

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 20 DECEMBER 2021 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Roland Stretch -Chairman, Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mr Stephen Jones,
Mr Alan Connor, Mrs Joanne Bateman

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

3075 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr T Scott

Standing Orders were suspended for the Open Forum

Open Forum

Apologies were received from City Cllr. M Thomas

Nobody was present for the Open Forum and Standing Orders were reinstated.

3076 **To record Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jones declared an interest with reference to the proposal for the Tyson Furey sculpture

3077 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 November 2021

They were duly signed by the Chairman

3078 **Progress Reports**

- The casual vacancy on the Council has been advertised but there has been no response. The appointment of a new councillor will therefore be by co-option.
- In memory of Stewart Scothern; a suggestion was made that when the MUGA is installed it could be dedicated to his memory as he had been keen to see this development
- Concerns about the poor surface of the road off Marine Drive -the length in poor condition is not on parish council land. Contact has been made with the agent of the land owner but there is reluctance to carry out any work. No further action to be taken by the council.
- The annual closure of the path through the cemetery will be on Tuesday 21 December 2021.
- Eon has installed a smart meter at the cemetery.
- There have been several enquiries for reservation of plots in the Garden of Remembrance therefore work on opening up a new section, as already agreed, is to be commenced.
- Three Christmas trees and lights have been erected at the Memorial Hall.
- During the recent storm a wall on Hatlex Lane leading up to the canal came down partially blocking the road. This was reported to Canal & River Trust who sent out an inspector but they are now claiming that it is not their wall and County Highways need to be contacted. A message has been sent to them but as yet no response received.
- Following discussion at the last meeting a message has been sent to County Highways about the possibility of a bus shelter on Lancaster Road and about a litter bin on Shady Lane but a reply has not yet been received.
- It is noted that considerable refurbishment of the Scout & Guide HQ has recently been carried out.
- **Item received too late to be placed on the agenda** Anthony Padgett, sculptor, has made a request to place a sculpture of the boxer, Tyson Furey, on parish council land. After discussion the request was rejected (4 against, 1 abstention).

3079 **Administration**

Website update; problems are still being experienced in accessing the password and in obtaining agreement for a new website name.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering committee has made some necessary small changes to the Plan and is now moving towards the consultation stage. Unfortunately, at present, it will not be possible to publish this on the website as is required.
Further attempts are to be made to get the website up and running.

Consideration of a programme of tree planting in the parish; this would be mainly on parish council owned land but permission may be needed if any trees were to be planted on City Council or County Council areas of land. The trees would be new additional trees or ones to replace those lost over a period of time. Information on costs and a planting and care programme is to be sought. It was agreed to accept an offer made by a resident of some small oak trees.

Resolution; to set up a rolling programme of tree planting in the parish commencing in 2022.

Enquiries are to be made with Lancaster City Council about the replacement of a tree, which was lost in the recent storm, on the triangle at the junction of Manor Road and Manor Avenue.

3080 Financial Matters

Approval was given to the monthly summary of receipts and payments although this is not fully complete due to the on-going banking situation.

Bank account; NatWest Bank required more information and this has been supplied to them. A recent message received has indicated that setting up of the new account should be completed within the next few days. There will then be several cheques to be paid in and then cheques to be drawn up to clear all debts.

A half year internal audit has been carried out by Cllr Stretch and no issues were raised. An interim independent internal audit has been carried out by Mr L Mills, clerk to Halton Parish Council. No matters of concern were raised.

Consideration of the payment of the subscription for the clerk's membership of the Society of Local Council

Clerks; advice from the SLCC has been sought by the clerk and the website is consulted for information

Resolution: to give approval to the membership and to pay the fee of £171.00

3081. Open Spaces

Trees on the Memorial Hall field; an inspection has been made by an arboriculturist and at present there is no cause for major concern about ash dieback, however the trees will continue to be monitored with a further inspection in Spring 2022.

Recreation Field; an updated quotation for a Multi Use Games Area with floodlighting has been obtained from Playgrounds by Fawns. Quotations for the MUGA and the funds still needed to cover the costs will be discussed at the meeting to decide on budget requirements for 2022/23.

Fallen tree at the recreation field; a large oak tree was felled during the storm Anwen also causing damage to the path. The area has been taped off for safety and it was suggested that signage is added to reinforce this. A quotation of £ 1,325.00 + VAT has been received to remove it. Specialist equipment will be needed. The council's insurance policy is being checked to see whether a claim can be made. It is suggested that the oak wood may have some value and this is being investigated. Decision left in abeyance until next meeting.

Replacement of the bus shelter on Peacock Lane; its condition is deteriorating and this item was included so that it could be considered for the budget. The decision was taken to leave this over for twelve months and in the meantime have the shelter painted for protection and to improve its appearance.

3082. Highways

A report had been received of what could have been a serious incident on Hest Bank Lane, a near miss with a van and children and parents who were walking on the narrow pavement There has as yet been no action by Lancashire County Council following earlier complaints about safety issues on Hest Bank lane. Further measures to try to highlight the 20 mph limit on roads and the speed restriction enforcement are to be looked into.

3083 Planning Applications

Applications received

21/01408/FUL 24 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EZ

21/01436/FUL 49 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DB

21/01412/FUL Grange Court, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

21/00396/FUL & 21/00397/LB 1 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DN -amended applications

21/0227/TPO 1A Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX

Applications permitted

21/00480/CU Standerlands Farm, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AL

21/00512/FUL 2 Greenacre Park, Hest Bank, LA2 6HF

21/00999/FUL 2 Aysgarth Drive, Slyne, LA2 6ET

21/01249/FUL 18 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DB

Application refused

21/00984/FUL 16 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DB

3084 Payment of Accounts

The listed accounts are due for payment, however due to banking problems they are held over. See above

BT	186.42	phone bill
Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	816.00	grounds maintenance -November
Duncan Ross Ltd	6821.58	work on recreation field
Viking	53.36	stationery items
Mrs D Brookes	877.50	clerk's salary
Petty cash	60.71	sundry items
Mr Stuart Brade	383.52	groumdsman's pay & materials
Society of Local Council Clerks	171.00	annual subscription

3085 Matters raised by members for future consideration

J Bateman -defibrillator at the Spar Garage on Coastal Road -this was provided by the Memorial Hall Committee
Some work was being carried out at the garage and the defib was not always functional causing concern.
The proprietor has agreed to have it moved but this has not yet been done. J Bateman who has taken over the regular inspection of the defib. will speak to him about it.

3086 Date of next meeting

Monday 17 January 2022 at 7.00pm

Date of budget meeting Monday 10th January 2022 at 6.30pm

The meeting was declared closed at 8.20pm