

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 May 2024 in the MEMORIAL HALL

3434. Attending. Chairman Cllr Tony Obertelli. Councillors, Sarah Campbell, Cllr Connor, Cllr Cohen Kingsley and Cllr Burrow. Apologies were accepted from Cllrs Bateman and Sellers.

3435. Election of Council members. Appointments remain the same for all council members and are as follows

Chairman	Cllr Obertelli
Vice Chair	Cllr Cohen Kingsley
Vice Chair	Cllr Connor
Planning working group	Cllrs, Cohen Kingsley, Campbell, Sellers, Burrow
Budget working group	Cllrs, Campbell, Sellers
Cemetery working group	Cllrs, Connor, Sellers, Burrow, Cohen Kingsley
Events Committee	Cllrs, Obertelli, Campbell Bateman

3436. Annual Reviews. No changes were recommended at this time for the following; Standing orders, Banking Policy, Meeting dates and Financial Regulations. NOTE: New Financial Regulations are being prepared and Parish Councils will need to consider any changes.

3437. Annual Audit & Year End Accounts. AGAR submission forms were signed off by our appointed Internal Auditor Mr Malcolm Richardson, then presented to the Chairman for final signature ahead of submission. The confirmation of the Precept for 2024-2025 was £69,550, which has been received. The budget for the year was accepted. **Resolved** to accept the Annual Accounting Return and have the chairman sign it off, and set the dates for the Exercise of Public Rights as 23 May to 12 July 2024. To submit the paperwork for External Audit.

3438. Minutes. Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 15 April 2023 as a true record.

3439. Declaration of Interests. None received.

3440. Public Participation. No residents attended

3441. Reports. City Councillor Newton attended.

3442. New Items for May 2024

- a. Foreshore - An email from a resident about the state of the road was shared. The clerk had contacted Highways to report the condition in advance of the meeting as the resident had not done so via Love Clean Streets. Cllrs discussed the general condition of the foreshore including fences, litter, camper vans, the road and the parking areas. **Resolved** The clerk will make an effort to contact those who own a barbed wire fence which has fallen over. A letter to the owner of the land where illegal access is made onto parish council property will be sent asking for the boulders removed to be replaced, reiterate that there is no access for vehicles or people or ponies across parish land. To lobby for improvements to the highway. To monitor waste and dog fouling, including putting up signs to highlight awareness.
- b. Volunteer Policy – **Resolved** to adopt the policy to ensure the safeguarding of anyone carrying out tasks on behalf of the Parish Council
- c. Youth Council – **Deferred** until next month.
- d. Climate Action - working towards Net Zero was discussed. **Noted** It was agreed to keep on with improving biodiversity in our village by pursuing opportunities to plant trees and protect any local habitats.
- e. Rental prices - **Resolved** where appropriate, and within the terms of any existing leases, it was agreed to raise the rental rate at 5%.
- f. Envirocare. New prices for 2024-5. £796.50 per month. To include extra tidy-up mowing around the large boulders at the foreshore for safety reasons. **Resolved** to accept this new figure

- g. 100k in May – Morecambe Bay Partnership (Charity) **Noted** The clerk has shared this campaign on social media, the councillors are personally supporting it and encouraging the Morecambe Bay Partnership in their important work. Local business Bold have been the catalyst for this charity event, for which the Parish Council commends them.
- h. Noticeboards – **Resolved** a quote for a refresh the noticeboards was accepted.
- i. Swing set painting & wooden equipment clean at The Rec quoted £190 **Resolved** to accept this quote
- j. Defib installation – The defibrillator unit has been ordered and will be installed at The Micro Pup at the crossing at Hest Bank in due course.

Ongoing items were updated

3443. Five Year Plan/

A discussion took place around considerations for work at the Cemetery to firm up the ground and build a living hedge. To improve the access on the boggy ground and a view to enlarging the area laid to Garden of Remembrance for the interment of ashes to ensure space is available in the future. It was agreed that more investigation and planning needs to be undertaken around this matter.

3444. **Planning Applications discussed.** **RESOLVED** Comments be noted online by the Clerk.

24/00446/FUL	16 Coastal Road – Tiles/Door/Balcony
24/00457/FUL	Slieve Na Mon - Extension, side & rear
24/00536/VCN	16 Hanging Green Lane, amended application re roof materials

Objection noted on 24/00446/FUL, the narrow lane was noted and concern raised that any extension might further narrow the lane. No other objections.

3445. Finance matters

The list of payments was agreed.

It was noted that the bank balance was £78,333.65 with reserves £81,963.03 at month end.

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

May 2024

• Defibrillator	£1,452
• Councillors Allowance – Chairman	£50
• Councillor Bateman	£10
• Councillor Connor	£10
• Councillor Cohen-Kingsley	£10
• Councillor Campbell	£10
• Councillor Sellers	£10
• Parking Fees – Cllr Sellers	£8
• Councillor Burrow	£10
• Lancaster City Council – Cemetery Waste	£180.62
• D Matthews	£350
• Event costs	£TBC
• Go Daddy IT fees	£143.86
• Go Daddy IT fees	£23.96

Regular Payments

• Bank Charges (April)	£5.60
• Clerks Wages	£1394.14
• Clerks printing (£9.99 pm)	£9.99

- S Brade £287.20
- Clerks Mobile Phone £5.95

Direct Debits

- Eon Next (MUGA) £47.30
- Envirocare £955.82
- Sky broadband £41.94
- HMRC £0.00
- Water Plus £52.10
- IT – website £30.36
- ICO (annual payment) £35.00

3446. Open Spaces Preparation for the upcoming installation of the replacement play tower are going well. The work should be completed by mid June.

3447. Parish Events

The May event is now fully organised. Discussion of things needed for the Christmas event **Resolved** the clerk should buy a Santa and 2 elf costumes within a budget of £350

3448. To receive items for consideration for a future agenda:

3449. Date and time of the next meeting 17 June 2024 at the Memorial Hall at 7:00

3450. Chairman declared the meeting closed at 08:55 pm

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