

DRAFT - MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 16 SEPT 2024 in the MEMORIAL HALL

3479. Attending. Councillors, Alan Connor, June Cohen Kingsley, Joane Bateman and Andy Burrow. Apologies were accepted from Cllr Obertelli and Cllr Campbell. Cllr Cohen Kingsley was chairperson in the absence of Cllr Obertelli.

3480. Minutes. The minutes of Monday 15 July were accepted as correct and duly signed.

3481. Declaration of Interests. None given

3482. Public Participation. No member of the public attended

3483. Reports. City Cllr Kieth Budden attended, he indicated his support for the parish council and said that one of the three Lancaster City councillors will always try to attend our meetings and report back to City Council around issues faced within the parish.

3484. Items for September 2024

- a. Correspondence received; Request to lobby City Council for more regular bin emptying at the Foreshore. Clerk will write to City Council. A concerned resident noted antisocial behaviour at the Rec. The PC will monitor for any emerging patterns of further antisocial behaviour.
- b. A request to support a Batteries bill was discussed and councillors **resolved** to support the bill.
- c. Updated Model Financial Regulations from NLCA were discussed, adaptations for smaller councils were noted and accepted. **Resolved** to adopt this new model.
- d. Councillors considered a request to install Hello Lamp Posts where the public can interact with the Our Future Coast scheme using a QR code. **Resolved** to allow.
- e. Bus Shelter repairs, A6 and Peacock Lane, quotes for repairs. **Resolved**. A quote from Euroshel was accepted.
- f. After a letter from Cllr Swarbrick from County Council regarding the flooding issues at Manor Lane water runs into the recreational grounds it is clear that no further action is going to be taken by County Council. **Resolved** - The PC will now look for quotes to repair the paths affected by this flooding.
- g. **Noted** - Audit Conclusion Certificate 2023-2024 has been received from PKF Littlejohn and displayed on our noticeboard from 2 August 2024 until 16 September 2024. A copy is available on our website www.slynewithhest-pc.gov.uk.
- h. Following the loss of Mr Brade a new arrangement for cemetery maintenance is required. **Resolved**. The quotes were fully considered and the work will be awarded to DC Garden Services, an independent local business.
- i. **Noted**. After the Independent Play Park inspections report identified necessary repairs to the Rec swings, Cllr Connor has taken up this concern and has replaced the chains and seats.
- j. **Noted**. The excellent work Our Future Coast project is undertaking and the updates from their first newsletter around progress.
- k. **Noted**. After complaints Cllr Cohen Kingsley received regarding the the canal side rubbish the PC will monitor the area and consider where a bin might be placed.
- l. **Noted**. After a letter from Mark Cassidy at the Planning Department at Lancaster City Council, the PC will do as he has suggested and respond to a Planning Consultation

from central government, with concerns about urban sprawl with any loss of greenbelt.

- m. Councillors considered a request from a parishioner that an outdoor Table Tennis Table be installed. **Resolved**, not to install at this time.
- n. Councillors considered a request regarding painting the gates at the side of the Memorial Hall. **Resolved**. The work will be undertaken as soon as possible.
- o. **Noted**. Business rate information from the Valuation Office has arrived for the MUGA. As a short term solution and to lessen immediate costs, rates relief has been transferred to the MUGA from Bottomdale Road Cemetery. Correspondence with the Valuation Office Agency is ongoing, but costs might be £210.73 for last financial year and £279.44 for this year.
- p. **Noted**. Lancaster County Council have accepted SWH-PC as an employer within their Pension Scheme. Mrs Ash will now be able to join the scheme and Parish Council contributions will be taken via Direct Debit.
- q. **Noted**. PC Assets register trial with Civic.ly, an online tool where you can map your PC Assets, photograph them and log their condition has come to an end. Our PC has logged some assets and therefore continues to receive free access until 31.3.25. Thereafter costs will be £9.99 per month.

3485. Five Year Plan

Noted. After delivering on two projects, the new Play Tower and the Bus Shelter on the A6, councillors will now look at other long-term goals. Priority will be given to; the paths at the Rec, a review of the Cemetery, and a review of the Foreshore assets over the coming months and considered in the upcoming budgeting process.

3486. **Planning Applications discussed. RESOLVED** Comments be noted online by the Clerk via the Lancaster City Planning portal. No objections were made.

24/00814/FUL	The Paddocks	Solar Panels
24/00876/FUL	19 Sea View Drive	Extension
24/00869/FUL	Williamsland Farm	Heat Pumps
24/00854/FUL	1 The Drive Hest Bank	Extension

It was noted that the following applications have been resolved;

24/00685/FUL 61 Manor Road Extension: *Granted*

24/01116/TPO The Orchard, Fell tree: *Permitted*

3487. Finance matters

It was noted that the bank balance was £36,910.36 with reserves £83,836.84 at August month end. The bank statement was duly signed by our chairman and vice chairman.

To approve the following August payments:

No	Supplier	Total
84	Easy Websites	£ 30.36
85	Rydal IT Solutions Ltd	£ 46.08
86	E-on (Next Energy Ltd)	£ 40.82
87	Amazon UK	£ 86.84
88	Lancaster City Council	£ 384.00
89	Euroshel Bus Shelter	£ 6,180.00

90	Memorial Hall Hire	£	37.50
91	Clerk Printing	£	9.99
92	Council Mobile Phone	£	6.25
93	Wages	£	1,394.14
94	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions LTD	£	955.82
95	Signs Express Lancaster	£	456.44
96	Wickes (Wickes)	£	20.15
97	Hanafin Fencing	£	82.10
98	Online Playgrounds (Fenland leisure Products Ltd)	£	374.40
99	Sky Business Services	£	41.94
100	Lancaster City Council	£	210.73
101	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£	504.00
102	Nat West Bank	£	8.05

To approve the following September payments

Envirocare	August Cemetery	£360
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Fenland Leisure Swings		£260.40
Bus Shelter repairs	(TBC from quotes above)	£2313.50

Regular Payments

Bank Charges	£8.05
Wages	£1394.14
Council printing (£9.99 pm)	£9.99
Council Mobile Phone	£6.25

Direct Debits

Eon Next (MUGA)	£47.30
Envirocare	£955.82
Sky broadband	£41.94
HMRC	£0.00
IT – website	£30.36
Rydal IT	£46.08

- 3488. Open Spaces Noted** New signage will be install in September. Essential repairs have been made to the swing set at The Rec. **Resolved.** To help pay for maintenance and lights at the MUGA Cllr Bateman will contact local teams to advertise the facility.
- 3489. Biodiversity and Climate Matters. Noted.** Toxic Weedkiller replacements are being sought, once a commercially viable option is identified the use of weedkillers will be revised.
- 3490. Parish Events**
Noted. Plans are going well for the Christmas Fair on Sunday 1 Dec.
- 3491. To receive items for consideration for a future agenda:** Cllr Cohen Kingsley suggested that historical WW2 artifacts in the village might be investigated with a view to being kept for the next generation.
- 3492. Date and time of the next meeting** **21 October 2024** at the Memorial Hall at 7:00
- 3493.** Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:16pm

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