

**1. Public Participation.** None

**2.Apologies.** Councillors D.M. Bell & A.M. Livesey

**Present:** Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors N. Green, E I Milburn, D.J. Taylor & Clerk P. Wilson. Councillor D.M. Bell has tendered her resignation with immediate effect. A Vacancy Notice was complete to be placed on the PC notice board with a copy to NCC. The vacancy will be advertised through the Slaley Notes and in the May Slaley News. It was also recommended that Cllr Livesey be asked to place it on Facebook and Twitter and Melanie Cant be asked to put it on our website for four weeks and then remove it.

**3.Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.**

Cllr RWH Hutchinson for agenda item 14 Slaley Community PV Project

**4. Minutes of March 12th Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1287 – 1290, appendix 1, page 1291).** The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. N. Green and seconded by Cllr E I Milburn. The minutes were then signed and dated.

**5.Matters Arising.**

- a) 5b 12/3/18; 10b 12/2/18: Reply to Cllr RWH Hutchinson from the Head of Northumberland County Council. It was agreed that a second letter should be sent to register our disappointment in the decisions made over this particular planning application.
- b) 18a David Allsop is unable to attend the April meeting as requested in March, his presentation should be at the Annual Public Meeting in May.

**6. Community Trust Report.**

Parish Council Representative on the CT, Cllr D.M. Bell to report. No report available.

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

- a) Blue Fiat Panda vehicle crashed east of Glen Lodge, approximately 13/3/18, reported by I. Hancock to Police and by Healey Cllr. P. Cain to Police and NCC. Both claim the other organisation's responsibility. Clerk asked both via email on 28/3/18 who was going to move it because it was now severely vandalised. Today, Mr. I. Hancock emailed Clerk and reported that the car had been removed.
- b) Cllr Livesey requested a Broadband update via Twitter. Nathan Fuller replied by email the update is as expected Wooley September 2018. OAR, OAP & OAW during 2018. OBN & ODJ, NE44 6AQ & NE46 1SQ by Airnexus. Emails during April indicate that the Wooley connection will not now take place although the remainder of the parish will. The residents of Wooley intend to take their complaint to our MP, Guy Opperman.
- c) 7d 12/2/18 The flooding at Shield Hall corner reported in February was requested again by Cllr Hutchinson on 13.3.18. Kris Westerby replied by email 26/3/18 that it had been jetted and it was running clear and would be added to a quarterly cleaning cycle with the village.
- d) Email from Mr. R. Bridges, Collpits Grange, with his concerns over lack of snow clearance and gritting during the Blizzard conditions of the Beast from the East. Contractor Andrew Jewitt of Whittonstall did try to keep the roads passable and the volunteers who manned Slaley Community Shop were able to supply the Shop with daily newspapers and vital food supplies. Clerk to reply to Mr. Bridges.
- e) Pot holes to be reported to highways.

**8. Correspondence.**  
**Hard copies**

NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Spring 2018 Consultation; Evolis Radar Speed Sign special offer, NCC booklets Right bin right thing.

**Emails:**

- a) 13/3/18: NALC Enews
- b) 14/3/18: Streetworks TTRO Middle Street, Corbridge
- c) 15/3/18: NCC Carrol Hessey Post 16 Transport Policy Consultation link on website has moved
- d) 16/3/18: NCC Tracy Jennings Funding Bulletin
- e) 19/3/18: RSN weekly digest
- f) 19/3/18: Streetworks TTRO Springfield Road, Hexham
- g) 20/3/18: Streetworks TTRO Dilston to Dilston Haughs
- h) 20/3/18: Streetworks TTRO Yarridge Road, Hexham
- i) 20/3/18: NALC Review of Local Government Ethical Standards
- j) 20/3/18: NALC Enews
- k) 21/3/18: NALC Briefing and Training 5/4/18 Audit CANCELLED due to illness of trainer. Finance & Data protection 25/4/18 both at Bardon Mill & Henshaw Village Hall, Clerk to attend both £10 paid in advance by credit card.
- l) 23/3/18: NCC Shirley Hall HR Support & OD Services
- m) 23/3/18: NCC democratic services check declaration of interest information on NCC web site (Cllr Livesey checked and she has no alterations. Healey Councillors missing.
- n) 26/3/18: Streetworks TTRO Hallstile Bank, Hexham
- o) 26/3/18: RSN weekly digest
- p) 27/3/18: NALC proper practices to be applied in the preparation of annual accounts
- q) 28/3/18: Myra Jamieson Know Northumberland Bulletin No 26
- r) 28/3/18: Planning Consultation Local Plan on line – Cllr Hutchinson looking at all the questions on line. Cllr. DJ Taylor took the hard copy of this consultation to complete.
- s) 3/4/18: Nichola Turnbull Tynedale Local Area Meeting 10/4/18 at Hexham House
- t) 3/4/18: RSN weekly digest
- u) 4/4/18: Catherine Lincoln – large pothole in the dip on the way to Dilston.
- v) 5/4/18: Aimee Lee North Pennines AONB annual forum.
- w) 5/4/18: Forestry Commission - Protected Species & Tree Health Event at Saltwell Park, 20/4/18.
- x) 9/4/18: RSN weekly digest
- y) 9/4/18: Streetworks TTRO Clap Shaw Blanchland
- z) 9/4/18: Streetworks TTRO Whitley Chapel to Slaley
- aa) 9/4/18: Streetworks TTRO Whitley Chapel to Dipton Mill

**9. Financial Report.**

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary March 2018.
- b) Interim Cheques signed to complete year end
- 672: Clerk's salary Jan- March 960.09 + Annual expenses £271.68 = £1231.77
- 673: HMRC tax Jan- March £2.40
- 674: TP Jones payroll preparation Jan – March £46.80
- 675: NCC playground weekly inspections Jan – March £192.66
- c) Cheques to be signed –
- No 677 Grounds Maintenance Specialists Ltd £598.80 – check on tender for Parks Side Proposed by Cllr. D J Taylor and seconded by Cllr N. Green.
- d) Section 137 for £2018/19 is £7.86
- e) Audit arrangements from PKF Littlejohn – many emails
- f) Income for advertising on web site - £12 from Joan Liddle
- g) Bank statement showing the Zen Internet refund of £1.16

**10. Current Planning Applications.**

**18/00894/FUL:** Part Retrospective - Conversion of existing garage into additional living space with the creation of a bay window in lieu of garage door and creation of window on south elevation of garage wall, remove existing conservatory and replace with a sun room of similar dimensions and associated internal alterations. Peartree Cottage, Colpitts Grange, Slaley. Applicant Mr & Mrs Colin Hayes. **No objections**

**18/00701/FUL:** Construction of a single dwelling house lane east of Wood End, Wooley Grange, Slaley. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Livesey. Mrs Livesey left the room and took no part in this discussion.

**Pending**

**17/04260/FUL:** Alterations to existing cottage to provide additional ground floor living space (39.8sqm) and improve mobility access including off-road parking for registered disabled person. West Cornerfield. Applicant Mr. M. Farrer.

**Pending.**

#### **Decisions from Planning:**

**18/00432/PRUTPO:** Tree Preservation Order application to prune 1no. pear tree to give 1m clearance to buildings, to thin remaining crown by up to 10% and to reduce overall weight and soil of tree. Applicant Mrs Pat Austick, Townhead Farm, Slaley. **Granted**

#### **11. Slaley Web Page Report from Cllr Livesey**

- a) Email from Melanie Cant with a breakdown of her support work and asking if we wish to continue. This was agreed by the Councillors.
- b) Web advertising from Joan Liddle for a holiday cottage.

#### **12. Defibrillator Update**

Cllr N. Green reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib is working as expected.

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

- a) Playground inspection sheets 1 Feb- 15 March received and forwarded to school.
- b) AJ Guthrie & Son unable to make good the BMX track to footpath because of the winter conditions over the Easter weekend.
- c) Annual Playground Inspection through Came & Co £65.00 – The Councillors agreed to Proceed.
- d) 13d 12/3/18: David Robson refitted the securing bolt from the climbing frame and found two more that needed attention which he said he could tighten.

#### **14. Slaley Community PV Project**

- a) The updated application for the Slaley PV project was emailed on March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- b) Mr. T. Bradley from Narec contacted Teesdale Environmental Consulting Ltd and asked about Narec's tender. Slaley PC Clerk replied and said that the tenders had been considered at the March meeting.

#### **15. Parish Plan; Action Plan April Update**

Additions and amendments were made **the revised April Update attached as appendix`1/090418, page 1296**

#### **16. Data protection**

- a) Draft Data Protection Policy written by Cllr AM Livesey suggested changes for page 2 were proposed and agreed. The revised Policy **attached as appendix 2/090418, page 1297**

#### **17. Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee Minutes of January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 and special meeting of February 21<sup>st</sup> 2018. Attached as appendix 3/090418 & 4/090418, pages 1298 & 1299.**

Cllr D. J. Taylor reported on the draft plans presented by architect, Kevin Doonan, the need to get these plans into the planning department and then added to the funding application. Problems with the wall sockets to enable the WiFi to work. Cllr N, Green thought they may have been disconnected when the computers were removed from the Hall he suggested asking a local electrician to look.

b) 17b 12/3/18 PC Clerk met with Julie Humes to discuss youth club provision. An Open meeting with parents and young people has been agreed for Tuesday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m. at Slaley Commemoration Hall. Mags Bower from Blanchland has been invited and an invitation has also been sent to Gill Whatmough at Hexhamshire. **Report attached as appendix 5/090418, page 1300**

### **18. Date of Annual Litter Pick**

Cllr D.J. Taylor is now employed at Slaley Hall and will try to encourage the hall grounds staff to join in with the Litter Pick by covering the roadsides east of the Hall entrance to West Minsteracres junction with the Espershields road. **Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> was agreed 2 – 4 p.m.** Clerk to ask Slaley notes to advertise.

### **19. AOB**

a) email from David Baynes re mobile post office times - Slaley web site times OK. Post office site times incorrect. Also, a request to cut back overhanging branches from Todburn. Healey estate owns the woodland on the east side of the highway. Clerk to write to Healey Estate.

**20. Date of May meeting:** Monday May 14<sup>th</sup>.- Annual meetings - Request annual reports from CT. PC Chairman. Commemoration Hall Representative and Community Use of School Field.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.