

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 18 MARCH 2019 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chairman, Mr Stephen Jones, Mr Roland Stretch,
Mrs Tracey Scott

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2691 **To receive apologies for absence** Cllr J Cohen-Kingsley

Open Forum

The meeting was adjourned for the Open Forum –Standing Orders were suspended.

Present for the Open Forum

City Cllr M Thomas, City Cllr S Rogerson

Apologies for absence County Cllr S Morris

- Cllrs Thomas and Rogerson explained that the Lancaster City Council constitution had been reviewed.
- It was noted that recently there had been several burglaries in the parish and the need for vigilance and spreading of the word was stressed.

The visitors left the meeting and Standing Orders were reinstated.

2692 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2693 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 February 2019 as a true record.

They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2694 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- Notice boards; Mr Stuart Brade has done a good job of refurbishing the Peacock Lane board. Decision not to buy a new one. He has also tidied up the one on the Manor Lane play area.
- Canal bridges; information has been received from County Cllr Morris that the erection of signs at the canal bridges has been given the go-ahead but official confirmation and further details are awaited
- Playdale Playgrounds have inspected the damaged area under the sea-saw at Manor Road and there is no serious safety concern. The damage can be repaired at a cost but they cannot guarantee the bond between the old and new surfacing. Left in abeyance with the condition of the surface to continue to be monitored.

2695 **Administration**

Neighbourhood Plan: the assessments for the Plan and outcome from hearings on the Lancaster Local Plan are still awaited. Some work has begun to ensure that the format and order of policies is correct. The next meeting of the Steering Group is on Monday 25th March.

Community Development Group; there has been a good response to the original on-line residents' survey and this is now closed. A second one with some modifications is being prepared along with one in hard copy which will be distributed to households. Cllr Scott is hoping to engage the help of architect students to design a plan for the recreation field.

It was decided to hold an event on Saturday 6 July to coincide with Field in Trusts 'Picnic in the Park'. Registration with Fields in Trust is to be made and they will supply materials to help in organising and publicising the event. Further details are yet to be worked out.

Support for local clubs; Cllr Scothern reported that the Bowling Club would appreciate some financial help. The Council does not have the power to make donations and grants carte blanche. It was suggested that the Bowling Club committee might like to apply for a grant for a specific purpose and the Council would consider match funding. The secretary of the Bowling Club is to be contacted.

Request by a Lancaster company to fly drones over the Hest Bank shore; it was decided to seek further information before a decision is made -deferred to next meeting.

Review of the policy for advertising on council noticeboards; it was decided to retain the policy that was agreed in June 2011; that is, the general rule for noticeboards is that they are firstly for use for parish council notices, then for village charities and organisations followed by other charities and not-for-profit organisations from outside the parish if space permits. They are not intended for use for commercial and business advertising.

2696 Financial matters

Resolution: to approve the monthly receipts and payments report presented by the clerk.

Current Account £2,856.53 Savings Account £82,668.06

2697 Open Spaces

Recreation field issues; a message has been received from JWK Solicitors stating that they have made further contact with Penny Bennett's representatives and are asking for answers to questions put. However it seems likely that the Standstill Period which comes to an end on the 31 March will have to be extended.

Safety inspections of the play areas; Lancaster City Council has offered to extend the safety inspections that they carry out for another twelve months 2019/20 and it was agreed to formally accept this. Cllr Stretch stated that he no longer wished to be responsible for emptying the 'teddy bear' bin in the recreation field play area after the end of March. Enquiries are to be made to Lancaster City Council about the cost of the bin being emptied by them.

Memorial Hall field; still more information has been supplied to Fields in Trust and the outcome of the Centenary Field application is still awaited.

The total cost of supply and delivery of the 'Armed Forces' seat from David Ogilvie Engineering is £1001 + VAT. Enquiries are to be made about how long the seat will remain in production and the order is to be held over until the field designation becomes clearer and a position for a seat is decided upon.

2698 Planning Applications

Applications received
none

Applications permitted

19/00033/FUL 25 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

19/00004/ADV 74 Coastal Road, Hest Bank, LA2 6HQ

18/01627/FUL amendment The Shore, Hest Bank

Application withdrawn

18/01438/FUL 5 Bryn Grove, Hest Bank, LA2 6EX

2699 Payment of Accounts

Resolution; to authorise the transfer of £2000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account

Resolution: to approve the payment of the accounts as listed:

DD	Eon	7.38	electricity bill -burial ground
Cheque 122207	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	876.00	grounds maintenance -February
122208	Printing Plus	236.27	village newsletter printing
122209	Mrs D Brookes	873.30	clerk's salary
122210	Petty cash	17.18	sundry items
122211	Mr S Brade	557.64	groundsman's pay and material invoices
122212	Water Plus Limited	147.48	water charges at burial ground 2019/20

2700 Matters raised by members for future consideration

Non-payment of invoices for advertising in the Village Newsletter -clerk to pursue

2701 Date of next meeting Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.30pm

Local council elections (parish and city) are to be held on Thursday 2 May 2019

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00pm