

## ***Slaley Parish Council***

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**Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council due to take place on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30 p.m. will be administered by a system to be agreed by the full Council**

### **Agenda**

#### **1. Public Participation.**

#### **2. Apologies.**

#### **3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.**

#### **4. Minutes of March 9th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1434 – 1437). Appendix 1, page 1438 & appendix 2, page 1439.**

#### **5. Matters Arising.**

- a) 5a 9/3/20; 5a 10/2/20; 5a 13/1/20; 5b 9/12/19; 7g 11/11/19: Neighbourhood Planning – Jenny Ludman’s invitation **has been cancelled.**
- b) 5b 9/3/20; 5b 10/2/20; 5b 13/1/20; 5c 9/12/19; 14b 11/11/19: Footpath parking by the Milburn coach continues although it is moving from side to side & up and down the village.
- c) 5d 9/3/20; 16b 10/2/20: Offer by Tony Erskine of £500 was question by SPC chairman – the email reply indicates that a small donation was made in 2018, to whom the reply does not say.
- d) 16e 9/3/20: PC help during Coronavirus – because of the spread of the virus this offer of help moved forward quickly. Notes section in HC written by both Cllr SC Douglas and Rev’d H. Savage when the latter was told of the PC’s offer of support she got further support from Slaley Community Shop Directors and called a meeting (16/3/20 at 8.57), availability was difficult – Hall availability was established – meeting at 10 a.m. on 19/3/20 was reported by email on 16/3/20 at 20.42. Meeting took place with social distancing Rev’d H. Savage proposed the Pyramid of Care which was generally accepted and a draft for publication with immediate effect was discussed & agreed. Slaley News brought forward by 2 weeks with agents and distributors being identified to provide the help. Cllr S. Carson first heard of this from Facebook on 21.3.20 after being posted there by Cllr AM Livesey. Cllr SC Douglas meanwhile posted the full Pyramid of Care information on the web site.  
Ewan Boyd of TEC Ltd, who oversaw the Slaley Community PV Project in 2018/19 forwarded an email (19/3/20) recommending that self-isolated residents should make sure they were registered on the Priority Services Register – this was widely circulated for individuals to pass on to vulnerable neighbours.

#### **6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.**

Further meetings have been cancelled until restrictions are lifted due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Some replies have been circulated by email – electric charging points at Humshaugh Community Shop. Hedgehog count in April Slaley News reply 1 hungry hedgehog seen in March sunshine 25/3/20 (at Slaley Park 673731) also seen twice week commencing 16/3/20 at 8 Parks Side. Alien Invasion highlighted Japanese Knotweed.

#### **7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor**

- a) Meeting with Jon Storey & Neil Snowdon arranged for March 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> - update

#### **8. Correspondence.**

## **Hard copies.**

### **Emails:**

- a) 12/3/20: Forestry Commission Stakeholder email
- b) 13/3/20: Joanne Purnell NCC Planning- Covid 19 Planning Services continuity plan.
- c) 13/3/20: NALC Member Update
- d) 16/3/20: NMALC Coronavirus – information for parish & town councils **this became a daily email and will not be recorded separately here.**
- e) 17/3/20: NALC member update
- f) 17/3/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- g) 18/3/20: Streetworks TTRO Tyne Green Hexham
- h) 18/3/20: GNAA newsletter explaining loss of revenue during Covid-19 restrictions.
- i) 28/3/20: Came & Co Insurance asking if any changes before renewal quote 1st June 2020 as no Councillors made any comment; I assume all Councillors confirm that the renewal is as detailed?**
- j) 19/3/20: NALC Member Update (includes all coronavirus updates)
- k) 19/3/20: Streetworks TTRO Dilston to Corbridge
- l) 20/3/20: British Heart Foundation CPR at home
- m) 20/3/20: CAN offices closed
- n) 20/3/20: Ian Hedley core strategic team established to support local activity
- o) 21/3/20: NALC E-news
- p) 24/3/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- q) 24/3/20: Sam Talbot NCC closing all public toilets & County owned play areas. Clerk emailed for clarification on Slaley School field – three of the six Councillors requested the area closed. PC Clerk spoken with Mrs Brett the headteacher and because work is expected on the play equipment during the Easter holidays a notice was placed on both gates.
- r) 25/3/20: Iain Hedley – Northumberland Communities Together: briefing and information gathering for Town & Parish councils
- s) 26/3/20: Streetworks TTRO White Cross Estate, Hexham
- t) 26/3/20: NALC Enews

## **9. Financial Report.**

- a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary March 2020 & year End Report circulated by email
- b Cheques to be signed information circulated by email and cheques signed at home
- No 766 TP Jones Payroll preparation Jan – March 2020 ££46.80 (signed by SC Dougals & DJ Taylor)
- No 767 HMRC tax for Jan – March 2020, £9-60 (signed by RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey)
- No 768 P. Wilson salary Jan – March 2020, £1031.34 (signed by RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey)
- No 768 P. Wilson annual expenses Apr 2019 – March 2020, £313.20 (signed by RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey)
- c) Lloyds bank contacted to organize internet banking. Forms for signature being posted around for signature from current signatories (SC Dougals, DJ Taylor, RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey).
- d). A Statement of Income & Expenditure for the financial year 2019/2020 was circulated by email and attached as **appendix 1/060420 page 14??**
- e) Email to TP Jones with the 2020/21 Tax code for the PC Clerk
- f) Email 24/3/20 to Clerk from auditor PKF Littlejohn re 2019/20 AGAR- instructions on the completion of 2019/20 AGAR will be issued when more clarity is available

## **10. New Planning Applications.**

20/00835/DISCON: Discharge of condition 5 (construction method statement) on approved planning application 19/00776/FUL Glen Cottage, Lead Road, Slaley

### **Decisions from Planning:**

**20/00172/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in relation to approved planning application 18/03302/FUL: - change of roofing material to standing seam, change of fenestration to be reverted back to original permission. Heatherden House, Slaley, NE47 0BY. **Granted**

**11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas.**

**12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 2/060420 page 14??**

Cllr J. Storey will report if he has carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib is working as expected. The monthly NEAS check list to be completed by Cllr Storey ready for the Clerk to scan and email.

**13. Update games/play area within school grounds.**

The Headteacher and the PC have jointly closed the school sport & play equipment and grounds to the public – *see agenda item 8q above.*

**14. Annual Litter Pick**

Litter sacks, Gloves, Litter-Pickers & Hi-viz jackets ordered from NCC. Arranged for Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 12 noon **Is this to be cancelled? Sunday 29/3/20 three members of the public were collecting litter from the B6306 as they took their exercise.**

**15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update from Cllr D.J. Taylor**

Any update will be reported via email from Cllr D.J. Taylor and attached as an appendix

**16. Slaley Parish plan; Action Plan: April 2020 Quarterly Update.**

Draft circulated by email and attached as **appendix 3/060420**, page ???

**17. AOB**

a) Cllr A.M. Livesey will move on April 7<sup>th</sup> to The Grange, Wooley Grange, Slaley, Hexham. NE46 1TY. Telephone and mobile numbers will remain the same.

b) Email from Cllr SC Douglas reporting that a concerned parishioner was concerned about the mass felling of trees immediately south of Coalpits Estate. Cllr J. Storey confirmed that a member of his household was involved with the work and the area was to be replanted. Cllr DJ Taylor confirmed the delivery of 8,000 + trees at Slaley Hall. Cllr Douglas was able to pass this information on.

c) A member of Stocksfield Post Office tested positive for Coronavirus therefore the whole network was forced to close for the 14-day isolation period. The mobile Post Office was part of that shutdown. It is expected back in service on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

d) The Flying Scotsman Car Rally organized for April 5<sup>th</sup> 8.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. from Slaley Hall Hotel – I suspect this has been postponed.

**18. Date of May 2020 meeting:** Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>. This is the Annual Parish Meeting (annual reports), the Annual Parish Council Meeting (election of officers for the year) and the May monthly meeting – the Annual Meetings may be deferred until it is safe to meet and the may monthly meeting conducted by email or some other agreed system.