

# Slaley Parish Council

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5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

I hereby give notice that **the Meeting of Slaley Parish Council** will be held on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024** in the **Community Room, Slaley Commemoration Hall, at 7.30pm.** to which you are summoned for the transaction of the following business.

Signed: *Ian Stevens*  
(Chairman of Slaley Parish Council)

## AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Public Participation**
3. **Short Address by County Councillor Colin Horncastle**
4. **Declarations of Interest**
5. **Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**
  - a. Approval of minutes
  - b. Review of actions
  - c. Matters arising
6. **Correspondence of significant note**

*(Councillors are reminded that all Council related email correspondence can be viewed at [slaleyipc@gmail.com](mailto:slaleyipc@gmail.com))*

  - a. **To, Glen Harrison, Highways Maintenance (Northumberland County Council (NCC))** – email dated 31/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens highlighting the email from Mr. R. Thompson (see agenda item 6 b.) and referencing blocked drains in Slaley village. On-going correspondence being dealt with by Cllr Stevens.

- b. **From, Mr. R. Thompson** – a copy of an email sent to County Councillor Colin Horncastle dated 31/01/24 was received at slaleyipc@gmail.com. It related to the ‘poor’ nature of road sweeping activities in Slaley village that day.
- c. **To , Mrs. D. Elliot (Karbon Homes)** – email dated 31/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens regarding concerns raised by residents at Park Side regarding telephone cables - see also agenda item 7 ii c..
- d. **To , Highways Improvement Team (NCC)** – emails dated 30 and 14/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens requesting data relating to vehicles speeds through Slaley Parish - see also agenda item 8 d.. On going correspondence being dealt with by Cllr Stevens.
- e. **To , Mrs. D. Elliot (Karbon Homes)** – email dated 29/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens regarding the grass cutting regime at Park Side. On-going correspondence being dealt with by Cllr Stevens.
- f. **To, Glen Harrison** – email dated 25/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens regarding the surface condition of Coal Road – see also agenda item 7 ii a.. On-going correspondence being dealt with by Cllr Stevens.
- g. **To, County Councillor Colin Horncastle** – email dated 27/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens, requesting feedback on four particular issues.
- h. **To, Mr. D. Lovatt, Area Countryside Officer (NCC)** – email dated 23/01/24 sent by Cllr Douglas seeking an update regarding a dispute in relation to Footpath No. 2 at East Woodfoot. Related actions being progressed by Cllr Douglas.
- i. **To , Mrs. D. Elliot (Karbon Homes)** – email dated 22/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens regarding the damaged notice board at Park Side - see also agenda item 7 ii b..
- j. **To, Glen Harrison** – email dated 14/01/24 sent by Cllr Stevens regarding the surface condition of the main road through Slaley and North Road mainly between Wooley Grange and West Woodfoot. Related actions being progressed by Cllr Stevens.

## **7. Approaches Made to Councillors directly**

### **i. Correspondence**

- a. **From, Mrs. S Nixon** – email to Cllr Stevens’ private email address, dated 29/01/24, handing in her notice as Parish Clerk. Related actions being progressed by Cllr Stevens.

### **ii. Personal**

- a. **Mrs A. Holmes** – approached Cllr Stevens by phone on 24/01/24 regarding the poor state of Coal Road – see also agenda item 6 f..
- b. **Mrs C. Loughlin** – approached Cllr Stevens by phone on 22/01/24 on behalf of Mrs. D. Bell advising that the notice board at Park Side had been damaged in the recent storm - see also agenda item 6 i..

- c. **Mrs. D. Bell** - approached Cllr Stevens on 21/01/24 concerned about the potential for overhead phone lines at Park side to be damaged in the light of recent storms – see also agenda item 6 c..

## 8. New Items

- a. **Review of Outstanding Actions for 2023/24** (led by Cllr Stevens)

Review and update of actions log.

- b. **Resignation of Parish Clerk** (led by Cllr Stevens)

Discussion around the resignation of the Parish Clerk and the implications that has on the ongoing business of the Council.

- c. **Fly Tipping** (led by Cllr Stevens)

At the Parish Council meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 fly tipping in the Parish was discussed under minuted item 8 x i., after a number of events had come to the attention of Councillors. An action was placed on Cllr Stevens to maintain a record of any subsequent fly tipping to allow further discussion about the issue at this meeting.

- d. **Vehicle Speeds Within the Parish** (led by Cllr Stevens)

Every six months (February and August) the Parish Council reviews issues relating to the speed of vehicles through the Parish. This agenda item will allow Councillors to discuss recent telemetric data from the County Council relating to traffic speeds in the Parish and identify any emerging actions.

Councillors are required to read the correspondence from the County Council's Highways Improvement Team regarding this issue prior to the meeting. It can be found in the Parish Council's Gmail account under the 'Label' – Slaley infrastructure'. The pertinent email chain is titled 'Traffic Speed through Slaley village'.

- e. **Community Play Area** (led by Cllr Stevens)

The Headteacher at Slaley First School has requested that two pieces of play equipment, purchased by the Parish Council for the Community Play Area be removed from the school grounds due to inappropriate placement or on health and safety grounds. This agenda item provides Councillors with the opportunity to discuss this request.

- f. **First Aid Course**(item proposed by Cllr Douglas to be led by Cllr Stevens)

Cllr Douglas writes "The First Aid Course was very successful this year. I have had requests for another course to be run." There are five potential attendees, four of whom have said they are prepared to pay. Cllr Douglas goes on to say, I " would be in favour of a second course provided most of the costs were covered by the participants".

The views of Councillors is sought on this matter.

## 9. Planning Applications

None.

## 10. Finances (led by Cllr Taylor)

<b>a. Current account outgoings between 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024</b>	
• Hextol Foundation – printing Slaley News	£54.75
• Slaley Show grant	£750.00
• Posters advertising ‘grant window’	£13.50
• Commemoration Hall hire by Parish Council	£20.00
• Parish Council website – Rocketspark	£12.00
• Commemoration Hall Wi-Fi grant (2023/24)	£202.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,052.55</b>
<b>b. Income between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>	
	None
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE Total</b>	<b>£3,679.55</b>

<b>c. Instant Online interest account</b>	
This account was opened on 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2023, in line with Minuted item 9 j. of the Parish Council meeting dated 11/12/23. The opening sum was £15,000. There has been no further activity in relation to this account since that date.	£15,000.00

## d. Financial Overview of Council funds

## 11. Any Other Business/Urgent Matters

*Only items received by the Chair of the Parish Council at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting will be considered.*

None as of 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.