

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

3375 Attending – Chairman Cllr Tony Obertelli. Councillors, Alan Connor, Sarah Campbell, Janet Sellers and Andy Burrow. Apologies received from Cllr Bateman

3376. Minutes

Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2023 as a true record

3377. Declaration of Interest

None received

3378. Public Participation

Former members of the Neighbourhood Plan steering group attended. They submitted their final receipts and £36.53 in cash from funds they had received from the PC.

They asked the councillors to consider cutting the grass on the Rec differently. They feel that the grass is too long on the football pitch.

United Utilities visited the council to bring them up to date on their future plans. They had been scoping out possibilities to help bring the number of times they have opened the overspill drains on our foreshore to discharge into the sea. They have identified more practical ways to achieve this without replacing the underground tank at Hest Bank.

Work in our area will be part of a three billion pound investment in the North West. You can find out more from www.unitedutilities.com/Better-Rivers

Councillors took the opportunity to bring several local flooding issues to their attention, including the recent Bottomdale Road flooding.

3379. Reports

- City Councillors Budden & Newton attended. They commented on the public meeting we recently held, its positive nature and how they look forward to seeing residents at their meeting when the matter of Land off Sea View Drive is discussed.

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The public section of the meeting came to a close.

3380. New items for Jan 2024

- a. To discuss any updates received after the agenda was published : The suggestion of having the grass cut shorter on the Rec between the football nets
RESOLUTION Request that Envirocare mow the grass shorter.
- b. Correspondence from residents regarding the Canal side bins & Greenbelt matters.
- c. Quotes received for Tree work on the Rec and on Memorial Field have been approved. Removal of dead trees, one has Ash dieback, one is a dead horse chestnut tree part of which came down during storm Debi. Approved supplier is CMH Tree Services.
RESOLUTION Book the work to remove dead trees
- d. The PC will monitor the need to replace the canal side bins.
- e. Flooding of MUGA, look for help with the matter of the drainage ditch and the nature area in the Rec.
- f. Newsletter **RESOLUTION** to send out a newsletter via post, then write one each quarter.

3381. Ongoing items

To discuss matters relating to ongoing items and agree any actions.

- a. Consider a policy for the hire of the field beside the Memorial Hall
- b. Litter Picking Group – in association with local businesses
- c. Bus Shelters – additional bus shelter
- d. Tennis Club Switch Room
- e. WW2 Pill Box Rushley Mount / Marine Drive
- f. Get Quotes for Signage changes
- g. Speeding / Slowing signs
- h. Coffee Morning at Memorial Hall in April
- i. Refurbishment of notice boards for 2024
- j. Biodiversity – plan for tree planting
- k. CCTV evidence – awaiting updates
- l. Replacement benches at Rec **RESOLUTION** Order 3 benches
- m. Plan to replace Play Tower

3382. Five Year Plan

Public consultation proposed for April 2024 members will write a questionnaire for visitors to be shared online and at the coffee morning, looking for their input on local projects.

3383. Planning Applications

- i) To note that the following planning application(s) has been submitted to Lancaster City Council and circulated to members of the Council since the last meeting:

23/01461/FUL 5 Beech Grove
23/01465/FUL 27 Manor Road
23/01470/FUL Land off Sea View Lane
23/01384/OUT Land off Powder House Lane

- ii) To note any planning applications received and circulated to members of the Council since publishing the agenda
- iii) To note those planning applications have been notified as approved/refused by Lancaster City Council since the last meeting

23/01366/FUL 36 Bay View Ave – approved

3384. Finance

- i) To note there have been **£547.40 in DEC** receipts.
- ii) To note the balance of the Reserve Bank account **£81,536.89**, and any interest applied to the account **£93.83**
- iii) To note any receipts since publishing the agenda (Live statement)
- iv) To approve the following payments:

Jan 2024

- Malcolm Richardson £85.95

- Stationary (calendar & Stamps) £16.99

Regular Payments

- Bank Charges (Dec) £5.60
- Clerks Wages £1350.08
- HMRC £209.05
- Clerks printing (£9.99 pm) £9.99
- S Brade - Grounds Maintenance £0
- Clerks Mobile Phone £5.95

Direct Debits

- Eon Next (MUGA) £67.06
- Envirocare £882.50
- Sky broadband £41.94

- v) To note the bank balances at **31 December was £101,890.71** and authorise the Chair to counter-sign the bank statement and month end balances.

3385. Open Spaces

To inform the council of any issues at our open spaces and receive any reports;

- Regular inspection of playgrounds at the Recreation field and Manor Lane Park, no issues to report.
- Use of the MUGA – booking system was discussed, review in a few months.
- Cemetery meeting planned for 29 Jan 2024
- To discuss any report on the condition of Church Triangle and the Pound and Stocks

3386. Parish Events To receive any reports from the Events Committee.

Spring Event 2024, meeting planned for 31 Jan 24.

3387. To receive items for consideration for a future agenda:

- Slyne Calendar competition proposed by Cllr Sellers

3388. Date and time of the next meeting set as 19 February 2024 at the Memorial Hall at 7:00

3389. The chairman declared the meeting closed at 9:30pm