

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 9th June 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

1. Apologies. Councillor N. Green.

Present: Councillor C.A. Brooks in the Chair. Councillors I.E. Milburn, D.M. Bell, D. Allsop, S. Dart & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle for part of meeting.

Public:None. Northumbria Police: None: Courant Reporter: Rosalind Saul. Community Trust: Michael Elphick. Slaley Notes: None.

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

Cllrs D. Allsop for agenda item 8p - request for funding for hanging basket at Rose & Crown Inn from Mrs. J Green. County Councillor C Horncastle for agenda item10.

3. Minutes of May Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 982 - 985).

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. D. Allsop and seconded by Cllr. E. Milburn. The minutes were dated and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

a) APM 12/5/14 The notes from the meeting were circulated to everyone present at the meeting on email and to Sergeant Cockburn, Chris Slater and David Brookes to confirm accuracy of comments made by them. David Brookes has amended some of his comments and the revised report is attached to these minutes as **appendix 1/091614, page 991**. Juliet Rogers of Hexhamshire had a letter in the Courant 23/5/14 entitled "Ruined tracks" she praises the TRF but complains about others saying Slaley has become the default area for motor bikes as BOATs are closed in other areas". Following on from the Annual Parish Meeting on May 12th the Clerk and the Chairman received a personal invitation to the Rural Crime Conference on May 19th. This was very badly attended but was very informative and interesting and they felt, had it been more widely advertised would have been better attended.

b) 4e 12/5/14, 18b 14/4/14 Mess left from grass cutting at Parks Side letter May 16th sent to Kath Heard - acknowledged May 16th and passed to Katherine Glen for comment. Clerk asked for an update June 4th and sited the Wark complaint in the Hexham Courant letters 23/5/14 and the inadequate Isos reply of 30/5/14 issue. Slaley PC received an email reply from Alison Urguhart who confirmed that the contract across Northumberland is for cutting grass but not picking up the clippings. The conclusion of the letter was that Isos regularly monitor the Grounds Maintenance Contractors' performance and work closely with them to improve standards. A further article in the Courant of June 6th recorded the mess left at Isos Housing properties at Corbridge and Allendale. CC Horncastle volunteered to speak with Alison Urguhart. Slaley PC meanwhile should write again asking about the frequency of cuts because this should be increased and ask who is monitoring and how often the monitoring happens.

c) PC Insurance (6d 15/5/14 hard copy Zurich) & (6w & 6x email Came & Co). Reply from Came & Co confirming that cover is against malicious damage and vandalism and giving the relevant word and page reference. The portion of the insurance covering the play equipment was £131.45. Meanwhile the quote from Zurich came back as £479.13 for a 3 year long-term agreement + 10% if only for 1 year. This information was circulated and Cllrs Brooks, Allsop, Green & Bell replied to remain with Came & Co. A new three-year contract was duly entered into and signed by the Clerk.

d) 12a 12/5/14: Blocked village gulleys and drains were reported to Paul Turnbull who replied that the wagon had done the second clean on Wednesday May 21st. Clerk replied on May 23rd that there were still two sections flooding in the village. Paul indicated that a meeting would probably be best. Cllr Milburn and the Clerk looked at various drains near the school on Thursday June 5th and most were partially blocked. Cllr Milburn offered to walk the village with Paul & PW. Meeting to be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

5. Public Participation. None.

6. Community Trust Report

Michael Elphick expanded on his email of May 18th that gave the outcome of the survey. Michael explained the evening meeting June 26th 7 – 9 p.m. with John Cooper of Arch Digital to explain the Broadband upgrade plans for Slaley and surrounding area. A representative from BT will also attend. There are many questions to be answered: will outlying districts benefit? Satellite service? Wireless mast?

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

Colin apologised for his non attendance at recent meetings. Pot holes should be a thing of the past by the end of June according to the better 'jet patcher' currently being used, apparently it does a repair that is not easily washed out again. Post 16 school transport was discussed. The loss of the Blanchland service bus on a Tuesday. A loss of £2.4m has been felt from abolishing Parking fees – the Councillors without exception felt that this money could have saved the Post 16 transport shortfall. Cllr Allsop stated that it penalized rural children. The sale of County Hall at Morpeth was also discussed some County Councillors have reservations about a new build County Hall at Ashington.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) NFU: Do You know a Country Crime Fighter Awards 2014. Cash prizes of £6,500 awarded to people who help prevent rural crime
- b) NCC leaflets offering Compost Bins; NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group 17 leaflets "Help us create a healthy Northumberland". Love Northumberland awards mentioned in 8y email 4/6/14 below. CPRE newsletter Summer 2014.

Emails:

- a) 14/5/14: RSN weekly digest May 13th.
- b) 19/5/14: RSN weekly digest 19 May.
- c) 20/5/14: RSN ROB May.
- d) 20/5/14: CAN e:NEWS May.
- e) 20/5/14: Carrol Hessey re Storage of Documents (9 pages) + Link to County Archive Office at Woodhorn. Slaley PC Woodhorn has its Minute Book 1894-1963 and records 1894-1963 stored there. (*see agenda item 17 below*).
- f) 20.5.14: RSN Sustainable Tourism Strategies agenda for 3/6/14 at Eastgate, Hexham.
- g) 21/5/14: RSN RVS Broadband.
- h) 22/5/14: Ian Hedley: Fixed penalty fines for throwing litter from a vehicle – Clerk suggested these were printed out and kept in vehicles.
- i) 23/5/14: Richard Hall: Local bus services –west area tender outcomes: It appears that due to poor usage we will loose the Tuesday service from Blanchland unless £2,200 can be raised locally. A meeting at Hexham on June 4th was held to discuss all the changes. Clerk telephoned Alice Ellison at Blanchland who said that the service was normally used by 4/5 people each week.
- j) 23/5/14: Claire Craig: Parish Council training event several attachments including 2.5 pages of information relating to the Community Infrastructure Levy. Cllr. Horncastle explained that the remaining 85% generated with this was intended to go into a central pot for infrastructure improvements in the county.
- k) 23/5/14: Tamara Gilbert EFB No 52
- l) 28/5/14: RSN Spotlight Rural Economy
- m) 2/6/14: Letter from Barry Rowland inviting Councillors to meetings to discuss strengthening communications, review of Local Council Charter and Asset Transfers. No one was intending to go to any of the meetings.

- n) 2/6/14: RSN weekly digest
- o) 2/6/14: Richard Inman reminder of invitation to the Rural Sounding Board.
- p) 2/6/14: Request from Jackie Green to Cllr Brooks for funding towards a hanging basket at the Rose & Crown Inn. Decision from 4 Councillors. The Grants Policy, which was adopted without alteration at the May AGM meeting was consulted and Cllrs Milburn, Dart and Bell were unanimous in that the PC could not support the request. By supporting the R&C a precedent would be set and other community buildings like the school, shop, church, village hall etc could ask for similar help. Cllr Brooks to reply to Mrs Green with the PC's decision.
- q) 2/6/14: Matthew Bewick invitation to Sport Tynedale AGM June 16th.
- r) 2/6/14: Sue Campbell - Heritage Open Days September 11th –14th. Possible Dukesfield interest?
- s) 2/6/14: North Pennines AONB partnership Newsletter
- t) 2/6/14: Adapt newsletter giving the Summer trip dates and venue & independent living questionnaire. The information given to Slaley notes and a hard copy left in Slaley Shop.
- u) 2/6/14: Danielle Lowes NP AONB Annual Forum June 25th reminder.
- v) 4/6/14: Iain Hedley request for update on name and contact details of PC chairman after the AGM – Clerk replied.
- w) 4/6/14: CAN new office address: Uniun Buildings, Front Street, Pegswood, Morpeth. NE61 6RG. (correct spelling Uniun).
- x) 4/6/14: RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin
- y) 4/6/14: Nichola Turnbull West Area meeting June 10th agenda. (+ LN awards info).
- z) 6/6/14: Sue Campbell World War 1 Northumberland Archives events invitation & agenda.
- aa) 9/6/14: Unipart Dorman details of the DF11 actual speed flashing sign.
- ab) 9/6/14: Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee Minutes of March 2014 and Financial Report as presented to the AGM June 2014. Note that once again general running expenditure exceeded general running income by £1,725.55. However because of the fund raising of 2014 a further £5,431.59 was raised. The committee were faced with the decision of raising hire charges or continuing with a fund raising programme. Members were divided but it was agreed to go with more and regular fund raising for the next 12 months. Attached as **appendix 2/090614, page 992**.
- ac) 9/6/14: RSN weekly digest
- ad) 9/6/14: Sarah Wood Mobile Youth Provision over the summer. It was decided that our young children would probably need to be consulted before anything was booked. PC decided that Sarah Wood should make contact with the young people to gain their level of interest.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll successfully submitted £275.00 payment on May 14th
- b) Cheques to be signed: None.
- c) Interim cheque No 508 £449.21 issued: Broker Network Ltd – Came & Co Insurance signed by Cllrs Bell & Milburn
- d) Audit arrangements. Display Notice 9/6/14 – 22/6/14 + Internal audit. Records available to public 23/6/14 – 18/7/14. Audit Date July 21st 2014.

10. Current Planning Applications.

01608/NONMAT Courant: Robin Chute, non-material amendment relating to planning permission 12/00147/FUL (Application to replace an exant planning permission in order to extend the time limit for implementation – planning application 20081147 Construction of one two storey detached dwelling) Amendment relates to a revised access development with highways and a reduced footprint at Tree Tops.

The PC has not received notification of this.

14/01435/CLPROP: Certificate of lawful development for the proposed erection of a single storey extension to the north of the existing dwelling against a retaining wall. Glen Cottage, Slaley. **No comments.**

13/03822/VARYCO: Variation to condition 2 (to carry out development in accordance to plans) and 7 (rainwater goods to be painted black painted cast iron or aluminum fixed directly to the walls) of application 13/01297/FUL – land north west of St. Mary’s Church. **No objections.**

13/01130/FUL: Retrospective: Extraction system on roof at rear of premises. R&C **Pending**

13/01131/LBC: Retrospective: Listed Building Consent: Extraction system on roof at rear of premises. R&C **Pending**

12/03599/FUL: Construction of two storey agricultural workers dwelling - land west of Dipton Foot Farm House, Slaley. **Pending**

Decisions from planning:

11. Update games/play area within school grounds.

- a) Weekly inspections 6/3/14 – 8/5/14 received and forwarded to school there were no reported problems.
- b) The RoSPA Playsafety quote for the annual inspection was £65.00 + Vat for 5 items and each additional item was charged at £3.00 + Vat. The offer was declined.
- c) The Play Inspection Company quote was £59.95 excl Vat per site = £71.94. This has been booked and will take place later this summer.

12. Mobile Post Office Van parking Update

- a) MJ Macgregor, Solicitor at Gibson & Co, has confirmed that he will act on our behalf and awaits a plan showing the piece of land that the PC intends to lease. Once he has this he is suggesting a meeting to go through the paperwork. The Councillors agreed that Cllr Brooks could undertake this while in Hexham at work if it was convenient.
- b) Clerk asked for an update from Kath Heard on June 4th Kath replied by email that she hoped that Isos would be able to provide the necessary plan within the next week or so.

13. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update

Over the coming /summer months the Steering group will deliver the following activities: Greg Finch will talk at Sinderhope on Sunday June 29th. Carriers Day horse-ride and walk from Dukesfield over the moors to Allendale. Website creation. Walks leaflet. Cycle rides incorporating The Lead Road. Who do you think you are? Schools visit to Dukesfield site in July. Slaley Show - Dukesfield themed classes and exhibition. Difficult decisions have to be made regarding the exposed archaeology – if it can be left or how much needs to be covered over.

14. Parish Plan Dog Fouling review

- a) It would appear that the removal of the littler bin near the millennium seat has not caused any increase in dog dirt being left on the street.

15. Parish Plan Heritage review. Updated draft circulated and attached as appendix 3/090614, page 993.

Clerk has received clarification that Isos Housing had taken over the ownership and insurance of the Jubilee Planters at Parks Side. Solar panels are also fitted at Claremont, Pine Tops and Trygill Bungalow. Incorporating these changes the Heritage review was adopted for 2014.

16. Arrangements over holiday period to deal with Core Strategy consultation (6v) 12/5/14: Spatial Policy & Delivery – Core Strategy full draft plan meeting July 24th followed by consultation mid/late August and during September. Healey PCs was happy to work with Slaley PC on this + email circulated May 23rd from Claire Craig (*see 8j email above*). August meeting of Slaley PC is Monday 11th. September meeting is Monday 8th Clerk’s holiday is during September. The PC is aware of the tight time scale during the holiday period and may have to alter meeting dates to accommodate this.

17. Safe deposit and storage of PC records circulated by email May 20th (*see 8e above*)

- a) Woodhorn has Slaley Parish Council records 1894 – 1963. Parish Council Minute book 1894 – 1963. + a copy of Rev. SC Bryson to be Chaplain to the Wooley Sanatorium dated 22/12/1925.
- b) A second email from Carol Hessey asked for a record of where Slaley Parish Council documents were stored and available for inspection by the public. Clerk replied that storage was an agenda item for June and arrangements would be made to have the older records forwarded to Woodhorn.
- c) A list of PC Records that could be considered for forwarding to Woodhorn has been started by the Clerk. The Councillors were happy that the Clerk made the decision about how many and which documents were sent to Woodhorn for safe keeping.
- d) Cllr Allsop suggested that prices for fire proof storage facilities should be established together with permission to have the Council records stored in the village hall.

18.AOB

- a) Cllr. Bell reported a walking group parking above and below Parks Side at 11 a.m. and returned at 2.30 p.m. This is the second week this has happened. However as walking groups are not obliged to let communities know in advance if they are parking in a village for an indetermined time, it was felt there was very little action that could be taken.
- b) Cllr Bell reported June 2nd that a large vehicle had run over the corner of Parks Side grass during the school holidays. Who and what this vehicle had been remains a mystery.
- c) Cllr Bell was almost cycled into by youths riding their cycles on the village footpaths recently. One of the boys apologised. Pedal bicycles are very quiet and can give hard of hearing people quite a shock. This was last reported at the September 2013 meeting agenda item 18e. A general reminder to go out again reminding parents to tell their children not to ride on the footpaths and to take care of other footpath users.
- d) The Speed unit at Townhead is partially blocked by overhanging branches. A letter to the current owner of Slaley House asking if the offending branches could be trimmed back.

19. Date of July 2014 monthly meeting

Monday July 14th

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.