

**Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday
August 10th 2020
immediately after the Annual Parish Council Meeting. was administered by ZOOM
video connection.**

1. Public Participation. Mr. Stevens offered his help in taking down the two community signs on the south facing wall of Slaley First School and replacing the felt on the community sports chest at the First School. (see agenda items 13a and 13b below). Also, to join the team as a volunteer community speed gun operator.

2. Apologies. Taking part were: Councillor A.M. Livesey as Chairman. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.
Public Ian Stevens.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. Cllr J Storey for agenda item 5a

4. Minutes of July 13th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1460 – 1463). Appendix 1, page 1464 & appendix 2, page 1465. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. D. J. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. J. Storey. All the Councillors present at the meeting agreed that the Clerk should sign the minutes.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 14 a 13/7/20. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan (point C) question satisfactory broadband at the area around The Glen. Reply from Glen Cottage, South Glen, Burnside Cottage, Woodnook Hill Farm & Hill Top (first house in Healey parish). All say just adequate for one user/thing at a time – some days much worse than others and drops out multiple times. 1 Mb upload and between 11 – 17 download seem to be the normal – All would appreciate any improvement. David Saunders from Peel Flatt telephoned the Clerk and said that the properties around Peel Flatt had signed up for a better deal when the Wooley improvements were being considered but nothing came of their interest. There had been no additional replies from Cllr D. T. Taylor's request in Facebook or Cllr S.C. Douglas's request through Slaley Notes. The Hexham Courant of July 16th carried an article entitled "Full fibre broadband coming to remote areas" – Councillor Nick Oliver of Corbridge is the county council's cabinet member for corporate services reported additional spending of £932,111 to cover buildings not covered by money from the Government that remain unconnected or those with poor, slow internet connections. Clerk email Cllr Oliver who responded saying he was not the officer responsible for this but would ask the officer to contact the PC Clerk when he returned from holiday.

b) 16b 13/7/20 Accident on footpath. Correspondence to RWH Hutchinson indicated that a meeting with the NCC safety officer had taken place. A Slaley parishioner contacted the Clerk after reading about the accident in Slaley News asking why the PC was not pressing for 20mph, why there were no speed checks in the village. Clerk replied that 20mph had been promised to all villages with a local school COVID- 19 had delayed implementation. Also explained volunteer community speed gun system. Mr. Reid volunteered to join the group. Mr. I. Stevens also volunteered to join. Cllr D.J. Taylor contacted PC Lee Davison to ask when training for new volunteers would resume. The speed watch will begin again this week on Wed 12th and Friday 14th although there were no plans to reintroduce training sessions. Cllr J. Storey will join Cllr D.J. Taylor on Wednesday as a bystander to help with recording vehicle numbers and assist the trained speed gun operator. Clerk contacted Neil Snowdon, Glen Harrison & Colin Horncastle for an update on the 20 mph. Neil Snowdon replied that it had been the highways officer Glen Harrison who had visited Slaley after the accident, he also explained that the 20 mph rollout had stalled. NCC hoped to design a scheme during this financial year for implementation in the following. Mr. Snowdon was going on holiday but would consider a September meeting at the Glen crossroads. Cllr A.M. Livesey replied by email 6/8/20 that 2021 seemed a long time before the PC could see the village speed reduced to 20mph.

c) 16c 13/7/20: A request through Slaley Notes requesting that garden shrubs encroaching onto the footpath were cut back. Clerk reported seeing lots of people cutting their hedges back. Cllr S. Carson said there were

still many offending gardens, he was asked by the Chairman to record the names of the properties where overhanging was still a problem and report the names to the Clerk who could send a polite reminder.

d) 11a 13/7/20: Fire & Dough mobile Pizza van to Slaley village on a Wednesday night – Clerk pointed out the Hexham Courant article (6/8/20) which said Fire and Dough were working with The Twice Brewed during August and at weekends between 12-8p.m. – probably the reason for a no-show at Slaley!

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Further meetings have been cancelled until restrictions are lifted due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Peter Topping suggested we meet via Zoom.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

Chairman, Cllr A.M. Livesey said she would email the CC to see if he could lend his weight to a 20 mph restriction for the village and meeting with Neil Snowdon at Glen crossroads. Cllr S. Carson said he was also waiting for a reply for the County Councillor about B6306 surface dressing between Townhead and Wooley road junction.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

Emails:

aa) NALC coronavirus updates throughout the month

a) 14/7/20: RSN Rural Bulletin

b) 14/7/20: Rape Crisis Tyneside & Northumberland “roll down your skirt”

c) 16/7/20: NALC Enews

d) 21/7/20: RSN Rural Bulletin

e) 21/7/20: 123Reg upgrading our ticket system.

f) 28/7/20: RSN Rural Bulletin

g) 28/7/20: Streetworks TTRO Corbridge to Stagshaw.

h) 29/7/20: NALC Enews

i) 31/7/20: NCC Local Plan Examination consultation on additional evidence.

j) 31/7/20: NALC member Update

k) 1/8/20: NCC New Pavement Licensing Regime – new legislation to support businesses to recover goes live in Northumberland on Monday August 3rd 2020. 4-page letter from Paul Jones informing Councils that they need to check on line to make comment on applications in their parish/town. Article in Hexham Courant 6/8/20 “Hospitality can apply for use of pavement”

l) 3/8/20: Streetworks Amended TTRO Causey Hill Road, Hexham

m) 4/8/20: RSN Rural Bulletin.

n) 5/8/20: RSN Monthly bulletin.

o) 5/8/20: NALC Member Update

p) 5/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Appletree Lane, Corbridge.

q) 5/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Beaumont Street, Hexham.

r) 5/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Hallstile Bank, Hexham.

s) 7/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Market Place, Hexham.

t) 7/8/20: Neil Snowdon Local Transport Plan 2020/21 Feedback on Slaley PC’s submissions (see August 13th 2019 minutes agenda item 15), none of the proposals have been put forward for work. The letter was signed by Neil Snowdon as the Principal Programme Officer Cllr A.M. Livesey to mention this in her email (*see agenda item 7 above*)

u) 7/8/20: CAN Government proposes radical overhaul of planning system.

v) 10/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Allendale Road, Hexham.

9. Financial Report.

a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary July 2020 & confirmation that they will make the Auto-enrolment Pension declaration with the September payroll.

b Invoices received & paid since July meeting

Paid on line – authorized by Clerk and approved by Cllr A M Livesey

Slaley Commemoration Hall WiFi relocations and 3 month’s rent. £226.34

TP Jones & Co LLP – payroll preparation Apl-June £46.80

Expected invoice due from the Commemoration hall for the “green taps” delay caused by in-correct sump being delivered.

c) Bank statement as at 21st July 2020 £15,028.87

d) Period for the exercise of public rights expired on July 24th no member of the public requested to view the accounts.

10. New Planning Applications.

20/00227/FUL: Amended and additional information for Construction of two-storey side extension. Peel Flatt, Slaley NE47 0DL. Comments by August 3rd 2020. **No objections**

20/01931/FUL: Two storey extension to front. Woodnook Hill Farm, Slaley. Applicant Helen Baynes
Pending.

20/01857/FUL: Demolition of existing attached timber outbuilding and coal bunker and erection of new detached timber outbuilding. Slaley Village Shop. Applicant Philip Cain.
Pending.

20/01660/FUL: Proposed first floor balcony. Fore Cottage, Colpitts Grange, Slaley. Applicant James Crowther.
Pending

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. 6-week appeal 23/3/20
Pending

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

Decisions from Planning: None

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

Cllr S.C. Douglas reported her recent work with Slaley School, Headteacher updating the information. Reminders through Slaley Notes for people to check the site and answers to Cllr D.J. Taylors Slaley News quiz which could only be found on the site did increase traffic. Cllr A.M. Livesey reminded everyone that any news could be circulated on social media if sent to her.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/080620 page 1477

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 completed by Cllr Storey was emailed to the Clerk to send to NEAS.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) The two community notices on the school building, amended in May 2017, need to be updated again. RWH Hutchinson contact telephone number to be removed and replaced with that of Cllr S. Carson 07757 686373. The bike track information to be removed. An email has been sent to PC Lee Davison for confirmation of Community Police Team contact number. Confirmed as 101. Catherine Lincoln has agreed that her telephone number remain as the community contact. The headteacher has also emailed that she is happy with the changes it was agreed that any COVID-19 statement would be out of date as soon as it was printed. The signs need to be taken down and taken to Topsigns in Hexham for new wording. Mr. Stevens volunteered to help the PC Clerk take down the signs after the summer holidays.

b) The School Secretary reported that community storage box is damaged and needs to be taken away. The rackets, bats, balls and tennis posts and net – PC Clerk will remove because of COVID-19 restrictions – what happens to them? Give to school? The PC Clerk reported inspecting the community storage box and she felt only the felt on the roof needed to be replaced. A discussion about who is to contact for this type of small-scale work. Mr. Stevens again volunteered. He and the Clerk will meet on site and measure for the required amount.

14. Vacancy on the Parish Council – Vacancy notice placed on NCC web site and Slaley village notice board. Also, by Facebook and in August/September Slaley News. If by July 31st 10 or more electors request an election the vacancy will be held over until 6 May 2021. Otherwise the vacancy can be filled by co-option. Mr. Ian Stevens, Winter House, Slaley contacted the Clerk after seeing the Vacancy in Slaley News. Mr. Stevens moved to Slaley in November 2019 so we could not co-opt him onto the Council until November 2020. Mr. Stevens was asked if he would like to join the September ZOOM meeting as a member of the public and possibly October back in the Commemoration Hall. In November we could co-opt him onto the Council if he was still interested.

15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor. Approved minutes from the Management meeting of May 20th 2020 circulated and **attached as appendix 2/100820, page 1478.**

a) Cllr DJ Taylor explained the delays in the supply chain, problems blamed on COVID-19. First booking is the children's holiday sport club August 17 – 20th so this week the management committee are going in to clean. Worrying fact is that projected running costs exceed projected income – new business is desperately needed. Phase two will cost £85,000 and the committee begins with £30,000 after all bills are paid from Phase one. Sanding the entrance floor will begin on September 14th and decorating the main hall begins at the end of September.

b) Cllr A.M. Livesey mentioned the north-east growth hub grants and would forward information.

c) Hall open to view the completed Phase One work Friday August 21st 4 – 9 p.m. and Saturday August 22nd 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. - 30 minutes bookings. All members of the PC have been invited. Cllr Jon Storey confirmed his invitation time.

16. AOB

a) At the January 2020 Slaley PC meeting, agenda item 17a the Councillors requested a guided walk through Ladycross Nature Reserve and Stone Quarry as their August parish walk-about. The PC Clerk emailed on 19/7/20 to ask if this was still expected. Two Councillors were in favour and three felt it inappropriate with the present COVID-19 restrictions. Ladycross staff were thanked and informed that the walk has been deferred.

b) During the COVID restrictions the Trustees of the Commemoration Hall would like to ask the PC if someone at the recorded PC meeting would draw the September SCG 200 winning number? This was discussed and agreed using the Clerks numbered bingo balls.

c) Cllr D.J. Taylor has received a further 1000 NCC dog waste bags, a quantity will be given to Slaley Community Shop.

d) Water and electricity supply interruption occurred during the afternoon of Sunday August 2nd. Cllr J Storey was told by someone working at the Moorgair Pumping station that the back-up generator in the pumping station ran out of diesel so the water went off for a second time then the transformer experienced an oil leak which blew up the system. Clerk to write to Mr. Erskine, Northumbrian Water for an update on the system at Moorgair Pumping station.

e) Cllr A.M. Livesey asked that the Parish Council officially records its thanks to Robbie Hutchinson for his five years of service to the community. Robbie joined Slaley Parish Council in May 2015

17. Date of September 2020 meeting: Monday September 14th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.37