

Slaley Parish Council

March 2022 Chairman:

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A meeting of Slaley Parish Council will take place on Monday March 14th 2022
At 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

Agenda

1. Public Participation.

2. Apologies.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

4. Minutes of February 14th 2022 meeting (circulated pages 1595 – 1599), appendix 1, page 1600, appendix 2, page 1601 & appendix 3, page 1602.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 7c 14/2/22: The holly bushes at Hollybush corner. Further correspondence with highways asking if a skip can be provided to clear site and find any rootstock. Mrs S. Charlton checked deeds and land belongs to Highways. Fence needs replacing.

7f 14/2/22: The 30-mph sign at Townfoot, Slaley Village replaced.

B) 19 a 14/2/22: Vicky Norton from Northumbria police replied that new departments mainly deals with safeguarding issues not community matters.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Christopher Porter from Hexhamshire is taking over the Chair for the next four meetings. Thanks to Peter Topping who stepped down after chairing the group for two years.

World Earth Day is Friday April 22nd – There is going to be an event at Slaley Commemoration Hall.

Tree planting initiatives continue across the parish. Following the recent severe storms, the Commemoration Hall is investigating how it can be used as an emergency hub in the future.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Update Glen Crossroads –

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

c) Cllr J. Storey reported a drain cover lifting at Townfoot corner 22/2/22

d) 1/3/22: Wooley resident Mrs A. Livesey reported new lights at Wooley grange to be reconsidered/

e) Slaley resident Nigel Morton reported 2/3/22 potholes on Wooley road, incident number 101007592522

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

Clerk & Councils Direct February issue. Citizens Advice and Age Concern.

Email:

a) 15/2/22: NCC Storm Preparations for Storms Dudley and Eunace Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th.

b) 15/2/22: NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Inspectors Report view on NCC website. Plan's adoption at Cabinet on 29/3/22 and Full Council on 30/3/22.

c) 16/2/22: NALC member update.

d) 18/2/22: NALC Enews

- e) 18/2/22: CAN Enews
- f) 18/2/22: Forestry Commission February 22 Area Update
- g) 21/2/22: NCC Streetworks Emergency TTRO St. Mary's Chare, Hexham.
- h) 22/2/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- i) 24/2/22: NALC Enews
- j) 25/2/22: NALC Member Update – The Armed Forces Covenant details
- k) 1/3/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- l) 1/3/22: Eddie Graham Flyng Scotsman Classic Rally, Friday April 1st, 120 vehicles, Riding Mill Road.
- m) 2/3/22: RSN Funding Digest.

9. Financial Report.

- a) February payroll paperwork
- b) Invoices received & paid since February meeting
- c) Invoices to be paid
- d) Cllr SC Douglas paid Melanie Cant to change the domain transfer from 123 Reg to Rocket spark.
- e) Lloyds bank – Online banking changes.

10. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

- a) Second PC Letter sent to 23 separate parish organisations asking for update by March 14th

Replies:

Slaley Show: A Royal theme to the show and competitions.

Film Club: show a comedy film about Rex the Queen's Top Dog who ends up in a London dog's home.

Healey Parish Council considered an Installation of some kind. Iron artwork (Philip Hubbuck). Tree Sculpture (Cllr M Cartlidge reported that there was a large Yew Tree stump in the churchyard, which may be suitable). A wooden 'something' (Neil Jobs). Any of these at a prominent site in the parish possibly crossroads Healey to The Barn. A kissing gate at a popular footpath entrance. Commemorative Mugs for children was also tabled. Hope that Healey residents could join in any Slaley celebration/party event.

St. Mary's Church: Flower displays in Church – ask local organisations to provide window displays + Local artists to exhibit paintings of flowers and gardens. Jubilee weekend and Wander Sunday.

Local History Group has agreed to provide a window display at St. Mary's for the Jubilee weekend.

11. New Planning Applications.

Decisions from planning

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

13. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix attached as appendix?/...140322, page ???

- a) The monthly NEAS check list to be completed by Cllr Storey. The date on the pads in the Defib is November 2023 and date on replacement pads 2024-10.
- b) 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. Cllr Glen Sanderson replied to our request for NCCs Recruitment Policy for the employment of playground inspectors. Request passed to Greg Gavin, Head of Neighbourhood Services. Slaley a unique situation Stephen Wardle and David hunt will reply. Stephen Wardle replied do inspection outside of school hours.
- b) Sport & Play inspection 2/3/22 – wood board behind netball nret is starting to perish. Wood needs to be treated.
- c) School needs a community governor – any suggestions?

15. Parish Council Vacancies

Lynda Sale invited to attend meeting.

16. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr DJ Taylor is Treasurer of the Steering Group and the Parish Council has taken into its account £1,105.00 for NP expenditure. An Income & Expenditure breakdown will be presented to the PC each month showing how the money is being spent.

17. Joint meeting

September 13th 2021 meeting – agenda item 8c) 11/8/21: Cllr Barry Flux, NCC business Chair, offered a meeting with Glen Sanderson, Leader of NCC or a cabinet member. Members of both PCs replied yes. Clerk offered both PCs as a three-pronged meeting; First Slaley, then both, finally Healey. Separate meetings were also given as a possibility. This was emailed 13/8/21. Healey PC asked if an email could be sent to Glen Sanderson with a reminder of the offer.

Mr. Sanderson replied 3/3/22 that “someone” would be glad to attend and requested we let Susan Taylor know the dates of our meetings in April, May and June.

18. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

19. AOB

a) Slaley Church has set up collection point in St. Mary’s Church for goods for Ukrainian people. A list of the request goods is available and collected items will be delivered to North Tyneside depot.

20. Date for April 2022 meeting:

Monday April 11th