

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SLYNE WITH HEST PARISH COUNCIL
held on MONDAY 17 JANUARY 2022 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

3087 To receive apologies for absence none

Standing Orders were suspended for the Open Forum

Open Forum

Present: City Cllr M Thomas

Apologies received from: City Cllr K Budden

- City Cllr Thomas explained that Lancaster City Council members had visited the proposed Eden Project site and the planning application was proceeding.
- The replacement of a tree on Manor Road which is believed to be on Lancaster City Council housing land was brought to the attention of Cllr Thomas. The tree was brought down in the recent storm, 'Anwen'.
- Cllr Thomas had been contacted by a resident of Fulwood Drive, Bare about a planning application for the erection of 140 houses on land to the east of Fulwood Drive. The land to which this application refers is actually within the boundary of Slyne with Hest. It was explained to Cllr Thomas that the Parish Council had only been made aware of application after it had contacted the City Council Planning Office. The Council will be raising objections to the application and Cllr Thomas will be kept informed.

3088 To record Declarations of Interest

none

3089 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolution: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 December 2021

They were duly signed by the Chairman

3090 Progress Reports

- Collapsed wall on Hatlex Lane -the ownership of the wall has not been discovered, both Canal and Rivers Trust and County Highways claiming that it is not their responsibility. However County Highways have moved the debris from the roadway but the wall has not been repaired.
- Following an enquiry about the provision of a bus shelter on Lancaster Road, the Highways District Team has responded but due to funding constraints it is not able at this time to provide a shelter.
- Following recent storms there have been reports and concerns raised about the condition of trees on parish council land. Inspections have been carried out and trees will continue to be monitored.
- Noted- Lancaster City Council Tree Warden Scheme -a new scheme has been set up recently and they are looking for volunteers.
- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations are to be held over the period Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June and council's have been supplied with information A decision has not yet been made but a Jubilee lunch for the parish may be considered for the Sunday 6th June.

3091 Administration

Neighbourhood Plan; the draft Plan is now very close to completion and the Steering Group is waiting for confirmation of consultation dates from Lancaster City Council. The starting date of the consultation is likely to be

Friday 4th February and the Steering Group has agreed to host the Community Coffee Morning on Saturday 5th February when they will have the opportunity to launch the consultation and to explain it to members of the public.

Website: further contact has been made with David Ruddick who cannot replicate the password but could pass on a chip Tech-Hub so that the site could be edited Further attempts are to be made to get the problems

resolved and the site up and running. As this is becoming a matter of urgency, especially as the Neighbourhood Plan consultation should be published on it, it may become necessary to approach another website provider.

Standing Orders of The Council and the Council's Code of Conduct have been reviewed and approved without any changes.

Cooption of another councillor; the vacancy on the Council has been advertised under the proper procedures but nobody has come forward to fill the vacancy therefore the Council is at liberty to co-opt a new member and the vacancy will be advertised.

Lease and rent review for the Bowling Club, Tennis Club and Football Club; copies of the leases presently held by the Clubs were sent to each council member for perusal. Unfortunately due to an oversight the leases and rents had not been reviewed for some time and as a result the rents being paid were not in line with the terms of the leases. The Bowling Club and Football Club rents are due from the 1st April for the following twelve month period and the Tennis Club rent is due from the 1st December for the twelve month period. A proposal was made to increase the Bowling Club and Tennis Club rents to £500 per annum which would bring them in line with the terms of the leases had the increments been applied over the years; and likewise to increase the Football Club's rent to £550 per annum.

Resolution: to approve the proposal and to charge the rents as stated with advance notice being given to the Clubs.

3092 Financial Matters

Approval was given to the quarterly summary of receipts and payments.

NatWest Bank Account; this has finally been approved and the full banking details have been received. Two cheques from Santander Bank totalling £191,122.20 have been paid into the account. Several cheques from creditors are also due to be paid in. Outstanding payments will also be made.

Review of Clerk's salary: this is reviewed every year for audit purposes. Further details of the NJC/NALC payment scales were requested and a decision was left in abeyance.

Consideration of the quotation received from Envirocare for grass cutting and general grounds maintenance on council-owned land in the parish in 2022/23

Resolution(i): as the Council has been very satisfied with the standard of work of Envirocare it was resolved to accept the quotation supplied by them for the yearly maintenance of open spaces, quoted at £8568 +VAT and invoiced on a monthly basis, for the period April 2022 to March 2023.

Budget -information had been provided on the current financial position of the Council along with an estimate of receipts and expenditure to the end of the financial year 2021/22 and projected receipts and expenses for 2022/23. A budget meeting was held on Monday 10 January 2022 at which the budget recommendations and therefore the precept requirement for 2022/23 were considered.

Resolution(ii): to adopt the proposed budget for 2022/23.

Resolution(iii): to raise a precept of £65,000 to meet the expenses of the Parish Council in the financial year 2022/23.

The parish tax rate on a Band D property will be £49.89.

A request for the precept requirement will be made to Lancaster City Council.

Review of the Independent Internal Audit arrangements; in past years the audit has been carried out by an Independent Audit Group, comprised of clerks/RFOs from neighbouring councils. Due to changes to clerks of these councils this is no longer possible, therefore consideration needs to be given to employing an independent auditor -left in abeyance to obtain more information.

3093 **Open Spaces**

Recreation Field; quotations for the installation of a MUGA- an update on Duncan Ross's quotation is awaited, a quotation has been received from Fawns. As this is major expenditure, it was decided to obtain a further quotation, Decision left in abeyance to the next meeting.

Removal of the fallen tree at the recreation field; it was decided to accept the quotation of £1325.00 from Westmorland Tree Care Ltd to have the tree removed. Enquiries are on-going about the possible value and sale of the oak timber.

Tree Policy and consideration of the purchase of trees; further consideration is to be given to the suitable type of tree and the locations for planting -no decisions made.

3094 **Planning Applications**

Consideration of the planning application 21/01341/OUT by Oakmere Homes for land east of Fulwood Drive, Bare;

The land for the proposed development is within the Slyne with Hest boundary adjacent to the Fulwood Drive area

of Bare. This outline proposal for 140 new homes this is a large development with potential for considerable impact on the surrounding area. In the Lancaster Local Plan the area has been designated Key Urban Landscape

and Open Countryside, formerly within the North Lancs Green Belt and is not included as a Strategic Development

Site in the emerging Slyne with Hest Neighbourhood Plan. It is considered not to be a suitable area for potential

development particularly due to its closeness to the historic site of the Torrisholme Barrow and because of any

adverse environmental impact.

Much focus has been put on the increased traffic movement and related safety and nuisance in the Bare area

during and after construction. This Council would raise serious objections if it were to be proposed that access

could be off Hasty Brow Road.

The overriding feeling is that given the site's sensitive location and adopted open countryside and local landscape designation the adverse impact of the development of the site would significantly outweigh the benefits and that the application should be rejected.

A full submission is to be made to Lancaster City Council.

Applications permitted

21/01090/FUL	14 Hanging Green Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6JB
21/01149/FUL	Oaklands, Hest Bank Lane, Slyne, LA2 6AH
21/01229/FUL	5 Prospect Drive, Hest Bank, LA2 6HX
21/01408/FUL	24 Hatlex Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6EZ
21/01436/FUL	49 Hest Bank Lane, Hest Bank, LA2 6DB

3095 **Payment of Accounts**

Approval was given to the payment of accounts as listed

Envirocare Maintenance Solutions	816.00	grounds maintenance- December
Viking	47.09	paper & ink cartridge
Mrs D Brookes	877.70	clerk's salary
Petty cash	15.98	Land Registry fee & stationery
HMRC	316.55	PAYE & NIC
Mr Stuart Brade	264.00	groundsman's pay & materials

3096 **Matters raised by members for future consideration**

Cllr Cohen Kingsley problem with a litter bin on Marine Drive

Defibrillator at the Spar garage -still further contact to be made with the proprietor to resolve the problem of it being properly fixed so that it stays on line.

3097 **Date of next meeting**

Monday 21 February 2022 at 7.00pm

The meeting was declared closed at 8.45pm