

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 15 JULY 2024 in the MEMORIAL HALL

- 3466. Attending.** Chairman Cllr Tony Obertelli. Councillors, Sarah Campbell, Janet Sellers, Alan Connor, June Cohen Kingsley, Joane Bateman. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Andy Burrow
- 3465. Minutes.** The minutes of Monday 17 June were accepted as correct and duly signed.
- 3466. Declaration of Interests.** None given
- 3467. Public Participation.** Ian Wright from Lancashire County Councils Treescapes shared spoke to council members about the two different tree planting schemes that are funded by the Coronation Heritage Fund. They are Community Orchards and Mini Forests. He confirmed that planting a mini forest at the Foreshore would not be viable.
- 3468. Reports.** City Cllr Paul Newton attended, he indicated that now the election process was completed that he and his colleagues will have more time to focus on day to day business.
- Mrs Sarah Faithful joined the meeting from the Memorial Hall Committee. She shared that the committee is looking closely at its Carbon Footprint with a long term view to improve the efficiency of the heating and insulation of the building to not only bring down costs but align with their environmental values. It was confirmed that the defibrillator at the Memorial Hall remains fit for purpose, it is inspected every two months, spare parts are available. It was agreed that the unit should be monitored until its shelf life has been exhausted before a replacement is required. The Memorial Hall lease was discussed as it now less than ten years to run. It was agreed that the lease should be renegotiated when it becomes necessary to avoid unnecessary outlay.
- 3469. Items for July 2024**
- a. Correspondence received from residents regarding planning matters, speeding throughout the village and public rights of way, plus the cost of the May Fair Event infrastructure were discussed.
 - b. Football Club Lease was discussed. It was **resolved** to begin the process to renegotiate the lease, to instruct a solicitor to draw up the legal documents.
 - c. Memorial Hall Lease – consideration was given to extending the length of the lease but after Mrs Faithful’s comments this will be deferred until it is deemed necessary.
 - d. The MUGA has now been open for a year and a full review was carried out. Members considered the review and will include some ideas in any long term plans for the wider Recreation ground. They will review access issues as part of replacement of any footpaths and engage with the community around encouraging locally organised games with their support. **Noted** that the future aims for the MUGA should be added to long term planning goals.
 - e. Creating a new logo for the Parish Council was **deferred**
 - f. It was **resolved** that the matter of creating a wildlife walk for young children around the Rec will be delegated to Cllr Obertelli who is happy to carry out any tasks involved.
 - g. A replacement Defibrillator for the Memorial Hall was considered. Cllr Bateman who inspects the units in the parish reported that the shelf life of the unit has not been reached. She will continue to monitor the unit and report back when replacement is required. The matter was left in abeyance.

- h. A proposal to create a strategy to improve the crumbling footpaths around the Rec was **deferred** until a response is received from Highways regarding the flooding from Manor Lane onto the Rec. Councillors **resolved** to contact our new MP, Lizzie Collinge to request support with the matter.
- i. Cllr Obertelli will continue to monitor activity around Campervans parking illegally at the shore, no actions to be taken at this time.
- j. It was **resolved** that Cllr Connor will carry out repairs to the fence at the Rec on Hanging Green Lane.
- k. It was **resolved** to apply for a savings account at Skipton Building Society with Cllr Obertelli and Cllr Bateman as signatories. Mrs Ash will also be on the mandate so that she can administrate the account in her role as Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial officer. If the application is successful then earmarked reserves will be held in the account which will attract interest.
- l. A request to hire the Memorial Hall Field was discussed, Cllrs resolved to uphold their previous position that the field is not for hire.
- m. A proposal for work at the Bowling Club around the replacement of rotten wood with UPVC was noted. The councillors were in full support of the renovations and asked the clerk to respond to Mrs Clegg.
- n. It was noted that the Newsletter recently sent out has been well received. Cllrs **resolved** to review the format of the newsletter; to send out an annual newsletter; to decide on the timing during the winter.
- o. It was **noted** that Defibrillator Warehouse contacted the clerk by email. The defibrillator that has been installed at the Micro Pub was inspected after a possible recall, it was found to be in perfect working order. No further action is needed.

3470. Five Year Plan

A proposal by Cllr Sellers for the new bus shelter on the A6 to have a living roof was not agreed. The cost of the living roof and any ongoing maintenance it requires was deemed too high. A revised quote minus a living roof for a basic shelter was sought by Cllr Bateman ahead of the meeting. Cllrs discussed what accessories might be needed to enhance the basic structure including; its colour, if any lights were required, the glazing requirements and if a timetable case is required. It was **resolved** to order the shelter from Euroshel with the addition of enhanced glazing, racing green powder coating and a timetable case.

3471. Planning Applications discussed. RESOLVED Comments be noted online by the Clerk via the Lancaster City Planning portal.

24/0116/TPO The Orchard Felling trees

(This type of application cannot be commented upon via the planning portal at Lancaster City Council) It was noted by councillors that felling trees should be a last resort and it is hoped that the correct advise was sought ahead of a decision to fell this tree.

3472. Finance matters

The list of payments was agreed.

It was noted that the bank balance was £49249.80 with reserves £83628.18 at month end.

The bank statement was duly signed by our chairman and vice chairman.

To approve the following payments:

DC Garden Services	£1990
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ACS Waste	£420
Crockery Hire	£100
Face Painting	£18.57
B Fothergill (Rec refurb works)	£215
B Fothergill (Noticeboards)	£165
NALC Membership	£365.51
Archive Boxes (stationary)	£15.99
Land Registry Fees	£6
FAWNS Playtower	£13,220.40

Regular Payments

Bank Charges	£12.60
Clerks Wages	£1394.14
Clerks printing	£9.99
S Brade	£301.25
Clerks Mobile Phone	£5.95

Direct Debits

Eon Next (MUGA)	£47.30
Envirocare	£955.82
Sky broadband	£41.94
Water Plus	£52.10
IT – website	£30.36

- The Quarter 1 Budget was shared with all councillors
- AGAR: Public notice was placed on our noticeboard and website for the period from Monday 3/6/2024 until Friday 12/17/24.
- Audit: Internal audit findings were shared, no problems were identified.
- NOTED: The next meeting will be in September, so all Regular and Direct Debit payments for August 2024 will be paid as usual.

3473. Open Spaces It was reported that the warranty for the new Play Tower is 15 years. The other play equipment at the Rec has had some repainting and new signage has been ordered.

3474. Biodiversity and Climate Matters. Community Orchard funding has been applied for.

3475. Parish Events

Christmas on Sunday 1 Dec.

3476. To receive items for consideration for a future agenda: None received.

3477. Date and time of the next meeting **16 SEPTEMBER 2024** at the Memorial Hall at 7:00

3478. Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:05pm

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