



Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Slaley Parish Council

Held on Monday 19th May 2025 at 6.30pm

In Slaley Commemoration Hall

This meeting was chaired by Anne Livesey, Chair of Slaley Parish Council

1. Present

Councillor Anne Livesey, Councillor Julie Cole, Councillor Nicole Dean, Councillor Michael Ogle, and County Councillor Colin Horncastle.

In Attendance: Samantha Dalglish (Clerk to Slaley Parish Council)

General Public: Five residents of Slaley Parish were in attendance.

2. Apologies for Absence

None.

3. Agreement of the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting of Slaley Parish.

Due to changes in the structure of the Slaley Parish Council and no one present attending the 2024 meeting, these minutes could not be confirmed as true and will remain in draft format.

4. Matters arising from the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting of Slaley Parish.

Concern was raised about the 'high speed' of vehicles passing through the village. It was acknowledged that only a small percentage of drivers come through the village at speeds higher than permitted. As the numbers are low, the police won't take action, and the County Council will not consider the introduction of a traffic calming scheme.

Councillors stated that the issue would remain on the Parish Councils' radar, however, as the Slaley Parish Council was inquorate from July 2024 until May 2025, this matter is now on the current Parish Councils' radar, with action being taken where possible.

5. Parish Councils' Annual Report.

No Chairperson's report was available due to an inquorate Parish Council from July 2025.

The Parish Clerk noted that without a quorate Parish Council, no parish-based decisions could be made or actioned. Through the May 1st elective process, Slaley Parish Council has achieved quorum and can continue to operate on behalf of Slaley Parish interests.

6. Matters raised by Parishioners.

Five residents of Slaley Parish were in attendance.

1. Resident One informed Council that the payment for the Slaley News had been absorbed by a variety of generous residents within the Parish and asked if this cost could be reverted to the Parish Council, as was the arrangement prior to the Parish Council becoming inquorate.

This request was agreed unanimously by all council members.

ACTION: Parish Clerk to contact Hextol (Slaley Parish News printers) to ask that all invoices after the June 2025 issue be directed to the Slaley Parish Council for payment.

2. Resident Two drew the Councils attention to the high speed exhibited on sections of the Wooley and Lead Roads and asked if any traffic calming measures were possible as she was concerned for the safety of her children who live and play in the area.

Councillors shared the residents' concerns and acknowledged it was an issue that needed to be addressed by the County Council.

ACTION: Cllr Horncastle shared his contact details and requested the resident send an email with details of the road speeds and with a request for traffic calming measures for him to investigate.

The parish clerk will invite the police representative to the area to visit with the council and discuss the high-speed issue with the Parish boundary.

3. Residents Three, Four and Five provided a very detailed description of a sewerage leakage of human effluent from Slaley Hall that occurred on Tuesday the 6th May and leaked onto their properties and into their waterways. This is the 3rd big leak that has occurred in the past few years. Slaley Hall has a permit to release sewage after heavy rainfall, but this was released during a time of no rain. The Environmental Protection Agency has been contacted.

ACTION: Cllr Horncastle took details from the residents of the Environmental Protection Agent handling the matter and will contact them to investigate the issue further.

The Parish Clerk will investigate Slaley Hall's previous planning permissions and building plans for their sewerage standard requirements.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.15pm