

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 14th May 2012 after the Annual Parish Meeting in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Apologies. Councillors A. S. Robson & S. Davison. County Councillor CW Horncastle.

Present: Councillor I.C. Hancock in the Chair. Councillors L. Norris, C. A. Brooks, D. Allsop, & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

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

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

None.

3. Minutes of April Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 782 – 786 + appendix 1, page 787 & appendix 2 page 788.

Proposed a true record by Cllr. D. Allsop and seconded by Cllr. C A Brooks. The minutes were dated and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

a) 4g 16/4/12 & 18a 12/3/12 Ladycross Stone for a Parish sign on the B6306 near the PC seat.

Barry Coleman has agreed to inscribe the stone at a cost in the region of £200. Barry and Ladycross manager met on 14 May to discuss size and surface of stone and size of lettering. A meeting has been organised with Ladycross Manager, Robin Turner, for 9 a.m. on Tuesday May 15th. Cllr. Allsop volunteered to attend with the Clerk.

b) 8b (hard copy) 16/4/12: A written request for a Whitley Chapel YFC balance sheet was not answered and therefore, in accordance with the PC's new funding criteria, no grant was awarded. Whitley Chapel YFC members came third in the finals at Torquay.

c) 11a 16/4/12 School play and sport equipment inspection sheets February and March received. Circulated to school by email 17/4/12. The April sheets circulated by email May 11th.

c) 11 16/4/12 Games & Play area within school grounds - official opening will be performed by Catherine Lincoln during the street party celebrations for the Diamond Jubilee on Sunday June 3rd.

d) 12 16/4/12 Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches project - meeting at 2 p.m. on Monday May 14th to discuss research documents. A request for a donation towards the required £575 Bat Survey has been made by Anne Porter (member of the Steering Group). Friends of North Pennines have offered £200 and the remaining £375 is requested between the two Parish Councils involved. After reference to the new Grants Policy it was agreed that a grant of £187.50 could be made. Cllr. Hancock hoped that this type of expenditure would be covered in the final grant application to the HLF. **The request letter from Anne Porter is attached as appendix 1/140512, page 795.**

e) 15a 16/4/12 The Annual Litter Pick organised for Sunday April 29th was cancelled because of wet weather. **Councillors to consider an alternative date at the September meeting.**

f) Outstanding from March - 4g 12/3/12 / 14a 13/2/12 Commemoration Hall Reserves Policy. Clerk passed on the PC's request for clarification at the Hall Management Committee Meeting on April 24th. The Hall Treasurer replied to the query by email dated 1/5/12 stating that the reserve was made up from Hall HIRE income. This was agreeable to the Councillors and has concluded the discussion. Copy of the approved minutes dated January 16th circulated by email (**attached as appendix 2/140512, page 796**) (see agenda item 3a when the Reserves Policy was agreed).

5. Public Participation. None.

6. Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) NCC Peter Rutherford. Review of Policy and Practice Relating to Outdoor Advertisements found on NCC web site. Comments on review or Statement of Intent by June 22nd. **Councillors agreed to look at the Policy on the NCC website and report any concerns.**
- b) Local Works correspondence dated 18th April, regarding the ‘Sustainable Communities Act’. As yet no reply from emailed correspondence to Guy Opperman MP.
- c) Zurich Municipal “getting a quote” asking for a copy of current insurance schedule and a completed information form to enable them to quote for PC insurance.
- d) Request from HM Revenue & Customs for annual PAYE return for tax year 2011 – 2012.
- e) Love Northumberland Awards - Posters and application placed on notice board (see email 6i below).
- f) Clerks & Councils Direct. Synthetic Surfacing MUGA for sports grounds. North Pennines News Spring & Summer 2012 containing an article on the Dukesfield Smelters and Carriers Project on page 11. Glasdon advertising leaflets.

Emails

- aa) 17/4/12: Came & Company Insurance renewal £279.36. **It was agreed to renew the policy and look at competitive quotes at the end of the current five year period.**
- a) 17/4/12: Workshop advice for would-be local councilors.
- b) 17/4/12: CAN Spring conference 3/5/12
- c) 17/4/12: External funding Bulletin No 13
- d) 24/4/12: NCC Rachel Metcalfe, Transport Support Assistant: Review of Financial Support for Bus Services – Slaley code PC9005 Route No 695. ADAPT Blanchland to Hexham Dial a ride. Tuesday. Annual cost £3,585.30. Average subsidy per passenger is £7.92.
- e) 24/4/12: RSN weekly digest 23/4/12
- f) 30/4/12: Funding Bulletin No 14
- g) 30/4/12: NCC Lauren Allison – request for Diamond Jubilee event details forwarded to Slaley Community Trust chairman, Norman Watson, who completed and returned.
- h) 1/5/12: Northumberland LINK e-newsletter
- i) 1/5/12: NCC Love Northumberland – Rewarding community achievement awards nomination form.
- j) 2/5/12: RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin may 2012.
- k) 3/5/12: NCC Carrol Hessey. April newsletter – Broadband update.
- l) 3/5/12: NCC Policy & Research Team Know Northumberland quarterly bulletin.
- m) 6/5/12: MyColony Admin Team – web based allotment management system.
- n) 6/5/12: IPSA campaign to engage with the public on MPs’ Pay & Pensions.
- o) 6/5/12: Rachel Metcalfe Review of Financial Support for Bus Services letter dated May 3rd – will be part of West Area Committee meeting at Allendale on May 15th.
- p) 6/5/12: Grace Darling North-East Tour at Hexham Queen’s Hall on October 22/23.
- q) 8/5/12: Mike Bird - reminder – standing for parish/town Councils May 10th.
- r) 8/5/12: Mike Bird. West Area Committee agenda for May 15th.
- s) 8/5/12: External Funding Bulletin No 15
- t) 8/5/12 RSN weekly digest May 8th
- u) 9/5/12 RSN 2012 Rural Insight Survey.
- v) 12/5/12: Jackie Brodie NCC Elections Officer Request for Local People as Door Step Canvassers to compile the electoral Register. £2.50 per form in rural areas (no mileage payable)

and would be canvassers must attend a briefing session at County Hall on 13th August at 6 p.m.
Placed on notice board.

7.Financial Report.

a) Cheques to be signed

Cheque No 467 NALC annual subs £111.32

No 468 Came & Company Insurance renewal £279.36

Proposed by Cllr. IC Hancock and seconded by Cllr. L. Norris the cheques were signed

b) The repayment of the Groundworks NE £600 (less the £100 Vat) remains outstanding. The CT Treasurer is waiting for confirmation from CL that the amount is to be paid from the CT funds in preference to the grant money.

c) Audit Date: 27th July 2012. Display Notice 11/6/12 – 24/6/12. Records available to public 25/6/2012 – 20/7/2012.

d) Cllr. D. Allsop to be made a signatory of the PC bank account and M. Palmer to be removed.

8. Current Planning Applications.

Hexham Courant: 12/01315/AGRGDO Prior notification for erection of a portal framed building off side of existing. Keith Wilson, Blue Gables. **Cllr Allsop said this was shown as approved on web site.**

12/01052/FUL FUL Conversion of outbuilding to form holiday let with garden. West Ridley Hall.

Withdrawn

12/00877/FUL Townfoot Farm Bungalow proposed garage extension and utility room to rear.

No objections.

12/00147/FUL Replace an extant permission to extend the time for implementation of 20081147 – construction of two-storey detached dwelling. Tree Tops. **Pending**

9.BOATs update.

a) Slaley public inquiry on May 9 2012 re No 37 (West Burnside – Blue Gables) was attended by the Clerk until 11.20 a.m. and the Chairman until the lunch break. A decision is expected in 4-6 weeks.

b) Official notification received that No 36 (The Cleugh) is a bridleway and No 34 (High Clear) Is a BOAT with varying widths apparently corresponding to its current dimensions. No 33 (Peth Foot) is also confirmed as a BOAT with varying widths

c) A CD received from AVAG with the evidence on the alleged non-compliance by the UK member state with EC regulations. Clerk has thanked MK for this. Cllr Hancock will look at it.

10.AOB

a) CC Colin Horncastle has recommended that we forward our Broadband for Rural Areas request to Roger Styring at NCC. A draft letter was circulated, discussed and will be amended by Cllr. Hancock to ask what are the aims of the Rural Broadband and what are the criteria for remote individual properties. Brian Massey has also been approached for a Community Forum backing letter.

b) CC Colin Horncastle also recommended that we contact Amanda Cryer at NCC Highways. Amanda is second in command for our area. Ms Cryer has acknowledged our annual highways report and says that the Highways department will be inspecting Slaley roads at the end of the month. The Clerk and Cllr Brooks did not receive this acknowledgement. Councillor Norris reported that the condition of the U8080 and U8081 roads has deteriorated further following the recent heavy rain and requested that the clerk ensures these roads are included in the proposed

inspection.

- c) A black and white, very friendly cat arrived with Anne Porter (673709) Hexhamshire on Saturday May 12th. Its owner has not been found.
- d) It has been reported that the prior Wooley road bus shelter was damaged beyond repair during strong winds at its new home in Laydcross Quarry.
- e) It was reported that the tenants at the Rose & Crown in Slaley village have been given two-weeks notice to vacate the premises by the brewery.
- f) Glen crossroads bridge - it would appear there is a blocked drain because water does not drain off the bridge.
- g) Junction of the U8080 and U8081 has suffered serious pot-hole damage during the recent heavy rainfall.

19. Date of June monthly meeting

Monday June 11th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.