

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL  
held on MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020 in the MEMORIAL HALL**

A full coronavirus assessment had been carried out so that this could be held as a face-to-face meeting with social distancing and other safety measures in place.

Councillors present Mr Stewart Scothern -Chair, Mr Roland Stretch, Mr Stephen Jones,  
Miss June Cohen-Kingsley, Mrs Tracey Scott, Mrs Joanne Bateman, Mr Alan Connor

Clerk Mrs Doreen Brookes

2917 **To receive apologies for absence** none

**Open Forum**

Present for the Open Forum; City Cllr K Budden, Sue McGraw

Sue McGraw from St John's Hospice was welcomed to the meeting. She explained the planning application that had been made for a Family Bereavement Centre at the Hospice. A need had been identified for a space where young people and families could be counselled after the loss of a family member. Plans have been submitted for a building on a site close to the Hospice and where at present the former lodge for Slynedales is located. The Lancaster City Council Conservation Officer has expressed concern about the demolition of the lodge which is a non-designated heritage asset and negotiations are proceeding to try to overcome the problem. The Hospice has received the offer of a donation of £750,000 towards the cost of the new centre. The Hospice is hoping that the centre can be ready by 2021 in time for its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The Parish Council gave its support to the application.

City Cllr Keith Budden commented on the Local Government Reform consultation and the proposals that have been put forward to form a Unitary Authority comprising Lancaster City Council, South Lakeland District Council and Barrow Borough Council. There were mixed feelings about the merits of this including the overall governance of such a widespread district, the future role of Parish Councils and financial implications.

2918 **To record Declarations of Interest** none

2919 **Minutes of the previous meeting**

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 October 2020. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

2920 **Progress Reports** (*for information only*)

- Path through the burial ground; as this is not a designated Public Right of Way but a permitted path, it will be closed as usual for the day on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Notices will be put up.
- Half year internal audit; Mrs Pat Bradley, clerk to Bolton-le-Sands PC and member of the audit group died recently and because of this and the lockdown the audit has been postponed for now.
- Stuart Brade, groundsman, has fixed new mesh along the boardwalk at the recreation field to make it safe.
- Transforming Lancaster Travel consultation -noted and forwarded to councillors
- Local government Reform consultation -see above. An online discussion through Microsoft Teams has been arranged on Wednesday 25 November and Cllr Scott and Cllr Bateman expressed an interest in attending this.
- Protection of hedgehogs; a further request had been received relating to the erection of signs that warn motorists about the danger that speeding vehicles pose to hedgehogs. Lancashire County Council had been contacted but does not have funds for such signs. A request was made for the Parish Council's support but this was declined. The Council does have concerns about the speed of many vehicles through the parish and the lack of compliance with the 20mph restrictions, but is particularly concerned about the impact on people, especially children, using some of the roads.

## 2921 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan; Cllr Scott had attended the recent meeting and the Steering Committee was pleased that there was a parish council presence to answer questions and help with its progress. The Steering Committee is applying for a grant of £4,500 so that it can employ a consultant to help with the next stage of the Plan as it is to be submitted and moves towards a public consultation.

It was noted that a proposal by Taylor Wimpey for a large development south of the Bay Gateway and which included a small area on the border of the parish has been withdrawn.

Consideration of sponsorship of a billboard for St Luke's School to increase awareness of First Aid and CPR; Information had been received from defibrillatorgroup.co.uk and on consultation the school had expressed an interest. However local First Responders would also appreciate some funding help and this was deferred for discussion at the next meeting.

## 2922 Financial Matters

Approval was given to the monthly summary of receipts and payments

Current account £15,058.97 (*one large cheque not yet presented*) Savings account £143,385.63

Donation to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal; two wreaths had been supplied. Due to the pandemic this has been a difficult year for the Poppy Appeal as local collections have not been possible.

Resolution: to make a donation (Section 137 of the Local Government Act (1972)) of £100 to the RBL Poppy Appeal.

## 2923 Open Spaces

Recreation field; the quotations received from Duncan Ross Ltd for further works to the pond area, replacement of the boardwalk, widening and improvements to the perimeter path along with the quotation for a MUGA were again discussed. There was some discussion about the order in which the phases would need to be completed, the need to widen a section of the path, whether preliminaries could be reduced with a reduction in the overall cost

A resolution was put forward to have all the works completed at the same time including the construction of a MUGA with a deadline of 30th June 2021. This was agreed unanimously.

Duncan Ross Ltd will be informed.

Work to be done on the road to the former VVV site, more details of the quotation have been requested from Lancaster City Council and it has been suggested that a passing place may be necessary where the road narrows with appropriate signage; also that it would be sensible to have reflective discs or bands fitted to the bollards to improve awareness -all agreed

Signs for the foreshore; there has been increasing concern about the overnight parking of motorhomes on the foreshore in spite of there being a sign prohibiting this. It was agreed to accept a quotation from Signs Express and to order more signs.

Memorial bench policy; after discussion at the previous meeting a revised policy has been drawn up and sent to councilors for perusal.

Resolution: to approve and accept the policy

Enquiries had been received about putting memorial benches on parish council land, including one on the foreshore. However at the September council meeting it had been decided not to agree to any more benches on the foreshore at present. It is contrary to Standing Orders to reverse a decision of the council within six months except by special resolution by at least three members of the council. If another seat is to be placed on the foreshore a special resolution to revoke the previous decision will need to be agreed at the next meeting.

Consideration of the construction of a small wall on which to fix stones which were decorated by children during the Covid19 pandemic lockdown; it was agreed that this would be a good idea and a low circular wall on the Peacock Lane garden was suggested. Details are to be worked out and it is hoped that a local builder will come forward to do the work.

2924 **Foreshore**

Remedial work to prevent flooding; it was agreed in October 2019 to have some work carried out by Duncan Ross Ltd. However due to several setbacks this has not been done. A revised quotation which also includes work to restore the surface of the hard-standing areas has been received.

Resolution; to accept the quotation and to request that the work is carried out urgently.

2925 **Planning applications**

Applications received

20/00908/FUL 16 Sunningdale Avenue, Hest Bank, LA2 6DF

20/01177/FUL 82 Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AU

No issues were raised on the above applications

20/0203/TPO Brantholme, Hasty Brow Road, Slyne, LA2 6AG

20/0208/TCA The Lodge, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

20/0211/TPO 21A, Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DG

20/0212/TPO St John's Hospice, Slyne Road, Lancaster, LA2 6ST

20/0213/TPO Slyne with Hest CE Primary School. Shady Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JL

20/0233/TCA Slyne Grange, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AU

Some concern was expressed about the proposed work on trees, however the Council would accept the Tree Protection Officer's judgment but suggested that all works should be carried out by professional tree surgeons to minimize any damaging effect and the potential future demise of the trees concerned.

Applications permitted

20/00814/FUL 81 Hest Bank Lane, Slyne, LA2 6BS

20/00938/FUL New House Farm, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AW

20/0173/TPO 25 Throstle Walk, Slyne, LA2 6LD

20/0177/TCA Manor House Farm, Main Road, Slyne, LA2 6AZ

20/0178/TPO The Orchard, Lancaster Road, Slyne, LA2 6AS

20/0189/TPO Land opposite 21 Shady Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JL

Application withdrawn

19/01301/E10 Land south of Bay Gateway, North of Lancaster Canal & Beaumont College and west and east of the A6 Lancaster

2926 **Payment of Accounts**

Approval was given to the transfer of £2,000 from the Deposit Account to the Current Account

Approval was given to the payment of the accounts as listed:

Cheque	122347	Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	780.00	grounds maintenance -Oct
	122348	Business Services & Supplies Ltd.	86.42	cartridge for photocopier
	122349	Mrs D Brookes	878.70	clerk's salary
	122350	Petty cash	75.07	sundry items
	122351	Mr S Brade	341.02	groundsman's pay + materials
	122352	The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	100.00	donation to the appeal (S137)
	122353	Signs Express	204.44	foreshore signs

2927 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

None

2928 **Date of next meeting** Monday 21 December 2020 at 7.30pm

**Date of budget meeting** Monday 11 January 2021 at 7.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10pm