

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 January 2025 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

- 3536. Attending.** Councillors, Tony Obertelli, Alan Connor, Joanne Bateman.
Clerk, Louise Ash.
- 3537. Apologies** accepted from Andy Burrow, Sarah Campbell and June Cohen Kingsley
- 3538. Minutes.** The minutes of Monday 16 December 2024 were accepted as correct and duly signed.
- 3539. Declaration of Interests.** None declared
- 3540. Public Participation.** None attended
- 3541. Reports.** Cllr Paul Newton and Keith Budden attended. The ongoing appeal hearing regarding land off Sea View Drive was discussed. Cllr Newton was thanked in person for his help with ensuring our village being added to the rota for the mobile speeding devices. Our Chairman voiced his thanks to County Cllr Morris who was unable to attend tonight.
- 3542. Items for January 2025**
- a. Correspondence received since our last meeting: Email explaining that Highways will not consider yellow lines and a dropped curb outside the church hall due to safety issues was shared with the councillors. A request to add community information on our useful contacts page on the PC website from Lancaster CVS Health Officer was considered **Resolved** Clerk to organise the addition. A complaint email from a neighbour of the Memorial Hall was received and passed to their committee for response.
 - b. After considering the issues of the entrance path at The Rec during recent weather it is obvious that a major repair will be undermined by the continuous matter of blocked drains allowing water to destroy anything in its path. **Resolved** To make a temporary repair to ensure the safety of users within a reasonable budget. **Resolved** Pursue our complaints to Highways about the drains which are blocked again.
 - c. CiLCA Training for the Clerk will be considered. **Deferred** until next month
 - d. To note: The clerks annual increment this month. **Noted**
 - e. Our Council meeting in April 2025 would fall on Easter Monday, **Resolved** a revised date of **Monday 28 April** will be used.
 - f. **Resolved** that Mr M Richardson will conduct the Internal Audit for 2024-2025 year end process.
 - g. Community Cleanup Days: equipment costs, **Resolved** a budget up to £350 agreed
 - h. Campervans on the Foreshore, consider enforcement methods. **Noted** Chairman will identify enforcement methods for future consideration.
 - i. Muga Electricity was tested for value for money using U Switch **Resolved** to use E-on next via U Switch from the renewal date.
 - j. Land off Sea View Drive, appeal feedback was given by those who attended. **Noted** It was noted that as PC we have a Neighbourhood Plan; that the land concerned is Greenbelt, not Grey belt; that we consulted with our residents who responded that they wanted us to carry on strongly objecting to this application; that we lodged our statement with the Appeal Inspector. Therefore carrying out everything within our powers as a PC to object to the application. Members remain hopeful that the refusal of this application will be upheld.
 - k. Skipton Building Society have requested further signatures for the three people who will be on their Mandate, signed on the minutes by each person : Mrs Joanne Bateman, Mrs Ann Louise Ash and Mr Antony Obertelli. **Resolved** to carry out this request by signing a copy of these minutes. **Resolved** to also open a savings account with Unity Trust on line.

- I. Letter from Highways regarding SWH's inclusion in the rota of their anti-speeding message signs. The pc sought the help of Cllr Paul Newton and County Cllr Stuart Morris in this matter **Noted** Members thank them for their help.

3543. Five Year Plan

Priority areas, The Rec (footpath) The Foreshore (Review) and the Cemetery were discussed. **Resolved** Rec path -see item 3542/b above. **Resolved** to clear debris from the Cemetery shed during the summer months, repair and repaint the doors.

3544. Planning Applications discussed. RESOLVED Comments be noted online by the Clerk via the Lancaster City Planning portal. No objections were made.

24/01138/FUL 14 Rushley Mount Extension
 24/01352/PAH Folly Farm Lane Extension

It was noted that the following applications have been permitted;

24/00000/FUL 2B Bay View Cres Permitted
 24/01287/FUL 21b Hest Bank Lane Withdrawn

3545. Finance matters

It was noted that the bank balance was **£17,391.17** with reserves **£84,299.72** The bank statement was duly signed.

To approve the following payments:

Regular Payments		Direct Debits/Standing Orders	
Bank Charges	£7.35	Eon Next (MUGA)	£97.56
Printing	£9.99	Sky broadband	£41.94
Council Mobile Phone	£6.25	HMRC	£ 802.79 Q pyt
Wages/pension		Water Plus	£00
		Easy websites	£36.96
		Rydal Coms	£46.08
		DC Garden	£300
		Envirocare	£955.82

Other payments this month

IT Laptop Repair (R Taylor) £15.89

Noted: HMRC direct debit is not being taken in a timely manner. Clerk will monitor.

3546. Open Spaces Litter picking group has been brought together by the Chairman. The group is an extension of the Events Committee as each public meeting will be treated as a public event. Volunteer Policy will apply. Our Insurance agent has given advice which will be followed, alongside the well though through advice from Lancaster City Council with who we will lodge details of any litter picking activities so that the waste is collected promptly. The first event will be on 15 February at 10:00am, meeting outside Bold Café.

3547. Biodiversity and Climate Matters. Nothing to report.

3548. Parish Events

The Christmas Event preferred date is Saturday 6 December 2025. **Deferred** any decision on a spring / summer date until all members are present.

3549. Date and time of the next meeting 17 February 2025 at the Memorial Hall at 7:00

3550. Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:10pm

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