

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Tuesday August 13th 2019
at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

Monday August 12th – was the second day of the 100km walk and members of the PC were given the opportunity to travel to Holy Island to cheer the two ladies on their final few kms.

Prior to the Business Meeting the Councillors viewed Townfoot Caravan Park site from its gateway.

1. Public Participation. None

2.Apologies. County Councillor Colin Horncastle.

Present: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, A. M. Livesey, J. Storey & D. J. Taylor. Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. Public: None

3.Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of July 8th 2019 meeting (circulated pages 1390 – 1392) and appendix 1, page 1393. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr A. M. Livesey and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. The minutes were then signed and dated.

5.Matters Arising.

a) 8r 8/7/19: Local request for Emergency First Aid Training previously funded by Slaley PC: Tuesday March 31st 2015 & Tuesday July 11th 2017 & Healey PC funding a 6- hour course at Slaley in April 2016 for the Parish Wander. Meanwhile Slaley PC purchased a Defibrillator which was commissioned on Friday July 17th 2015 and on Monday July 27th 2015, 23 members of the public were trained in Emergency Life Support: Clerk has spoken to NEAS they will do a 6-hour Emergency First Aid at Work course at Slaley for 12 candidates for a cost of £656 – exam at end and qualification lasting 3-years. Shorter course 4 hour no certificate costs £437 for 12 candidates. TW has indicated to Cllr J Storey that 3 members of the R&C would be interested. Red Cross running a 2 hour First-Aid-Course free at Blanchland on August 29th. After discussion three-Councillors confirmed their interest in attending the 6-hour course. It was decided to offer the course for £50 per candidate with Slaley PC paying the difference and the Hall hire charge, however, if someone in the parish was unable to cover the costs the PC could help out financially. Cllr SC Douglas and the PC Clerk to put out a press release asking for interest.

b) 5a 8/7/19; 14 10/6/19: Dog Fouling – Slaley school has booked the NCC Green Dog Walker to talk to the children about how adults and children have to clean up after their pets. Hopefully teach from the bottom up. Camera traps were discussed; however, these are activated by movement and pedestrian movement would make the results very time consuming to establish the desired dog fouling result.

c) 5b 8/7/19; 16b 10/6/19: Letter sent to Anvil Homes suggesting the PC award grants - no reply.

d) 7a 8/7/19: Vehicles parked on footpaths – reported through Slaley Notes. It was suggested that Slaley PC Clerk ask for help from the Rose and Crown by the R&C reminding their customers that it is illegal to park on footpaths.

e) 7b 8/7/19: Letter to properties with shrubs obstructing visibility of Village school signs. Both properties have cut back foliage.

6. Community Trust Update. None

7.Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Village drains need to be cleaned see agenda item 11 below – Glen Harrison acknowledge and will programme in works. G. Harrison actually meeting Cllr S. Carson & PC Clerk on Monday 19th morning.

b) Water bubbling through tarmac on C275 south of Townfoot and north of Swang Lane – Clerk reported to Highways by email 11/8/19.

c) Cllr J. Storey reported an accident 1/8/19 at Slaley Hall entrance road – police involved. Clerk emailed highways and asked when new sign would be fitted. Reply that the brown tourist signs whilst made and

fitted by Highways are funded by, in this case, Slaley Hall. Clerk to write and ask if Slaley Hall are willing to cover the cost.

d) Ian Hancock, reported directly to Highways water bubbling to the surface 10 yards from Woodnook road near a new manhole cover. Flooding down the bank to Glen bridge at crossroads on Sunday August 11th. Cllr J Storey said that the drain was not blocked because water was pouring into the burn from the small pipe, the problem was that there was more water than the 4" pipe could deal with.

e) Accident on C265 when a vehicle crashed through the field fencing at the chevron corner just south of Glen Crossroads – substantial damage to field boundary – police involved.

f) Cllr A.M. Livesey reported: Wooley Road U8089, blocked drain on south side near Pissingdown Syke and SLOW road markings – recent heavy rain caused a two-foot 40-yard long flood.

g) Cllr RWH Hutchinson reported that the saplings on the north approach to the Linnels Bridge are prohibiting sight of oncoming vehicles.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

a). Age UK Northumberland – Welfare Benefits Service for Slaley people amounted to £8,431.10 during 2018/19. Asking for PC support.

b) Adapt Getabout Scheme information; NCC Waste leaflets and stickers (postage £1.89) distributed; CPRE Summer 2019

Emails:

a) 9/7/19: RSN Rural Bulletin

b) 9/7/19: NALC Member Update July 9

c) 10/7/19: Rachel Gagliano rough sleeper estimation

d) 10/7/19: LOVE Northumberland nomination form

e) 11/7/19: NALC Enews

f) 11/7/19: Jackie Brodie Polling District Review – alternative spaces

g) 13/7/19 Streetworks Resurfacing west of Scales cross 24/7/19 – 5/8/19

h) 13/7/19: Melanie Kane Broadband illustration V7

i) 16/7/19: RSN Rural Bulletin

j) 16/7/19: North Pennines AONB “Hush” by Steve Messam

k) 18/7/19: NALC Annual Report & AGM

l) 18/7/19: NALC Enews

m) 22/7/19: Cllr A.M. Livesey suggesting not mowing verges, dumping grit on rural roadsides, more litter picks, more electrical charging points.

n) 23/7/19: RSN rural bulletin

o) 23/7/19: NALC Gifts & Hospitality

p) 23/7/19: NALC Defibrillators and the NEAS

q) 24/7/19: Cllr J. Storey Plantlife – road verge management guidelines

r) 24/7/19: NALC Enews

s) 26/7/19: NALC Campaigns against Local Councils & Harassment

t) 26/7/19: Lewis Pringle Generic Volunteers Poster for Age UK Northumberland

u) 29/7/19: CAN Enews

v) 31/7/19: NALC Enews

w) 31/7/19: RSN Rural Bulletin

x) 1/8/19: NALC Update for member councils

y) 1/8/19: Iain Hedley Annual Town & Parish Council Conference 3/10/19 at County Hall

z) 1/8/19: Carrol Hessey reminder 1 day remaining to nominate LOVE Northumberland

aa) 1/8/19: Cllr J. Storey attended NALC Standards & the Local Council - 2 points of concern; Home address should be declared an interest on DPIs and Dispensation allows members to discuss agenda items. The Councillors discussed these statements and thought there must be a misunderstanding because PC business could not be conducted at meetings if Councillors could not discuss the area in which they live and serve.

- bb) 5/8/19: Ewan Boyd TEC Ltd – RCEF Funding relaunched with different criteria and a new budget. Private dwelling roof mounted PV systems feeding into a community battery storage unit acting as a Virtual Power Station to provide locally generated renewable power. Quarterly applications – August 19th then November. After discussion it was agreed to reply to Ewan that the Councillors remain interested but did not feel there was sufficient interest in private houses providing community use power – this they felt was more likely to be through one of our public buildings. The Councillors were interested in learning more about roof slates that generated solar power.
- ab) 6/8/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- ac) 6/8/19: Nichola Turnbull – Tynedale Local Area meeting 13/8/19
- ad) 7/8/19: RSN Funding bulletin
- ae) 7/8/19: Charlotte Pearson Hats & Glad Rags Charity Ball for Tynedale Hospice at Home
- af) 7/8/19: GNAA newsletter
- ag) 9/8/19: Nichola Turnbull – Highways England will discuss Bridge End roundabout scheme at 6 p.m.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary July 2019
- b) Cheques to be signed –
No 740 Slaley Commemoration Hall WiFi months 12-16 inclusive; 5 @ £35.88 = £179.40
- c) Lloyds bank statement balance at 1 August £14,097.29
- d) Request for more info from pkf- littlejohn – successfully explained and acknowledged.

10. New Planning Applications.

19/02208/FUL: Proposal for reinstatement of original access to property & formation of new parking area. Rose Cottage, Wooley. Applicant C. Ryder. **Objection**, there is already one entrance with parking into the property from the narrow highway (U8089), this should be sufficient for Rose Cottage and the building behind.

19/02223/FUL: Proposed demolition of existing side extension and construction of two storey side extension, front porch. 1 South Park. applicant Stephen Appleby. **No objection to the proposal however adequate parking and turning provision for a minimum of two vehicles should be made inside the curtilage of the property. There are already reported problems with vehicles parking on the public footpath and due to the property's proximity to the parish church, which relies on street parking for weddings, funerals and general services, adequate off-street parking is recommended as a condition of any planning consent.**

Decisions from Planning:

19/00776/FUL: Stone wall (1.5m high 10m long) on eastern boundary and summerhouse (2.8m x 2.8m) in south east corner of garden. Glen Cottage, Lead Road, Slaley NE47 0BN. Applicant S. Murrell. Highways provided a five-page reply which was circulated. Highways are still talking about a wall on the east and not the west, and generally the Councillors did not feel that a blanked wall of 1.5m x 10m had been considered in situ. This was reported back to the planning officer. Cllr S. Carson will discuss with Highways Officer on Monday 19/8/19.

18/03637/FUL: Request for the reason why Rose Cottage was demolished and the date lintel of 1842 was removed. Acknowledge by Alex Campbell who has asked the agent telephone her as the demolition of a dwelling is not an extension, even if the gable end has been left standing. – Request an update.

19/01522/FUL: Proposed extension of hall to create committee room and storage cupboards. Relocation of WCs adjacent to entrance foyer, widen access to hall. Reconfigure the existing WC area, to include improved access to area through new door opening. Slaley Commemoration Hall. Pat Wilson. **Granted**

18/01622/VARYCO: Town Foot Caravan Park. Further alterations and amendments. **Withdrawn at the Applicants request.**

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

a) Cllr A.M. Livesey – Slaley village street gullies blocked during Thunder rain of 27/7/19 reported to web page. Slaley PC Clerk contacted Highways and requested a village drain clean. Cllr S.C. Douglas will report in September how many visits the web site generates.

12. Defibrillator Update

See also agenda item 5a. Cllr J. Storey discovered the Defib was missing on 27/7/19, after discussion with R&C Manager, (Tracey Weatherley (TW)), it was discovered that the defib had been deployed on 24/7/19 and needed new pads. Mix up with North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) who thought that the R&C had responsibility. TW, Manager of the R&C ordered new pads. PC Clerk was told of this on 29/7/19 and contacted Cllr J. Storey with replacement pads. TW contacted NEAS and reported the Defib back on system. NEAS emailed TW a check list and an AED Notification details form. TW, R&C manager reported to Cllr J. Storey that she is pleased that the PC should be restored as the prime contact with her as the second contact. After discussion it was agreed that the PC should remain as the prime contact with the R&C Manager second. If agreeable it was agreed that the placement pads be kept in the safe at the R&C. The PC would offer to reimburse the R&C for the pads they had ordered. It was also agreed that a twice-yearly statement should be made in the Parish News and the Slaley Notes reminding everyone that we have a Defib, where it can be found and where the replacement pads are stored. The PC's replacement pads were found to be out-of-date despite them never being used, it was therefore thought excessive to have two sets of replacement pads which could go out of date. Cllr S.C. Douglas volunteered to check with the Coalpitts and Springhouse Defi machines to check that their replacement pads are still in date.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

14. Slaley Commemoration Hall minutes from May 15th 2019 attached as appendix 1/130819, page 1398. Cllr D.J. Taylor will report on meeting held on Wednesday July 17th - August poor bookings, underused. Pilates start in October. Procedures & Policies for Hallmark 1 (renewed) and Hallmark 2 (to be applied for), 1 committee resignation and 3 new members, 7 grant applications submitted. Grand Summer Raffle tickets to sell were distributed to the Councillors. Linda Johnston and Laura Hull undertook their 100km walk on Sunday and Monday they have raised almost £2,500 in sponsorship.

15. Local Transport Plan Feedback 2019/20 + priority issues for 2020/21

It was agreed to include the same proposals again – Cllr S.C. Douglas reported a cyclists being thrown into the hedge by a vehicle. We should also add the B6306 crossroads with the Lead Road sightline south to Trygill is completely blocked by the small gorse growing in the fence. Either the farmer should be asked to remove the gorse or the crossroads should be refigured.

16. AOB

17. Date of September 2019 meeting: Monday September 9th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.35 p.m.