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Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council due to take place on Monday May 11th 2020 at 7.30 p.m. will be administered by ZOOM video connection.

Agenda

1. Public Participation.

2. Apologies.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

4. Minutes of April 6th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1440 – 1443). Appendix 1, page 1444, appendix 2, page 1445 & appendix 3, page 1446.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 5b 6/4/20; 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 has disappeared.
- b) 8i 6/4/20: Came & Co Insurance questionnaire complete by clerk and returned
- c) 8q 6/4/20: Slaley School field - New closure notice placed on school gates after the Easter holidays - wording was agreed with Mrs Brett the headteacher.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Further meetings have been cancelled until restrictions are lifted due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Water running down the C275 (Riding Mill road) and pooling on the road side over the Black Burn. Reported 17/4/20 and acknowledged by Highways.
- b) Water running from the new water tank opposite the Hollies House, C275 new underground outlet pipe did not follow the prior overflow line consequently the old line was filled in during a pot hole repair causing water to run down the road. Reported to Highways 28/4/20.
- c) Wooley road resident emailed 21/4/20 about lights and people at the rear of their home at 11.45 p.m. Police notified and came out - thought probably looking for theft from outhouses. Cllr A.M. Livesey also spoken with Neighbourhood Policeman PC Lee Davison and requested a squad car driving a couple of loops each evening.
- d) Cllr J. Storey reported (22/4/20) the blocked off BOAT from Espersfield road (C268) to Slaley Hall south entrance. Cllr DJ Taylor replied via email (23/4/20) that the temporary blockage was to protect the hotel, green-keeping machinery, empty holiday lodges, golf shop, adventure business equipment and local residents from thieves using the dirt track onto the estate. As there is only essential travel allowed at the moment there is no reason for motorists to use this track. Cllr DJ Taylor emailed (29/4/20) to report that a formal complaint had been made to NCC. The hotel manager and several residents had responded to NCC.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

Emails:

- aa) NALC coronavirus updates throughout the month
- a) 7/4/20: RSN Rural bulletin

- b) 7/4/20: NCC Paul Jones Local Services Update response to Covid 19.
- c) 8/4/20: NALC Enews
- d) 8/4/20: Northumbria Healthcare stakeholder update
- e) 9/4/20: NALC extends deadline on dementia research
- f) 9/4/20: NALC Member Update 9/4/20
- g) 15/4/20: NALC Member Update 15/4/20.
- g(2) 15/4/20 RSN Rural Bulletin
- h) 16/4/20: Streetworks TTRO Slaley to Linnels Bank
- i) 17/4/20: CAN Covid-19 and rural economies
- j) 21/4/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- k) 21/4/20: Streetworks TTRO Dilston to Corbridge.
- l) 22/4/20: NCC Greg Gavin - Summer grounds maintenance programme.
- m) 22/4/20: North East VCSE Sector COVID-19 Impact survey
- n) 22/4/20: NALC Enews
- o) 27/4/20: NCC David Laux/Greg Gavin – Neighbourhood Services Structure Update.
- p) 28/4/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- q) 28/4/20: Healthwatch Northumberland – latest information
- r) 29/4/20: Streetworks TTRO Dipton House to West Fell Farm junction Corbridge
- s) 29/4/20: NCC Carrol Hessey - Household Waste Recovery Centres reopen 4/5/20.
- t) 29/4/20: NALC Member update AGAR
- u) 29/4/20: NALC Enews
- v) 1/5/20: CAN – Employment Hub clients digitally included
- w) 4/5/20: Streetworks, TTRO Greymare Hill to Whittonstall. Surface dressing.
- x) 4/5/20: Streetworks TTRO Clap Shaw. Blanchland 800 metre water pipe
- y) 4/5/20: Streetworks TTRO Allensford to Wallish Walls resurfacing.
- z) 4/5/20: Adapt NE West Northumberland Covid-19 £20,00 Hardship Fund + Referral form.

9. Financial Report.

a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary April 2020 & Employees P60

b Invoices received:

- (i) Came & Company PC insurance £536.90
- (ii) NALC annual subs £170.01
- (iii) Melanie Cant website support 6 months @ £50 per month £300 – **What action does the PC wish to take with this invoice? Three months trial with Cllr SC Douglas and Cllr DT Taylor has been completed. Does the PC keep Elm Marketing on a retainer for hosting and domain name only. OR, do the Councillors cover all the website work?**

c) Lloyds On-line banking: Authentication card arrived & separately the card reader, however the pin number as not arrived. Tel Lloyds and ordered a second Pin. Unable to make payments until all received.

d) Email correspondence (30/4/20) from PKF Littlejohn re external audit (AGAR). + 2020 Asset & Investment Register – no changes from 2019. + Risk Assessment 2020/21

e) completed AGAR forwarded to Councillors by email

f) agree that section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 is signed - page 4 of AGAR

g) agreed that section 2 Accounting Statement 2019/20 is signed - page 5 of AGAR

h) Chairman will need to sign pages 4 & 5 (either on line or by hand) once agreed

10. New Planning Applications.

Concerns over planning applications 20071342 & 20090082 relating to a single storey granny annexe having been built internally as a two storey annexe with roof windows. NCC Enforcement officer has replied that as the windows have been in place since 2014 they are immune from any enforcement action.

Decisions from Planning:

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.

- a) Playdale installing replacement equipment May 5th.
- b) Inspections sheets for March received and forwarded to School
- c) Replacement notice agreed with headteacher and placed on both gates. Head also had the front page of the May Slaley News.

14. Annual Public Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

Cancelled due to Coronavirus will be held at a later date.

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

Cllr D.J. Taylor renewed the BT connection with better speeds and a reduction to £22 + Vat per month.

16. AOB

- a) Tel call from a Holly Hill resident who informed the Clerk that Northumbria Police had fined three motorcyclists £300 each for driving without insurance and £60 each breaking the social distancing laws.
- b) Tel call 22/4/20 from a concerned village resident who found a bag of dog dirt inside her freshly emptied recycle bin.

18. Date of June 2020 meeting: Monday June 8th.