

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council

Monday February 10th 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

1. Public Participation. Mrs. J. Green voiced concerns about the village footpaths, she personally witnessed a young boy trip over a raised utility cover and fall onto the ground – fortunately unhurt. The footpaths are in need of a resurface as is the entrance into Parks Side bungalows where the tarmac surface is very cracked and uneven, made worse by the several coaches for First, Middle and High schools that turn twice daily in the entrance. Finally, a request for the village drains to be cleared not just the area under the individual drains. On Sunday there was so much water running down Slaley village that as vehicles drove past Greenways the water was so deep that it was being displaced over the stone wall into their south facing garden. Other drains which tend to block easily are outside the school and Muddel House.

Mr. Peter Topping from Healey parish gave some background on Neighbourhood Plans gained from his personal experience as leading the work on a NP in Cambridgeshire where Mr. Topping was a County and Parish Councillor. “A NP”, he explained, “is very demanding, although grants are available, the PC must be the driving force. If there is the potential threat of a huge development a NP can be a good tool. However, it is not something that should be entered into lightly”. CC C Horncastle said that although housing/planning was the main priority for a NP tourism, environmental and business were also included. Both members of the public were thanked for their attendance. Clerk tabled a copy of the 2004 Slaley Parish Plan to show the work that went into that publication. Cllrs S. Carson & J. Storey asked for a CD copy.

2. Apologies. Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson & D. J. Taylor

Present: Councillor A.M. Livesey in the Chair. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, J. Storey & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle. Public: Mrs. J. Green & Mr. P. Topping

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of January 13th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1420 – 1422). Appendix 1, page 1423, appendix 2, page 1424 & appendix 3, page 1425. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S.C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr. J. Storey. The minutes were then signed and dated.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 13/1/20; 5b 9/12/19; 7g 11/11/19: Neighbourhood Planning – Jenny Ludman been invited to speak at Slaley PC on Monday April 6th about a NP.

b) 5b 13/1/20; 5c 9/12/19; 14b 11/11/19: Footpath parking a Milburn luxury 12-seater Coach of Wark, is permanently standing on the footpath outside Clairemont and almost opposite Slaley Community Shop. The coach is being driven by someone who rents a portion of Clairemont. It was decided that a letter be sent to the owner of Clairemont asking if alternative arrangements for the vehicle can be made.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Report of discussions at Open Day on Sunday January 26th when 28 people attended the lunch to discuss Climate Change. Follow up meeting arranged for Sunday 16/2/20. Temporary name: Slaley & Healey Environmental Group (S&HEG)

Draft Data Protection forms tabled

Draft Agenda with Aims & Objectives tabled

Cllr A.M. Livesey requested sight of the minutes although not able to join the group. Cllr J. Storey reported that he would be interested in joining.

The article entitled ‘Public urged to try carbon capture at home’ Courant 6/2/20 was interesting and it was agreed to invite Professor Manning to speak at Slaley – either a PC meeting or at S&HEG meeting. Cllr A.M. Livesey asked if the group was inviting representation from Hexhamshire parish. This had not been considered to date.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Parishioner from Colpitts emailed PC Clerk about someone cutting down trees on B6306 between Lead Road crossroads and Trygill. Clerk contacted Cllr S.C. Douglas for any information. These branches are lying on the grass verge.
- b) Email from Cllr J Storey (9/2/20) to Highways re expected reinstatement of chevron on C265
- c) Email from Cllr J Storey (9/2/20) to Highways re flooding on approach roads to bridge at Glen crossroads. C265 & C275
- d) Email from Cllr A.M. Livesey (9/2/20) re flooding on Wooley Road U8089).
- e) Cllr S. Carson had corresponded with GH at Highways and covered surface water/flooding/drains. Debris on road at Dipton cut after a vehicle left the road on Wednesday 5/2/20. Chevrons to be refitted.
- f) CC C Horncastle recorded the Glen crossroads traffic calming, the £100,000 expenditure on B6306 Linnels to Wooley Road, highway repairs. Traffic problems at A69 roundabout, old coal bunker site, new Hexham schools and old swimming baths. February NCC budget will see increases on household community charge. Local Plan should be agreed by Easter.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

Clerks & Councils Direct February 2020; Broxap Litter & recycling bins; NCC Public Spaces Protection Orders Alcohol consumption in designated public spaces for Healey & Slaley Parish Council Letter 3 pages + Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, part 4, Schedule 1 The DPPOs and Schedule 2 The continuing effect of the PSPOs. The Councillors did not see any concerns or new sites of concern.

Emails:

- a) 14/1/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 15/1/20: Tyneside & Northumberland RC – sexual violence against Older Women – networking
- c) 15/1/20: NALC Enew
- d) 15/1/20: MALC Member Update
- e) 16/1/20: David Innes - Slaley Shop Purchase update
- f) 16/1/20: Streetworks A69 evening closure times and dates
- g) 16/1/20: NCC Mike Bird a further revised DOI register form
- h) 16/1/20: NCC Northumberland Knowledge Bulletin
- i) 17/1/20: Ed Graham car rally through Healey & Slaley January 22nd- 8.31 & 10.30 p.m.
- j) 21/1/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- k) 22/1/20: NALC Enews
- l) 23/1/20: Forest England ‘trees & water’ event 4/3/20 in Darlington
- m) 28/1/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- n) 28/1/20: NALC Member Update
- o) 28/1/20: Tyneside & Northumberland RC – Enforcement of Uniform Policies in Schools
- p) 29/1/20: Emma Turnbull – FOSS fundraising – requested an email re Wine Tasting 31/1/20
- q) 30/1/20: Streetworks A69 evening closures – machinery breakdown further date
- r) 30/1/20: NALC Enews
- s) 31/1/20: CAN Newsletter (Lottery windfall for village halls)
- t) 1/2/20: Request from SCH chairman, Rosaleen Doonan, for the PC’s to continue hosting Afternoon Teas – SPC allocated May 2020 – concern that end of half term may not be a good date. The Councillors present were available on May 31st so decided to host teas again.
- u) 3/2/20: Slaley parish resident requesting that the litter on the Kellas road between Slaley Hall entrance and the A68 is picked up. Sample of Litter signs on ebay from A4 sticker £1.39 free P&P; £2.49 + £1.79 P&P; Aluminum sign – green - “help keep your community clean” – USA £29.58 + £12.10 P&P approx. tabled – the general feeling was that motorists take no notice of ‘environmental’ signs. Initially it was agreed that letter be sent to Slaley Hall Hotel, Spa and Golf Course informing the management that a complaint about litter around the entrance off the C275 and asking if the staff are involved in ‘Community Days’ and if so, could a litter pick outside the hotel grounds be considered? The parish Litter Pick will be the last Sunday of April and maybe some employees of Slaley Hall would like to take part at the 2020 event.
- v) 3/2/20: Streetworks A69 evening closure – high winds

- w) 4/2/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- x) 4/2/20: NALC Survey Anti-Social Behaviour and Petty Crime
- y) 5/2/20: NCC PSPO Notice for the control of dogs came into force January 30th
- z) 5/2/20: Streetworks A68 evening closure rescheduled Thursday February 6th
- aa) 5/2/20: RSN Rural Funding Digest
- ab) 5/2/20: NALC Member Update
- ac) 6/2/20: Streetworks TTRO lifted on Milkwell Lane Corbridge – future closures
- ad) 7/2/20: Streetworks TTRO closure Front Street Corbridge.
- Ae) 7/2/20: Mike Bird Local Transport Plan report to Local Area Council meetings.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary January 2020
- b Cheques to be signed –
No 763 Cllr D.J. Taylor paid Hallmaster account (agreed agenda item 15a 13/1/20), £212.40
No 764 Melanie Cant paid 123 Reg account on SPCs behalf. £14.39
Proposed by Cllr S.C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr J. Storey.
- c) Bank statement at 20/12/19: £14,599.81
- d) Bank statement at 22/1/20 showing the Vat repayment of £1,866.39
- e) The Pensions Regulator – third anniversary of SPCs staging date. TP Jones will complete – need to resend after 1/8/20.

10. New Planning Applications.

20/00227/FUL: Construction of two storey side extension. Peel Flatt House, Slaley NE47 0DL. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Saunders. **No objections**

20/00172/VARYCO: Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in relation to approved planning application 18/03302/FUL: - change of roofing material to standing seam, change of fenestration to be reverted back to original permission. Heatherden House, Slaley, NE47 0BY. Applicant Mr. Chris Down. **No objections**

19/04827/FUL: Proposal to increase the floor area by installing a second -floor structure. The Glass House, 3, Wooley Grange. Applicant Andy Sinclair. **Pending.**

Decisions from Planning: None

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

DT, SC & PW met 5/2/20 and moved long columns of PC minutes into a friendlier looking page. Changes to the groups on the title page have been made. The Bolbeck Lion has been inserted as the Google favicon. Cllr A.M. Livesey remarked about a Red Kite talk being placed onto facebook when she had been asked to place.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/100220 page 1430

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 to be completed by Cllr Storey ready for the Clerk to scan and email.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

- a) Multi-purpose net coming away at bottom – apparently the weekly inspector has reported but the PC has not received any weekly sheets since October 11th 2019 and the 27 sheets (weeks 14 (4/4/19) –39 (26/9/19)) were not recorded in the October minutes. Clerk has requested sheets from week 40
- b) Weekly inspection sheets 41 – 47 (3/10/19-21/11/19) received 31/1/20. Also, the new style reporting sheets 25/11/19; 4/12/19; 9/12/19; 31/12/19 – asked if there was no inspection between 9 – 31 of December. Reply that the forms relate to week nos 48,49,50,52 & 53. 51 is missing.

c) Revised quote from Playdale is up by £329.85 to £6,475.00. The School will pay this from its sports grant and asks if the PC will cover the Vat element which is £1,295.00. This was agreed. There will be some spoil/waste to be disposed of – last time Cllr SC Douglas needed some soil and the waste was taken to the civic amenity centre.

d) Road safety outside Slaley First School, Neil Snowdon is coming to talk to school and children about road safety. Making the zig zag a TTRO and 20mph speed limit.

e) NCC green dog walkers Cllr DJ Taylor got back in touch and reminded them that a further visit to Slaley School was expected. Someone called Gemma replied and asked what did the school wish covered - it was only adults that they discussed dog fouling with. Slaley PC Clerk replied that schoolchildren take their pet dog out in the village and they should understand that they are responsible for their pet

14. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan – Annual Speeding Review

a) Cllr S. Carson remarked that he thought the Townhead speeding sign was not working (2019) Clerk has checked and it appears to be working as it should. (Note both signs do not act well in prolonged foggy conditions).

d) Update Cllr D.J. Taylor on Community Speed Gun received by email and **attached as appendix 2/100220, page 1431**

15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update from Cllr D.J. Taylor

a) Minutes of November 20th **attached as appendix 3/100220, page 1432.** Verbal report of January 15th 2020 meeting and successful NL grant.

b) Open Day Report from Cllr D.J. Taylor attached **as appendix 4/ 100220, page 1433**

c) Email sent to all members of PC from Cllr D.J. Taylor informing them of registration onto Easyfundraising – shopping on line. Cllr Taylor was thanked for these reports in her absence.

16. AOB

a) Slaley resident at NE 47 0BQ had a filled dog bag thrown into their garden, telephoned the Clerk and requested that a comment be made in the Slaley News asking if all bags could be disposed of correctly. Cllr S.C. Dougals to make a positive note in Slaley News.

b) Electricity and water both off between 2.30 and 6.30 p.m. in Slaley village area during Storm Ciara on Sunday February 9th. Wooley area lost power only for approximately 60 minutes. Cllr S. Carson asked about the Northumbria Water grant offer made to the PC. Clerk to check - *Note this relates to 2018 see October agenda item 8a, November agenda item 5d and December agenda item 5a.*

17. Date of March 2020 meeting: Monday March 9th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.