

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY 21 JULY 2014 in the MEMORIAL HALL

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern(SS)-Chairman, Mrs Joanne Leeman(JL), Mr Stephen Jones (SJ)
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley(JC-K), Mr Roland Stretch(RS)
Mrs Moyna Hargest(MH) (left at 8.25pm)

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2048 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: City Cllr M Thomas, Mr J Leach, Mrs S Drake, Mrs L Bowker, Mrs C Joyce, Miss C Hartley

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

- There was no Police presence at the meeting and therefore no report
- Cllr Thomas commented on the proposal to build a marina on the Lancaster canal at Carnforth. This could lead to a potential increase in usage of the canal through the parish. Cllr Stretch raised the issue of the speed on Bottomdale Road which remains at 30mph to just beyond the football ground and then at 60mph to Four Lane Ends although usage has increased because some traffic is being diverted along the road while work on the link road is carried out. In comparison the speed limit has temporarily been reduced to 30mph on a section of the A6. Lancashire County Council is responsible for setting the limits.
- Mrs Drake presented a petition to the Council calling for improvements to the recreation field. It was explained that the Council also had concerns about parts of the field where considerable drainage work has been carried out and a football pitch created. It has been let down by contractors that carried out work and is still pursuing them to complete the work to a satisfactory and safe standard. Mrs Drake had obtained a very reasonable estimate for the resurfacing of the former third tennis court and the Council will be willing to consider this. The formation of an independent committee to take this forward and to seek funding for improvements was suggested and agreed. The local MP has also offered support.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

2049 To record Declarations of Interest None

2050 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 June 2014 as a true record. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2051 Progress Reports *(for information only)*

- Canal bridges -Canals and Rivers Trust have inspected bridges and are keeping them under review.
- Fence at 1 Sunningdale Avenue -information has been received from the Planning Enforcement Team- the owner has been given until the end of September to take down the fence to the height of the wall and to reduce the gate posts to the same height
- BT Openreach; Wayleaves permission has been granted by the Council in respect of the box at the top of Manor Lane and the wayleaves payment received
- Provision of a board on the recreation field for the various plaques acknowledging the field as a Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee fields and the funding provided for its development -this has now been ordered.
- The TPO on trees at St Luke's Church has been confirmed.
- Due to lack of time and pressure of work, Cllr Hargest has decided not to pursue an appeal against the refusal by Lancashire Country Council of the claims for Definitive Map Modification Orders for footpaths linking Sunningdale Crescent, Raikes Head Lane and Townfield Lane.
- Information about the further development of Three Tier Forums by Lancashire County Council has been circulated to members of the Council.

- Local heritage Assets; Cllr Jones and the clerk are to look at the suggestions put forward for the buildings in the parish that could merit listing.

2052 Administration

Lancaster City Council's Land Allocation Consultation; the Council has considered the five potential approaches that have been put forward by the City Council to identify development sites. In reply the points to be made are; that the Council would like to see villages retain their individual identity and character and not become extensions of the urban area and therefore a very careful choice of sites for development is imperative; the borders of the North Lancashire Green Belt need to be strengthened between the rural settlements and the urban areas, thus reducing the possibility of coalescence between Lancaster, Slyne with Hest, Halton and Torrisholme; in the case of Slyne with Hest, its border to the south of the parish needs to be protected to offset the potential for development along the M6/Heysham bypass corridor and the probability of urban sprawl from Skerton to Carnforth

The Council would accept infill and controlled small scale development and suggests that this should be applied to each of the villages within the district rather than a significant expansion of a few existing rural settlements. The existence of and development of the necessary infra-structure and facilities, for example, road and rail network, bus services, GPs, schools, should be considered.

2053 Financial matters

Resolution; to accept the quarterly receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.

Current Account £3,380.87 Savings Account £67,917.78

Signatories on the accounts; as Mr Peter Millard has left the Council a new signatory is required for the accounts

Resolution; to appoint Cllr R Stretch as a signatory on the accounts.

2054 Open spaces

Recreation Field project; concerns were again expressed about the lack of action from contractor, Newground, in spite of a meeting having been held with their representatives and the project manager at which promises were made to work on the football pitch to bring it to a satisfactory and safe standard and to move a bench, a seat and a picnic table. Some information has been received about the management of the pond and wetland area and work on this has started. It was agreed to approve the hiring of a mini-digger by the lengthsman to scrape out the pond while it is relatively dry and at the same time remove the embankment slide as previously agreed. Safety issues and the perceived dangers of the pond and wetland area were again discussed and approval was given to the purchase of three new warning signs -cost £84.42 +VAT. Further details of suitable fencing for round these areas are being pursued.

Play area- damage to the basket slide, as reported in the playground inspection, and also the repair of the edging of the safety surface. A quotation of £80 for the repairs has been received from Lancaster City Council. This will come from the £100 allowance made by City Council for playground repairs.

Resolution: to accept the quotation and have the repairs carried out.

Zip wire; this has been repaired by Playdale Playgrounds -the suppliers- at no cost. Agreement was given to improvement of the surface beneath it by the lengthsman.

Gates for the recreation field. A second quotation for the supply of two new field-type gates with a separate pedestrian gate, has been obtained- £464 +VAT, one for the middle entrance and one for the southern entrance

Resolution; to accept this quotation and to purchase two gates

Grass cutting and strimming; the City Council grounds maintenance team is to be asked to pay greater attention to strimming and to cutting the perimeters of the Memorial Hall field and recreation field.

2055 Burial ground

Development of the new burial area; the revised plan is in the process of being drawn up; approval of the amendments to the planting scheme have been requested from Lancaster City Council and a response is awaited.

Mr C Knowles, Slyne with Hest Football Club, has to date not been able to obtain any further information about funding for the development of the car park.

2056 Foreshore

Mr T Cowperthwaite has provided a quotation of £4000 +VAT for the restoration of the hard standing sections used as car parking areas along the length of the foreshore.

Resolution: to accept this quotation and have the work carried out.

It is expected that this will begin immediately

Application to place a memorial bench on the foreshore

Resolution: to approve the application made by Mrs B Draper to place a Glasdon 'Stanford' bench on the foreshore.

An existing bench which is badly damaged is to be demolished and the new bench put in its place.

The clerk has contacted the Environment Agency about the exposed outfall pipe on the shore but there seems to be some doubt about who has responsibility for it.

2057 Planning Applications

Application No.

14/00697/FUL 6 Throstle Grove, Slyne, LA2 6AX

14/00695/FUL 17 Sea View Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6BY

No issues were raised on either of the above applications

14/00750/FUL 2 Hatlex Hill, Hest Bank, LA2 6ET

No issues were raised concerning the proposed extension but it was noted that there are neighbourhood issues about the access that might need to be taken into account.

Notification of permission granted

14/0060/TCA 138 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6BD

Notification of application withdrawn

14/00065/FUL Land East of the Foreshore, Hest Bank

Notification of Tree Preservation Order

TPO 539(2014) Land East of the Foreshore, Hest Bank

2058 Payment of Accounts

Resolution: to authorise the transfer of £6,000 from the Savings Account to the Current Account.

Resolution: to pay the accounts as listed

	DD	Eon	10.19	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque	101709	Viking	78.83	exhibition staging -covered by grant
	101710	Lancaster City Council	550.80	grounds maintenance
	101711	Printing Plus	257.61	newsletter printing
	101712	Mr R McGuire	108.80	groundsman's pay
	101713	Mrs D Brookes	852.55	clerk's salary & expenses
	101714	Petty cash	78.71	sundry items inc. WWI exhibition
	101715	HMRC	456.76	NIC & PAYE payments
	101716	SHMH	2000.00	grant (minute ref. 2040)
	101717	Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council	2601.00	contribution to lengthsman scheme
	101718	Cllr S Jones	10.00	elected councillor's allowance
	101719	Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley	10.00	elected councillor's allowance
	101720	Cllr J Leeman	10.00	elected councillor's allowance
	101721	T Cowperthwaite	702.00	work at burial ground
	101722	Signs Express (D Brookes)	101.30	reimburse cost of warning signs
				-recreation field
	101723	Dennis Barnfield	78.00	hire of mini-digger (M Ashton)

2059 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Lengthsman scheme -concern about the number of hours due but not worked during 2013/14, work not being completed and possibility of the need for an extra person.

SJ -planting of hawthorn hedge on foreshore

SJ -delays on bus services and consequent effect on usage

RS -removal of notices after events

2060 **Date of next meeting** Monday 15 September 2014 at 7.30pm.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm