remembrance Service

Resolution: to make a donation (Section 137 of the Local Government Act (1972)) of £70 to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

2792 Open Spaces

Recreation field; to date no further work has been carried out. A meeting is to be arranged with Mr Duncan Ross to discuss future developments.

Slyne with Hest Football Club's request to develop the land at Bottomdale Road -see Open Forum above; while the council is prepared to agree to some changes, there are a number of issues that need to be resolved. These include the transfer of a portion of land, related leases and adjustment of rents; planning consent for proposed alterations to the clubhouse and for development of a car parking area; possible re-alignment of the egress on to Bottomdale Road.

2793 Foreshore

Drainage work; drainage work has been agreed with the contractor but to date no work has been carried out.

Memorial benches; an inspection of the foreshore has been made and sites for two requested memorial benches have been identified. Arrangements are to be made with the applicants for the installation of the benches.

2794 Highways

Trees, lights, signs and general tidiness of the village; following complaints made to Lancashire County Council, assurance was received that some work had been carried out but it would appear to be minimal. The Council has been informed that general street cleaning is the responsibility of Lancaster City Council.

Speed and traffic safety; Cllr Scothern has approached St Luke's school about measures that could be taken to make the roads round the school safer and thus reduce the chances of a serious accident. He has also been in contact with the Police about parking and speeding.

Further concerns have been raised about safety at the Hasty Brow/Hest Bank Lane crossroads. It would seem that little has been done to improve road markings and warning signs. Following an accident over twelve months ago, damaged railings have still not been repaired and there seems to be some dispute about who has the responsibility although it is believed that they are Lancashire County Council safety railings. It is hoped to have some additional information about signage at the next meeting.

2795 **Planning Applications**

Applications received

19/01353/FUL 4 Bryn Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX

This is a re-application and some concern has again be raised about the extensive proposed development on this corner site.

19/01391/FUL 2 Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX

No issues raised in this application

19/0149/TPO 1 Shady Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JL

No issues raised provided that the work on the tree is carried out by a qualified arboriculturist.

Applications permitted

19/00683/FUL Williamsland Farm, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AE

Some concern has been raised about the change of use of a premises on Station Road, Hest Bank and Lancaster City Council Planning and Development has been contacted.

2796 **Payment of Accounts**

Resolution: to approve the payment of the accounts as listed:

	DD	BT	195.41	phone bill
cheque	122271	Lancaster City Council	144.00	charge for uncontested election in May
	122272	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	876.00	grounds maintenance -Oct
	122273	Mrs D Brookes	882.10	salary & expenses
	122274	Petty cash	36.52	sundry items
	122275	Mr S Brade	525.08	groundsman's pay
	122276	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	70.00	donation for wreaths

2797 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

None

2798 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 16 December 2019 at 7.30pm

Date of budget meeting

Monday 13 January 2020 at 7.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 9.15pm.