

Healey Parish Council Minutes from Wednesday December 2nd 2020 at 7.30 p.m. by Zoom Video connection.

1. Public Participation. – The public were told of the meeting via email and the web and asked if there was anything they wished to report, or if they wished to join the meeting by a Zoom connection to inform the Clerk for admittance to the meeting.

2. Apologies: None

Present: Councillor Tom Warde-Aldam in the Chair, Councillors Philip J. Cain, Michael Cartlidge, Christine Johnston & Janeen Smith. Acting Clerk Pat Wilson.

Public Peter Topping. Anne Dale.

3. Declaration of Interest and Hospitality record. None.

4. Minutes of

- August 26th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 546 - 548).
- Interim Report 89, 27/8/20 - 14/9/20 (circulated pages 549-550).
- ZOOM meeting of 22/9/20, page 551 + appendix 1, page 552 and appendix 3, page 553.
- Interim Report 90, 15/9/20 – 12/10/20 (circulated pages 554 – 555 + appendix 1 page 556).
- ZOOM meeting of 20/10/20, page 557 + appendix 1 page 558.
- ZOOM meeting of 24/10/20, page 559.
- ZOOM meeting of 4/11/20, page 560.
- Interim Report 91, 13/10/20 –9/11/20 (circulated pages 561 – 562).

The Minutes & Interim Reports were proposed as a true record by Cllr Tom Warde-Aldam and seconded by Cllr Philip J. Cain. The minutes will be signed and dated by the Clerk.

5. Matters Arising:

a) Glen Crossroads. *See 6k below if reports of near misses get sent to a central department they could be binned.* Cllr Philip J. Cain will reply to Paul Jones of Local Services and forward his photographs of where a vehicle needs to be in the highway before seeing traffic from the north and ask in this new system where such reports will be actioned. Email sent to CC C Horncastle 2/12/20 asking for an update from Robin McCartney who came out to look at the crossroads with CC Horncastle on 6/11/20. (See Interim Report 91 agenda item 1). At the time of the meeting there was no reply. The current situation is a complete blind spot with double hedges, stone wall and buildings behind the wall.

PT asked if the PC had considered involving the local newspaper having a photoshoot of young mums and children at the crossroads saying how dangerous it was.

b) School House –

(i) email correspondence from Richard Buxton Solicitors.

- A request that the Council's exposure to adverse costs should be reduced had been submitted and the statement signed by Healey PC Clerk reflected the change 10/11/20.
- Confirmation 11/11/20 that the claim bundle was filed at Court 10/11/20
- Served by electronic service to the Defendant 13/11/20.
- Sent by recorded delivery to Mr. G. Lish in Spain and the Motorcross site + email bundle to recorded solicitors.
- It was reported that the Council has responded today and will defend their actions. They are objecting to our application for restricted charges.
- Mr. G. Lish replied by email 20/11/20 and copied in Healey PC. HB of Richard Buxton Solicitors explained the time scale – costs issue likely to be determined after Christmas.

(ii) Raising extra funds if needed was discussed e.g. Crowd Funding. A public meeting to gauge level of commitment would be required to add to the Precept for this purpose. Stephen Rickitt is the NALC contact from whom to seek advice.

(iii) Email correspondence from NCC Enforcement Officer 17/11/20 & 24/11/20.

- MC questioned the legality that after a prosecution and fine the offending structure can remain on site.
- The Forestry Commission are requesting that replanting takes place where the trees were felled without license.
- There is a question about the engineering works which produced the road – currently covered in mud with any hard-standing work hidden below mud.
- Reports of burning have been made to the PC. It is advisable to report all such instances to the Environment Agency with a copy to the PC Chairman.
- Cllr T. Warde-Aldam has spoken to the new Police Inspector, Gary Neil, about PC concerns and the actions taken by the PC.

(iv) Support from the area County Councillor. It was agreed that a letter to our County Councillor was needed to establish if support could be expected for our actions or if he was conflicted.

6. Correspondence

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Email

- a).10/11/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 10/11/20: Tynedale hospice at Home grant aid request
- c) 10/11/20: GNAA News
- d) 11/11/20: Streetworks TTRO Greymere hill to Whittonstall
- e) 12/11/20: Streetworks TTRO Allensford to Wallish Walls
- f) 12/11/20: Mark Marchant of greener Miles Running Ltd.,
- g) 13/11/20: CAN AGM on line
- h) 16/11/20: NHS Northumbria Healthcare Update
- i) 17/11/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- j) 17/11/20: NALC Enews
- k) 20/11/20: Paul Jones Service Director local Services all highway reports to a central point.
- l) 23/11/20: NHS Northumbria Healthcare Update
- m) 24/11/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- n) 25/11/20: NALC Member Update- briefings for Clerks ref 6 May 2021 elections
- o) 25/11/20: Streetworks TTRO market Place Hexham
- p) 25/11/20: NHS Northumbria Healthcare Update.
- q) 25/11/20: Streetworks TTRO Market Street Hexham to Cowgarth Footway
- r) 27/11/20: CAN Local Restrictions from 2/12/10
- s) 31/11/20: NHS Northumbria Healthcare Update.
- t) 1/12/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- u) 2/12/20: RSN Monthly Funding Bulletin
- v) 2/12/20: NALC Enews

7. Planning:

20/03529/FUL: Conversion of agricultural buildings to create one dwelling including a link extension and detached garage. Development site at Barley Hill house Barn DH8 9RY on the C265 Slaley to Kiln Pit Hill road. Applicant Jason Clark. Comments by 3/12/20

Planning history: 92/E/736 Granted 22/10/1992. 20030020 Refused 24/4/2003. 20060163 Refused 30/3/2006. 20061010 Granted 22/9/20. 20070571 Granted 11/7/2007.

Copy of email correspondence to planning department from the Cookson family asking for sight of Healey PC's reply. After discussion and hearing how the proposals will affect the listed building of Barley Hill House, the Councillors agreed to support something being done to save the barns. However, the proposed design, layout and linkage of the two barns was a poor attempt at making the site an attractive dwelling.

8. Financial Report.

December is normally the meeting when grants are paid, However, with the JR looming it was agreed that there would be a temporary freeze on all expenditure with all additional payments deferred until 2021.

9. Precept for 2021/22

Copy of income and expenditure as at December 2020 circulated by email and attached as **appendix 1/021220, page 566**. It was agreed to increase the Precept to £3,000 with the increase covered by Section 137, if necessary, a public meeting would be called by ZOOM to explain the increase.

10. Domesday Project & Local History Club Report.

First ZOOM history meeting took place on Monday November 23rd when Mark Hatton presented Copper Mining in Coniston – it was an excellent presentation we had several Slaley residents, one from NE Scotland, one from Spain and a family from Hexhamshire. Mark will talk about gravestones in January 2021

11. Barley Hill Endowment Fund

Thank you letter from Commemoration Hall Vice-Chairman, Debra Taylor emailed to Su Legg. Su Legg replied and will join our ZOOM meeting in May if face to face meetings are still impossible.

12. Climate Change

Environmental group meetings held by Zoom in October and November the last on Wednesday November 25th and a sub-committee ZOOM discussion with the Environment Officer of Karbon Homes. Mr Topping, the group chairman, explained the group hoped to plant Dwarf fruit trees on the grass in front of Parks Side bungalows at Slaley. We have an outside tap at the Commemoration Hall which is advertised on the appropriate app for cyclists, walkers or visitors who find themselves short of water. The group has also written to the owner of Townfoot old caravan park to see if the site can be purchased for the community for fruit trees, solar panels etc.

13. Cllr Janeen Smith represents Healey PC at Slaley Commemoration Hall Management

Committee's meetings. Minutes from September 16th attached as **appendix 2/021220, Page 567**. Verbal Update by Cllr J. Smith who recommended the Councillors look at the web site photographs to see the changes. The committee intend to hold a Silent Auction on line from April 1st – 14th 2021 and they are looking for unusual lots to Auction.

Funds needed for Phase two were briefly discussed

14. AOB

15. Dates of 2021 Meetings

March	Wednesday March 3 rd
May	Wednesday May 5 th – AGM + Barley Hill Fund Meeting
September	Wednesday September 1 st
December	Wednesday December 1 st - Agree precept

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.05 p.m.