

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Monday April 11th 2022
At 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

Public Participation. Rosaleen Doonan representing the Parish Wander (see agenda item 22). The Wander organisers were asked about how the risks were identified at each venue. RD was able to explain the individual venue risk assessments. Parking and traffic health and safety. Use of a shuttle taxi service. The First Aid mobile numbers provided at each venue and first aid boxes. Cllr J. Storey offered his mobile as an additional First Aid contact.

Apologies. County Councillor Colin Horncastle. Public: Eva Luca who had voiced interest in the role of Councillor.

Present: Councillor I. C. Stevens as Chairman. Councillors S. C. Douglas, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. Cllr S C Douglas for agenda item 10c

4. Minutes of March 14th 2022 meeting (circulated pages 1603 – 1606) & appendix 1, page 1607.

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr J. Storey. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 14/3/22; 7c 14/2/22: The holly bushes at Hollybush corner. Agreement with NCC highways that they will collect ivy and debris from behind the fence. The date of a working party is still to be agreed.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

World Earth Day is Friday April 22nd – There is going to be a “Just one Thing” event at Slaley Commemoration Hall between 4 – 7 p.m. Cllr D J Taylor distributed leaflets for the event.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Update Glen Crossroads – Reply from Cllr John Riddle (via Paul Jones email of 22/3/22) a scheme to improve signing and lining at the crossroads included in the LTP programme in the coming financial year. Cllr J D Taylor was unable to find on-line. Cllr SC Douglas is asking for details of the scheme and questions the last 28-day notice being June 2021. PC Clerk requested to ask for the link to where the information can be found on the NCC web site.

b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. – Reply from Cllr John Riddle (via Paul Jones email of 22/3/22) 20 mph included in the LTP programme in the coming financial year.

c) Cllr I C Stevens will write to CC Colin Horncastle to encourage the CCs attendance in May.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

Clerk & Councils Direct April issue. Elan City Radar Speed Signs the Councillors were impressed with these speed signs especially as they could be connected to our radar using USB or Bluetooth via PC, laptop, tablet or smartphone. Cllr D J Taylor asked to contact Ruben Morgan at NCC for comparable machines. There was a discussion about replacing both speed units.

Email:

a) Streetworks TTRO Lead Road, Slaley.

b) 15/3/22: RSN Rural Bulletin

c) 15/3/22: NALC Member update – pay scales

d) 15/3/22: Streetworks RRTO Station Road, Hexham.

e) 15/3/22: NALC Member Council Update

f) 15/3/22: Explain Market Research follow up views on Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.

g) 16/3/22: Rape Crisis Tyneside & Northumberland Volunteer Coordinator, adoption leave.

- h) 18/3/22: CAN Enews
- i) 18/3/22: Forestry Commission March newsletter
- j) 22/3/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- k) 22/3/22: NALC Enews
- l) 22/3/22: Streetworks TTRO Princes Street, Corbridge
- m) 28/3/22: Kate Pawley North East's bid unsuccessful
- n) 29/3/22: TSN Rural Bulletin
- o) 30/3/22: NCC Northumberland Local Plan Adoption
- p) 30/3/22: NALC Enews
- q) 1/4/22: NCC Climate Change April newsletter
- r) 1/4/22: CAN Enews
- s) 1/4/22: NCC Support for Tree Planting in parish
- t) 4/4/22: NCC Planning Validation Checklist Re-consultation – 81 pages - reply by 17/4/22
- u) 5/4/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- v) 5/4/22: NALC Member Update

9. Financial Report.

- a) April & Year End payroll paperwork
- b) Invoices received & paid since March meeting
NCC weekly playground inspections during March £100.69
TP Jones & Co LLP payroll preparation January – March £46.80
Slaley Commemoration Hall meetings Feb & March £36.50
Clerk's annual expenditure £370.37
- c) Invoices to be paid: None
- d) External audit arrangements received for PKF Littlejohn LLP Audit date is 1/7/22.
Form 2 completed and emailed to Councillors 11/4/22 – error in a date & web site – to be resent.
- e) Year End income and Expenditure attached as **appendix 1/110422, page 1613.**
- f) Annual Asset Register.
- g) Annual Risk Assessment. Cllr D J Taylor suggested the Risk Assessment layout could be improved - August meeting was suggested for a review.

10. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

- a) Report by Cllr I C Stevens who facilitated the public meeting of Saturday April 9th. 10 attendees wanted a community event, including a scarecrow trail depicting a royal theme. Something at the Rose and Crown and or Slaley Commemoration Hall. The proposed film was thought to be inappropriate for a family audience. Cllr S C Douglas had taken notes which could be added to the Jubilee web page and given to the May Slaley News. There was a general discussion about the involvement of the Parish Council in the organisation of the proposals. If the PC was the organiser then a Risk Assessment and Insurance would be needed. Cllr I C Stevens said that although the PC would fund the hire of Slaley Commemoration Hall for the meeting he was acting as a private citizen rather than a Councillor when he facilitated the meeting, he felt that without his input there was no-one willing to co-ordinate the various strands of a celebration.
- b) Request for funding came in by Slaley Film Club. At the time of the meeting there were no other formal requests for a PC grant.
- c) 15/3/22: Cost of wooden parish seats – Hexhamshire man no longer makes. Looked on line and emailed prices. Councillors wanted a locally made seat – made by whom? Cllr J. Storey reported that the seat on the B6306 was showing signs of wear and thought it should be replaced. Cllr I C Stevens to make a list with prices.
- d) Email 5/4/22 Recycled plastic benches by Rob Dimambro. The Councillors thought that the “Picknick table” made from recycled material could be an asset at Slaley Commemoration Hall. Clerk to find the local company.
- e) Something which came out of the First Aid Training is the “6 minutes needed” to get to a Defib, collect the machine, get back to the patient and get the machine fixed to the patient. Cllr S C Douglas from the

Trygill area and three members from Wooley area all said this was impossible – More parish Defibs could be a fitting tribute to the Platinum Jubilee was suggested. The Councillors discussed this and the Slaley Hall area was also suggested as a weak spot – Cllr D J Taylor to enquire as to the number of Defibs at the hotel, both golf courses and holiday accommodation. This suggestion would remain under review.

11. New Planning Applications.

22/01133/FUL: Single storey extension. Ashton Byre, Townfoot, Slaley NE47 0BQ. Mark Baldwin. No objections.

Decisions from planning

21/04771/FUL & 21/04772 LBC: Construction of a garden room, replacement staircase, internal alterations to partitions and walls to ensuite bathrooms and kitchen. Repairs to existing windows and installing secondary glazing. Refurbishment of barn to form fitness room, den and utility room. Re-slating the roofs, repairing floors, stalling rooflights and new stairs. Shield Hall, NE46 1TU. Applicant Gary Hall. **Granted**

22/00321/FUL: Single storey side extension at rear providing utility room. Deneside, Wooley, Hexham. NE46 1TY. Applicant Sophie Betts. **Granted.**

21/03782/FUL: Conversion of outbuilding to guest accommodation, East Ridley Hall, Strothers Bank Slaley. Applicants Mr & Mrs Paul Spencer. **Granted**

21/02682/OUT: Resubmission: Outline application for development of up to 3 detached dwellings (all matters reserved) Land west of Rose Cottage, Wooley Road, Hexham, Applicant Mr. A. Garvey. **Granted.**

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

Facebook – Cllr D J Taylor emailed Mrs P. Goodwin whose email account is still associated with the PC Facebook. Mrs. Goodwin replied by email 2/4/22, that she would look into this. No update.

13. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix attached as appendix 2/110422, page 1614.

a) The monthly NEAS check was completed by Cllr Storey. The date on the pads in the Defib is November 2023 and date on replacement pads 2024-10.

b) Report of First Aid Training by NEAS on Thursday April 7th. Eleven of the twelve delegates undertook the training. Eight were members of the parish. The NEAS trainer checked the Defib in its cabinet and whilst it was cold the Debit battery was showing no sign of power loss.

14. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) PC Clerk emailed Stephen Wardle 15/3/22 and asked for weekly inspections to begin outside of school hours. Weekly Inspections began again in March – circulated to Headteacher & Cllr I C Stevens.

b) Slaley School Head-teacher contact the PC Clerk and asked if a Risk Assessment had been undertaken when the Community took over the school grounds outside of school hours. The Community Trust worked with the School Governors and PC in funding the equipment with grants from the Housing Developers Fund. Climbing frame, BMX track (since removed and made into a footpath) table tennis, tennis stands and net and basketball stands. The PC took over in September 2011 and since then have paid for grass cutting around the BMX/footpath area, Community insurance, annual inspection and weekly inspections + the Community Agreement. This all indicates there must have been a risk assessment.

15. Parish Council Vacancies

Eva Luca, Lynda Sale & Steve Percy had all been invited to attend the meeting. It was decided to readvertise.

16. Neighbourhood Plan

The Income & Expenditure breakdown attached as **appendix 3/110422, page 1615**. PC Clerk asked if the amounts on the breakdown showed the correct amount and not be rounded up.

Report of meetings 2-4 p.m. Sunday April 3rd & 5 – 7 p.m. Thursday April 7th

An email account has been established for the Group. Some useful observations had been provided from the meetings. Minutes from the meetings will appear on the web site.

17. Litter Pick Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th April.

Sacks, Gloves, Pickers and Hi Viz jackets collected from Tyne Mills on Friday April 8th and left at Slaley Commemoration Hall together with Risk Assessment to be signed by everyone taking part. This year any large or unusual items to be recorded by a detailed description of where found. This given to Clerk to be forwarded to NCCs Recycling Officer who felt that people were emptying their garages and gardens for a free collection by NCC. The most unusual item prize for a 'House letter box' went to the Abdelnoor family. Reports of fly tipping on B6306 south of Trygill by Keith Brewster including a TV and car-tyre thrown over a fence were all sent to Adam Keen at NCC. Two rolls of 100 bags had been provided but they disappeared from the Litter Pick box. There were considerably less people taking part and less litter bags at the Hall than in previous years despite notices and an article at the top of page 4 of April's Slaley News. Collection of litter has been requested and the equipment returned to Tyne Mills. PC Clerk was thanked for the organisation of this annual event.

18. Woodland Protection Group

20/3/22: Email from Cllr J. Storey asking for volunteers for Saturday 26th & Sunday 27th March to assist the Police with their observation activities.

28/3/22: Email received from Cllr J. Storey informing the PC of the success of the two-day operation 14 volunteers + 17 Northumbria Police officers.

19. Joint meeting

Monday June 13th in Cllr Glen Sanderson's diary to come out to Slaley. He has asked the Clerk to provide an indication of what the two Councils wish to discuss with him. Both Councils wish to discuss the Glen crossroads. Healey planning issues. Slaley 20 mph rollout. Environment issues. Solar panels. Emergency Hub etc. Cllr D J Taylor suggested a meeting with Councillors from Healey PC before the June meeting.

20. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr D J Taylor.

Approved minutes from January 19th attached as **appendix 4/ 110422, page 1616.**

The contract with Ryton Construction has been signed today and work is expected to begin after Easter.

Reminder of the April Artisan Market on April 27th

21. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan April 2022 Update. Draft attached as appendix 5/110422, page 1617.

There were no amendments or additions to the circulated Update.

22. Slaley Parish Wander - Sunday June 12th

As requested a copy of previous minutes, the Constitution the Risk Assessment. An amendment was suggested for the Risk Assessment. 'Carers' rather than Parents. PC letter signed by Cllr D J Taylor (March Chairman) sent to RD & PW asking if they would form a sub-committee of Slaley Parish Council. Minutes of March 8th meeting **attached as appendix 6/110422, page 1618.** Date of next meeting 12/4/22. *See Public Participation above.* The Councillors agreed to the Wander being organized by a sub group of the Parish Council.

23. AOB

a) Clerk reported 15/3/22, the top hinge of the right-hand door of the Parish Council Notice Board in the corner of Slaley churchyard has come off. Cllr I C Stevens made a repair.

b) Parish Council report in Slaley News – was recorded on page 3 of the April issue.

c) Email 5/4/22 details of the Tommy planter (from April 12th 2021 minutes agenda item 8) New prices - Small planter/ Christmas tree £99.99 + delivery. Large planter £149.99 + delivery. – Once a decision is

made regarding the cost of village speed units, parish seats to mark the Platinum Jubilee, the Jubilee grants etc, then a financial decision can be made regarding the purchase of a large planter.

24. Date for May 2022 meeting: This is also the AGM and the Annual Parish Meeting

Request for Annual Reports from

For PC Chairman – Cllr I. C. Stevens

For Slaley Commemoration Hall – Cllr D. J. Taylor

For Parish Web Site – Cllr S. C Douglas

For Community Play and Sport – Clerk Pat Wilson

For Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr S. C. Douglas

For Community Environment Group – Clerk Pat Wilson

For Woodland Protection Group – Cllr J. Storey

Monday May 9th

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.