

1. Public Participation.

Presentation & update by Ewan Boyd of TEC Ltd - The Slaley PV project was good on paper. Mr. Boyd did not agree with the planning comments and thought these could have been overcome. What can not be altered without intervention by Northern Power is the limited capacity of 50Kw – Ewan suggested we ask for our voltage to be tested – increase in houses = supply stretched = more capacity needed. Technically the project is unviable – smaller PV plant – expensive kit. Four options were given as alternatives. A full report will be given at the end of the project (December 30th). Several questions were asked and answered and Mr. Boyd firmly believed that there was potential for a community led project at some point in the future.

2. Apologies. Councillor

Present: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. C. Douglas, A. M. Livesey & D. J. Taylor. Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle. Public Mr S. Carson interested in becoming a Councillor.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson for agenda item 14.

4. Minutes of November 12th 2018 meeting (pages 1342 – 1345).

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. Douglas and seconded by Cllr. D.J. Taylor. The minutes were then signed and dated.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 5d 12/11/18; 8a 8/10/18: Further correspondence from Northumbrian Water still suggesting that they are waiting to hear of an appropriate charity for them to make a donation. Clerk requested to make a second reply allocating Slaley Commemoration Hall & Slaley Show as the recipients.
- b) 5f 12/11/18; 19a 8/10/18: Dog mess in village – further complaints from several people. Yellow Daygo paper ordered and printed, laminated and then strung on several lamp-posts.
- c) 5a 12/11/18; 8/10/18; 7b 10/9/18: Glen Cottage hedge correspondence from Cllr P. Cain Healey PC asking Slaley to support concerns with NCC's decision to take no further action. *See 7d below*

6. Community Trust Update.

- a) Cllr S. Douglas asked about the out of date accounts on the web site. Cllr Douglas volunteered to ask if these could be brought up to date on the web site.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Local Plan – 6-week consultation end of January then Secretary of State for approval.
- b) Small schemes grant to Slaley First School received.
- c) NCC Planning Portal – operational problems.
- d) Glen Cottage hedge – *see 5 c above*. It was agreed that the hedge in its present style still presents a danger and the anticipation of a fatal accident is generally accepted by local residents who use the crossing regularly. It was agreed that a strong letter is sent to NCC highways and also a letter of concern to the owner of Glen Cottage.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies

Tynedale Hospice at Home asking for a grant towards its Family Support budget of £72,748

Address for Tynedale Hospice at Home grant changed – PC template amended

Thank you for grants from GNAA, Ladycross NR, CAB.

Emails:

- a) 13/11/18: NALC Enews
- b) 14/11/18: Streetworks TTRO Lead Road, Slaley
- c) 14/11/18: Streetworks Emergency Closure Bay Bridge Blanchland
- d) 22/11/18: Streetworks TTRO Gilegate, Hexham
- e) 26/11/18: NCC Car Parking Charges annual fee £130 increasing to £225
- f) 26/11/18: CAN Village Halls Week
- g) 28/11/18: NALC Enews
- h) 5/12/18: NALC Enews
- i) 5/12/18: RSN Monthly Digest
- j) 5/12/18: Streetworks TTRO Hexham Christmas market cancelled
- k) 7/12/18: North Pennines AONB Management Plan 2019 - 24
- l) 6/12/18: NCC Paul Jones – Consultation over Recovery of costs for Provision of Traffic Management, Litter Picking and refuse collection by organisations running events in the county.
- m) 6/12/18: NALC Financial Advice for Local Councils from Steve Parkinson of the Parkinson Partnership.
- n) 7/12/18: NEAS First Aid changes to website

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary November 2018
- b) Cheques to be signed –
 - 711 Playdale equipment remaining 50% £2,457.47
 - 712 Melanie Cant November – April £300.00
 - 713 Slaley Commemoration Hall meeting venue - £180.00
 - 714 TEC Ltd final payment - £5,000
- Proposed by Cllr. D.J. Taylor and seconded by Cllr A.M. Livesey. The cheques were signed
- e) Lloyds bank statement as at 27/11/18 £19,955.25 (includes £5,000.00 PV Project)
- f) Lloyds bank signatory form to be witnessed by someone other than a member of the PC or their spouses. Mr. E. Boyd witnessed the form this month. 1. All parties on the mandate 2. Meeting date. 3 signatures of one new party. All sections completed as done in previous months since May 2018.
- g) Income: Cheque for £50 from Healey PC for web space.

10. New Planning Applications.

18/04136/FUL: Change of use from place of worship (class D1) to holiday let accommodation (class C3) and associated conversion works Slaley Methodist Church. Applicant Mr. Andrew Lorimer. **No objections.**

18/01622/VARYCO: Further to the last consultation regarding the above application, we are advised that there are amended / additional information for Town Foot Caravan Park. Applicant George Miller. Proposal variation of condition 1 (approved plans 3 (no use between 31 October and 1 March) and 5 (caravan colour) pursuant to planning permission T/90/E/256 in order that the site be brought up to modern standards and be available for holiday purposes on a year-round basis. **Occupancy of the holiday chalets remains a concern, there is a real potential for these to become permanent residences in the green belt. The distance between the chalets was also questioned especially as vehicles would be sharing the space with gas bottles. Surface water has not been addressed – Slaley is not a parish of natural draining land and more needs to be done with the surface water on site.**

18/03637/FUL: Proposed extension and renovation of existing dwelling plus new build double garage and associated access and landscaping. Rose Cottage, Slaley. Applicant Mr & Mrs G&L Stoker.

Pending

18/03718/FUL: Resubmission: one storey flat roof extension The Bield, Colpitts Grange, Slaley. Applicant Mr & Mrs Hutchinson.

Pending.

18/02214/LBC: Listed building Consent. Proposed 3 no new build dwellings, 2 no proposed timber garages and proposed demolition of existing garage and shortening of existing extension of Slaley House. Applicants John and Susan Flynn, Slaley House, Slaley.

Pending

18/02213/ FUL: Proposed 3no new build dwellings, 2 no proposed timber garages and proposed demolition of existing garage and shortening of existing extension of Slaley House. Applicants John and Susan Flynn, Slaley House, Slaley. **Pending**

Decisions from Planning:

18/03432/FUL: Retrospective planning application for rear ground floor extension. Deneside, Wooley. Applicant Mr. Lee Coleman. **Granted**

18/03161/VARYCO: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) relating to planning permission 18/00701/FUL to reduce size of basement, omitted the ground floor walkway and have two garage doors instead of three. Land east of Wood End, Wooley. Applicant Mr & Mrs Livesey. **Granted**

11. Slaley Web Page Report from Cllr Livesey

Slaley Commemoration Hall is having an Open Weekend January 19th/20th and they have asked for a meeting with Melanie Cant to make more of the Hall web page while they raise £100,000.

Cllr S. Douglas remarked upon an old business on the web page Cllr A.M. Livesey to remove.

Cllr S. Douglas also reported having spoken with Melanie Cant who update Slaley Show information.

12. Defibrillator Update

Mr. N. Green reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib is working as expected. Replacement battery pack is now fitted.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Playdale equipment placed on school field. Soil spoil collected by Cllr S. Douglas.

b) Invoice for remaining 50% £2,457.47 paid.

14. Slaley Community PV Project

Presentation & update by Ewan Boyd of TEC Ltd presented under Public Participation

15. Councillor Vacancy

Mr. S. Carson was co-opted onto the PC tonight.

Proposed by Cllr. D.J. Taylor and seconded by Cllr S. Douglas. Mr. S. Carson was elected onto the Council and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed.

b) The 'Declaration of Interest' forms were completed.

16. Precept for 2019/20

PC minutes of January 8th 2018 PC agreed to fund the Hall decoration up to £2,000

Banners and Feather Flag to be ordered this incurs £57.80 VAT – would PC considered covering this cost and claiming the VAT back? The Councillors felt that contact information should be added to the banners. The Councillors also agreed that they would cover the purchase and wording of the banners up to £500. The Councillors supported the idea of a money Thermometer on the side of the Hall building A grant of £1,000 to be given to Slaley Show towards the purchase of a secure container unit for Show equipment. A grant of £500 to the running costs of the Show was also agreed. The Clerk to have a 5% salary increase.

GMS grass Cutting for 2019 season: Grass £660 + vat @ 20% £132 = £792

School Footpath (old cycle track) £380 + Vat £76 = £456. Bungalows £562 + Vat £112.40 = £674.40

Draft Precept attached as **appendix 1 /101218, page 1350.**

17. Minutes of Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee of September 19th and Extraordinary Meeting of October 29th. Attached as appendix 2/101218, page 1351.

a) Open Weekend of January 19th/20th time table presented to meeting and aims of the weekend explained.

b) Village Halls Week – Slaley represented on the display at Stannington covered by the BBC and Newcastle Journal. Rosaleen & Pat on duty at event.

c) Cllr D.J. Taylor has organized training/workshop to improve confidence in using mobiles, laptops etc. January 10th, 17th, 21st and 28th. Advertised in Slaley News. Refreshments.

18. AOB

a) Gate broken on footpath No 3 between Community Shop and Churchyard – sheep getting out of field. Clerk contacted NCC RoW and they replied that the gate was the landowners responsibility. Clerk forwarded on the email to R. Foster who owns Hillfield land.

19. Date of January 2019 meeting: Monday January 14th

Cllr D. J. Taylor provided coffee and mince pies which were enjoyed mid way through the meeting and she was thanked for this festive gesture.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.26 p.m.