

Slaley Parish Council

February 2022 Chairman:

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A meeting of Slaley Parish Council will take place on Monday February 14th 2022
At 6.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. **Public Participation.** (*see agenda 8g 10/1/22 minutes*) Mark Jennings with a report on Slaley Welcomes (meeting Thursday 3/2/22)

2. **Apologies.**

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

4. **Minutes of January 10th 2022 meeting (circulated pages 1587 – 1590), appendix 1, page 1591, appendix 2, page 1592, appendix 3, page 1593 & appendix 3, page 1594.**

5. **Matters Arising.**

a) Email response from Cllr I C Stevens: Agenda item 3** agree, agenda item 10 agree, agenda item 19e agree, agenda item 19f agree to a t.30 p.m. start for February meeting.

b) 5b 10/1/22: Cllr J. Storey, Slaley PC Clerk & Kevin Weatherley met at Slaley defibrillator to check the battery. A sample check sheet was given to both men and the battery was showing no signs of power loss. It was agreed that the First Aid instructor be asked to have a look at the machine and the cabinet when he is at Slaley on April 7th.

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

Invitation to NCC Climate Change Q&A ZOOM event on Wednesday 19/1/22 – anyone attend?

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

a) Update Glen Crossroads –

b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. –

c) The holly bushes at Hollybush corner cut down by contractors employed by NCC. Clerk asked for an explanation of how this had happened when the bushes are part of our local history and had been well established in 1715. There is a plaque on the roadside explaining their history with the 1715 Jacobite Rebellion. Email sent to Glen Harrison, CC Colin Horncastle, Guy Opperman MP. Local people are annoyed about the damage. Colin Jewitt has offered to help clear the site of the ivy and try to encourage new holly growth from the original root stock, there needs to be substantial ground clearance.

d) Complaint 29/1/22 from family on the Wooley Road that a footpath was blocked by an electric fence. Clerk replied immediately and contacted farmer who said fence had been placed by his shepherd it would be moved away from footpath and signs would be attached at both ends. Family reported 4/2/22 that electric fence had been moved but no signs were attached. Clerk emailed farmer to ask that signs were placed on electric fence and to let the PC know when this happened.

e) Community playground Weekly Inspector not having a DBS certificate – School has stopped the inspections. **What action does the Council wish to happen? CC Colin Horncastle looking into. (see also agenda item 14)**

f) The 30-mph sign at Townfoot, Slaley Village, is turning in strong winds making the 30-mph facing the drivers as they leave, rather than as they enter. This is the fourth time it has happened, Storm Arwen in

November, then Malick and Corrie two weeks ago and again last night. Members of the public have been climbing onto the wall and turning the sign the correct way. Clerk thinks something must have worked loose and asked Highways to inspect.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

Clerk & Councils Direct January issue

Email

- a) 11/1/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 12/1/22: NALC Enews includes petition to allow digital meetings
- c) 14/1/22: NCC Climate Change Programme Team – next Q&A event
- d) 18/1/22: RSN Rural Bulletin – rural-urban divide pandemic rebuild plans
- e) 18/1/22: NCC Storm Arwen Review Task & Finish Group- Letter & 5-page review
- f) 18/1/22: Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund, £70,000 allocated – PC's can apply
- g) 20/1/22: NALC Enews
- h) 20/1/22: Lesley Tweddell - NHS Improving Access Survey
- i) 20/1/22: Forestry Commission Area update: Yorkshire and North East
- j) 25/1/22: RSN Rural bulletin
- k) 25/1/22: Alison Peaden - follow up information from Library Briefing
- l) 26/1/22: NALC Member Update includes digital meetings
- m) 27/1/22: Tim Hakim - Healthwatch Northumberland
- n) 28/1/22: NALC Enews
- o) 31/1/22: NCC Communications Storm Malik update.
- p) 2/2/22: RSN (special Edition) APPG Rural Health and Care report.
- q) 3/2/22: RSN Funding Digest
- r) 4/2/22: CAN Enews (11-pages) Northumberland's solar powered village halls project
- s) 8/2/22: RSN Rural Bulletin – levelling up white paper
- t) 8/2/22: Alison Peaden – Northumberland Libraries – Reading for Wellbeing
- u) 8/2/22: NHS Northumbria Healthcare update
- v) 9/2/22: NALC Enews

9. Financial Report.

- a) January payroll paperwork
- b) Invoices received & paid since January meeting
- Problem with School payment incorrect account number – payment in/out, in/out
- Wel Medical replacement defib pads £64,26
- c) Invoices to be paid
- 123 Reg £14.39

10. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

- a) PC Letter sent to 23 separate parish organisations asking for any plans they had to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee event.
- Ladycross NR planting an oak tree
- Slaley WI would like to do a catering event
- Slaley R&C think it is a great opportunity
- b) NCC allocated £70,000 to non-profit making voluntary groups **anything we want?**
- c) Jubilee Mugs samples emailed Central Design Ceramics.**
- d) Jubilee Bench from Fabrications North East.**

11. New Planning Applications.

22/00321/FUL: Single storey side extension at rear providing utility room. Deneside, Wooley, Hexham. NE46 1TY. Applicant Sophie Betts. Comments by 23/2/22

Decisions from planning

21/02633/FUL: Proposed extension of existing farmhouse into adjacent barn. Woodnook Hill Farm, U8080. NE47 0BW. **Granted.**

21/03241/FUL: Extension of existing garage to provide additional workshop space, store and garage with ancillary self-contained residential annexe accommodation above. Wooley Lodge, Wooley, NE46 1TY. Applicant Geoff Jackson. **Refused**

21/04867/LBC: Re-slating the existing roofs, using salvaged natural slates. Shield Hall (although included in the applications below a stand-alone application for re-slating could save planning delays. **Granted**

12. Social Media Report - Cllr I C Stevens & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas.

Clerk sent an email 5/2/22 after a telephone conversation with the WI treasurer about Slaley PC having a village Facebook allowing other people to post events and news, keeping it free from “nasty” postings and updating as required. Clerk suggested that this should be offered elsewhere as PC was two Councillors down. Clerk explained that the PC web site was very up-to-date - She said no-one looked at web sites anymore people wanted instant news on social media.

13. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix attached as appendix?/...100122, page ???

a) The monthly NEAS check list to be completed by Cllr Storey ready for the Clerk to email. The date on the pads in the Defib is November 2023 and date on replacement pads 2024-10. * The new pads were given to the R&C manager to replace and she was asked to dispose of the February 2022 unused pads in the machine.

c) First Aid Training by NEAS was agreed for Thursday April 7th – still vacant places.

14. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Correspondence re Weekly Inspector not having a DBS certificate – School has stopped the inspections. **What action does the Council wish to happen? CC Colin Horncastle looking into.**

15. Parish Council Vacancies

Any interest IN THE VACANCIES?

16. Neighbourhood Plan

17. Slaley Parish Plan: Annual Speeding Review.

18. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

Agreed minutes from November 17th 2021 attached as appendix 140222, page ??

19. AOB

a) Vicky Norton from Northumbria police – a new department for all social groups and offer help for groups or individuals – hexham.npt@northumbria.pnn.police.uk

20. Date for March 2022 meeting:

Monday March 14th