

# **Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7.30 p.m. was administered by an electronic system called Microsoft Teams Management**

**1. Public Participation.** None requested to take part.

**2. Apologies. Taking part were:** Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson as Chairman. S. C. Douglas, A.M. Livesey & J. Storey

*Apologies* Councillors, D. J. Taylor & S. Carson & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson was unable to connect on the evening

**3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.** None

**4. Minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1434 – 1437). Appendix 1, page 1438 & appendix 2, page 1439.** The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr. J. Storey. All the Councillors present at the meeting agreed by email that the Clerk should sign the minutes. The minutes will be signed and dated by the Clerk.

## **5. Matters Arising.**

a) 5a 9/3/20; 5a 10/2/20; 5a 13/1/20; 5b 9/12/19; 7g 11/11/19: Neighbourhood Planning – Jenny Ludman’s invitation has been cancelled.

b) 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 continues although it is moving from side to side & up and down the village. A further letter requested.

c) 5d 9/3/20; 16b 10/2/20: Offer by Tony Erskine of £500 was question by SPC chairman – the email reply indicates that a small donation was made in 2018, to whom the reply does not say. However, since then Slaley PC has received a cheque for £560.00 from Northumbrian Water - Clerk will pay this into the PC account.

d) 16e 9/3/20: PC help during Coronavirus – because of the spread of the virus this offer of help moved forward quickly. Notes section in HC written by both Cllr SC Douglas and Rev’d H. Savage when the latter was told of the PC’s offer of support she got further support from Slaley Community Shop Directors and called a meeting (16/3/20 at 8.57), availability was difficult – Hall availability was established – meeting at 10 a.m. on 19/3/20 was reported by email on 16/3/20 at 20.42. Meeting took place with social distancing Rev’d H. Savage proposed the Pyramid of Care which was generally accepted and a draft for publication with immediate effect was discussed & agreed. Slaley News brought forward by 2 weeks with agents and distributors being identified to provide the help. Cllr S. Carson first heard of this from Facebook on 21.3.20 after being posted there by Cllr AM Livesey. Cllr SC Douglas meanwhile posted the full Pyramid of Care information on the web site. Publicity for the medicine collection from Corbridge – Jon to enquire if funding is needed.

Ewan Boyd of TEC Ltd, who oversaw the Slaley Community PV Project in 2018/19 forwarded an email (19/3/20) recommending that self-isolated residents should make sure they were registered on the Priority Services Register – this was widely circulated for individuals to pass on to vulnerable neighbours.

## **6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.**

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

Some replies have been circulated by email – electric charging points at Humshaugh Community Shop.

Hedgehog count in April Slaley News reply 1 hungry hedgehog seen in March sunshine 25/3/20 (at Slaley Park 673731) also seen twice week commencing 16/3/20 at 8 Parks Side. Alien Invasion highlighted Japanese Knotweed.

## **7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor**

a) Meeting with 2 x Slaley PC & 2 x Healey PC Councillors was reduced to Cllr Jon Storey by request of Neil Snowdon because of the social distancing restrictions. The new arrangements for March 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> was cancelled by Mr. Snowdon because of the virus.

## **8. Correspondence.**

### **Hard copies.**

#### **Emails:**

- a) 12/3/20: Forestry Commission Stakeholder email
- b) 13/3/20: Joanne Purnell NCC Planning- Covid 19 Planning Services continuity plan.
- c) 13/3/20: NALC Member Update
- d) 16/3/20: NMALC Coronavirus – information for parish & town councils this became a **daily email** and will not be recorded separately here.
- e) 17/3/20: NALC member update
- f) 17/3/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- g) 18/3/20: Streetworks TTRO Tyne Green Hexham
- h) 18/3/20: GNAA newsletter explaining loss of revenue during Covid-19 restrictions.
- i) 28/3/20: Came & Co Insurance asking if any changes before renewal quote 1st June 2020 as no Councillors made any comment; I assume all Councillors confirm that the renewal is as detailed? Confirmed at electronic meeting
- j) 19/3/20: NALC Member Update (includes all coronavirus updates)
- k) 19/3/20: Streetworks TTRO Dilston to Corbridge
- l) 20/3/20: British Heart Foundation CPR at home
- m) 20/3/20: CAN offices closed
- n) 20/3/20: Ian Hedley core strategic team established to support local activity
- o) 21/3/20: NALC E-news
- p) 24/3/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- q) 24/3/20: Sam Talbot NCC closing all public toilets & County owned play areas. Clerk emailed for clarification on Slaley School field – three of the six Councillors requested the area closed. PC Clerk spoken with Mrs Brett the headteacher and because work is expected on the play equipment during the Easter holidays a notice was placed on both gates.
- r) 25/3/20: Iain Hedley – Northumberland Communities Together: briefing and information gathering for Town & Parish councils
- s) 26/3/20: Streetworks TTRO White Cross Estate, Hexham
- t) 26/3/20: NALC Enews
- u) 31/3/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- v) 31/3/20: NALC Enews
- w) 1/4/20: Citizen Advice list of contact details during Virus
- x) 2/4/20: RSN funding bulletin
- y) 2/4/20: NALC Member Update
- z) 2/4/20: Streetworks TTRO Hallstile Bank, Hexham.
- aa) 2/4/20: NALC Member Update Electronic meetings
- ab) 3/4/20: Forestry Commission newsletter.
- ac) 6/4/20: NALC Member Update more on Electronic meetings

## **9. Financial Report.**

- a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary March 2020 & year End Report circulated by email
- b Cheques to be signed information circulated by email and cheques signed at home
- No 766 TP Jones Payroll preparation Jan – March 2020 ££46.80 (signed by SC Douglas & DJ Taylor)
- No 767 HMRC tax for Jan – March 2020, £9-60 (signed by RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey)
- No 768 P. Wilson salary Jan – March 2020, £1031.34 (signed by RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey)

No 768 P. Wilson annual expenses Apl 2019 – March 2020, £313.20 (signed by RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey)

No 769 NCC Playground weekly inspections October 2019 – March 2020 £395.09

No 770: GMS parish grass cutting first half payment £976.20.

c) Lloyds bank contacted to organize internet banking. Forms for signature being posted around for signature from current signatories (SC Dougals, DJ Taylor, RWH Hutchinson & AM Livesey).

d). A Statement of Income & Expenditure for the financial year 2019/2020 was circulated by email and attached as **appendix 1/060420, page 1444.**

e) Email to TP Jones with the 2020/21 Tax code for the PC Clerk

f) Email 24/3/20 to Clerk from auditor PKF Littlejohn re 2019/20 AGAR- instructions on the completion of 2019/20 AGAR will be issued when more clarity is available

## **10. New Planning Applications.**

**18/01524/LISTED:** Alleged breach Solar Panels have been installed to the South face of the converted garage roof of the building Church View, Slaley Applicant Mr. S. Best. Appeal commenced 23rd March 2020 – 6 weeks to make comment. *Note: the only reference I have of this is application number 15/03878/LBC Listed Building Consent for installation of PV cells to south face of roof of converted garage at Church View. It was recorded in February 2016 minutes and the PC had no objections. April 2016 minutes record a refusal by the Planning Authority.* No further action.

**20/00835/DISCON:** Discharge of condition 5 (construction method statement) on approved planning application 19/00776/FUL Glen Cottage, Lead Road, Slaley

**20/00227/FUL:** Construction of two storey side extension. Peel Flatt House, Slaley NE47 0DL. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Saunders. **Pending**

### **Decisions from Planning:**

**20/00172/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in relation to approved planning application 18/03302/FUL: - change of roofing material to standing seam, change of fenestration to be reverted back to original permission. Heatherden House, Slaley, NE47 0BY. **Granted**

**19/04827/FUL:** Proposal to increase the floor area by installing a second -floor structure. The Glass House, 3, Wooley Grange. Applicant Andy Sinclair. **Permitted.**

## **11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C.**

**Douglas.** Cllr SC Douglas reported that she had edited the Slaley parish website to ensure that all pages are in line with government guidelines and the Pyramid of Care. Editing takes place whenever information becomes available. Ladycross NR emailed its members and asked if during the Virus people wanted to report wildlife sightings on line. This has inspired people to enjoy the natural world and some interesting reports and photographs have been received. Cllr SC Douglas made a direct link to the photographs from the first page and it is providing an interest for people who are restricted to their house and garden. Cllr AM Livesey reported that Twitter and Facebook were being updated with news of the current situation. Facebook was seeing increased interactions, likes and comments.

## **12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 2/060420 page 1445.**

Cllr J. Storey reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected. The monthly NEAS check list was completed by Cllr Storey emailed to the Clerk and forwarded to first responder at NEAS.

## **13. Update games/play area within school grounds.**

The Headteacher and the PC have jointly closed the school sport & play equipment and grounds to the public – *see agenda item 8q above.* Cllr S. Carson circulated an email reporting use of the school field. Councillors considered a padlock to keep the public out. Clerk explained that this was not possible the grounds belonged to the LEA and apart from staff and deliveries needing access for the school, GMS were still keeping the grounds in good order.

#### **14. Annual Litter Pick**

Litter sacks, Gloves, Litter-Pickers & Hi-viz jackets ordered from NCC. Arranged for Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 12 noon Is this to be cancelled? Sunday 29/3/20 three members of the public were collecting litter from the B6306 as they took their exercise. **Cancelled Cllr Livesey to report cancelation on social media**

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

Cllr D.J. Taylor reported via email 30/3/20 that a decision was pending on whether to proceed with the work – most likely a delay although nothing confirmed. A further £10k grant has been awarded

#### **16. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan: April 2020 Quarterly Update.**

Draft circulated by email and attached as **appendix 3/060420, page 1446.**

#### **17. AOB**

- a) Cllr A.M. Livesey will move on April 7<sup>th</sup> to The Grange, Wooley Grange, Slaley, Hexham. NE46 1TY. Telephone and mobile numbers will remain the same.
- b) Email from Cllr SC Douglas reporting that a concerned parishioner was concerned about the mass felling of trees immediately south of Colpits Estate. Cllr J. Storey confirmed that a member of his household was involved with the work and the area was to be replanted. Cllr DJ Taylor confirmed the delivery of 8,000 + trees at Slaley Hall. Cllr Douglas was able to pass this information on.
- c) A member of Stocksfield Post Office tested positive for Coronavirus therefore the whole network was forced to close for the 14-day isolation period. The mobile Post Office was part of that shutdown. It is expected back in service on April 6<sup>th</sup>. **The mobile post office is back!**
- d) The Flying Scotsman Car Rally organized for April 5<sup>th</sup> 8.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m. from Slaley Hall Hotel – Cllr DJ Taylor confirmed that the hotel, golf course and holiday homes are all closed indefinitely.
- d) Although many people are abiding by the “stay at home” guidelines, suggested by the Government, it appears that the restrictions are being ignored by thieves as several incidents of attempted theft were tabled.
- e) Cllr AM Livesey to set up a new Teams Slaley Parish Group and emails details to all members of the Council.

**18. Date of May 2020 meeting:** Monday May 11th. This is the Annual Parish Meeting (annual reports), the Annual Parish Council Meeting (election of officers for the year) and the May monthly meeting – the Annual Meetings may be deferred until it is safe to meet and the may monthly meeting conducted by email or some other agreed system.

There being no further business the Team Leader logged out at 8.23 p.m.