

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Monday 11th February 2019
at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

1.Public Participation.

Emails received from Jon Storey re Bog Hall Burn pollution, the first instance was 31/1/19 reported to the Environment Agency reference number 1677218 and the second on 7/2/19 reported again and given the reference 1678618. This was disappointing because the burn has been running clean for quite some time after the problems of July 2017. Slaley Hall Hotel were recorded as making improvements to its system although they did inform Mr. Storey that they had a licence to discharge water into the burn when heavy rain was forecast. This was last reported in 2017 see PC minutes 14/8/17 agenda item 16b; 4/9/17 agenda item 5e; 9/10/17 agenda item 5a when a meeting with members of the Environment Agency at Youngs rps office was arranged for October 12th. The November 13th 2017 meeting agenda item 5a was as below:

*a) 5a 9/10/17; 5e 4/9/17; 16b 14/8/17: Meeting with the Environment Agency staff, Graham Siddle and Lynda Kelly with PC Chairman RWH Hutchinson. Report by Cllr. RWH Hutchinson of this meeting when it was stated that the **foreign bodies in the burn were natural algae blooms**. Slaley Hall were fitting new micro filters and an increased grease collection unit. Further photographs received from Jon Storey 12/10/17. Clerk to inform Richard Baynes & Jon Storey and also ask that any future reports should be made to 0800 807 060.*

Mr Storey had some high water testing results for Ecoli on the burn. Cllr RWH Hutchinson thought that a second meeting with the Environment Agency would probably be the best course of action after he had review the 2017 findings.

2.Apologies.

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

Public: Jon Storey

3.Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

Cllr D. J. Taylor declared an interest in agenda item 1 as being an employee of Slaley Hall Hotel.

4. Minutes of January 10th 2019 meeting (pages 1352 – 1354 and appendix 1, page 1355).

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

5.Matters Arising.

a) 5a 14/1/19; 5c & 7d 10/12/18; 5a 12/11/18; 8/10/18; 7b 10/9/18: Recorded delivery to Glen Cottage was received at 2.03 p.m. on December 15th 2018. CC Colin Horncastle to talk to Andy Olive/Glen Harrison about the 2019 growing season and the need to keep on top of the hedge. Cllr D.J. Taylor reported a near miss at the crossroads because of the low sunlight for the driver from the north, fortunately there was no involvement with a vehicle from the east. It is a dangerous crossroads without the hedge being a problem.

6. Community Trust Update. No Update

7.Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Email from NCC: Steve Smith, Digital Design & Delivery Manager – Wooley work update - physical cabling work completed by end of March 2019 and Openreach bring elements into service April - June.
- b) CC Small schemes fund – further donation to Slaley First School towards entrance work.
- c) Registered Social Landlord ‘Castle & Coast’ requesting a Housing Needs Survey in Slaley & neighbouring parishes. Cost is £3,000 and they are enquiring about a donation towards this cost. Several members of the PC questioned this total and asked how much a Slaley Independent Group would be given if it did the survey, then collected and collated the results? Cllr Horncastle to get a copy of the Allendale HNS to the Clerk.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies

- a) Landfactor – Slaley Woodland Plan (Slaley Hall & Colpitts) Any comments by February 15th. OK
- b) Hard copy Northumberland Local Plan – Publication Draft Plans (Regulation 19) + Guidance notes for the submission of comments + Representation Forms+ Highways and Transportation Design and Delivery Guidance + Northumberland Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document + CD version. Jon Storey took Plan to read. Cllr. SC Douglas took a drop-in poster to mention in the notes.
- c) Clerk & Councils Direct February; CPRE North East Newsletter Winter 18/19; Glasdon advertising leaflets.

Emails:

- a) 15/1/19: RSN Rural Bulletin 15/1/19
- b) 16/1/19: NALC Enews
- c) 16/1/19: First Aid NEAS –those did the WANDER course certificate expires 18/3/19
- d) 17/1/19: NALC Vulnerable Adults and Scams
- e) 22/1/19: RSN underfunding of rural hospitals / rural school face educational isolation
- f) 24/1/19: NALC Audit & Joint Committees/Partnerships – show joint income in AGAR
- g) 24/1/19: NALC draft Social Media Policy
- h) 24/1/19: NALC Enews
- i) 25/1/19: First Aid Training through NEAS what the money is used for.
- j) 25/1/19: North Pennines AONB - January 2019 newsletter
- k) 29/1/19: NALC Enews
- l) 29/1/19: Streetworks TTRO Lead Road, Slaley
- m) 30/1/19: NCC Local Plan publication of draft – consultation on line selection
- n) 30/1/19: NALC PC’s and Community Companies – Any Directors of Slaley Community Assets Ltd or Slaley Community Shop? There are none in Slaley PC.
- o) 30/1/19: NALC CSPL Report – Local Government Ethical Standards
- p) 30/1/19: NCC Local Plan Regulation 19 Publication – drop in sessions.
- q) 30/1/19: Streetworks TTRO Yarridge Road, Hexham
- r) 30/1/19: Healthwatch Northumberland Annual Survey 2019 – normally undertaken by retired councilor E. Milburn. Clerk asked if anyone from Healey & Slaley able to complete for area.
- s) 31/1/19: Nicola Milne – staff wanted for the North of Tyne Mayoral Election on May 2nd
- t) 1/2/19: NCC Mike Bird - Local Area Council meeting Hexham 12/2/19 - will discuss the Local Plan
- u) 1/2/19: Forestry Commission Yorkshire & North East events
- v) 1/2/19: Request from Commemoration Hall Committee to host Sunday Afternoon Tea on the last Sunday of December (29th) Cllr A.M. Livesey thought this might not be a good date and suggested May 26th as an alternative. This was agreed by all the Councillors with the male Councillors volunteering to wash dishes rather than bake scones.
- w) 5/2/19: Nicola Turnbull Local Area Meeting 12/2/19
- x) 5/2/19: NALC Enews

- y) 5/2/19: NALC - NCC & Town & Parish Liaison Working Group
- z) 6/2/19: RSN funding bulletin
- aa) 7/2/19: CAN Newsletter
- ab) 11/2/19: Nichola Turnbull – planning applications have been withdrawn
- ac) 11/2/19: Nichola Turnbull further clarification re times.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary January 2019
- b) Cheques to be signed – None
- c) HMRC making tax digital - Vat taxable supplies must submit VAT returns electronically.
- d) Final Council tax base 2019-20 – no change from the tax base issued on November 19th
- e) Lloyds bank signatory form returned again asking proof of identification at local bank by Cllr Anne Livesey. Cllr Livesey produced the signed proof copies and these sent off to Lloyds. Also needed full name of the former Cllr Goldring who left in 2014 – done.
- f) Lloyds bank statement balance at 30/1/19 £16,216.15 – this still includes the last £5,000 payment to TEC.
- g) Insurance remains with Came & Company - Arthur J Gallagher & Co acquired Stackhouse Poland – no changes expected.

10. New Planning Applications.

19/00174/FUL: Proposed replacement of existing timber stable block with new timber block on different footprint. Land south west of Peel Flatt Hose. Applicant Mr & Mrs Bell. **No Objections.**

18/01622/VARYCO: Town Foot Caravan Park. Further alterations and amendments.

Pending – County Councillor reported this application was not up for determination during February.

Decisions from Planning:

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.

Granted

Planning replied that PC were consulted at this stage on **18/04404/AGTRES:** Conversion of Existing Agricultural Building to Proposed Dwelling south of Woodside Farm House, Slaley NE46 1TT. Applicant Mr. R. Henderson.

11. Slaley Web Page Report from Cllr Livesey

- a) New log in address for Slaley web site to allow Cllr Taylor to design a new front ‘village hall’ page.
- b) Cllr S.C. Douglas reported that for the time being Slaley Show wished to retain its own web page.

12. Defibrillator Update

Mr. N. Green reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib is working as expected.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

School Inspection 8/2/19 by Sports Play – the PC will receive an electronic copy of the report when available.

14. Slaley Community PV Project

A death of a close friend has delayed the conclusion of this project Update from TEC 28/1/2019. WRAP have confirmed their understanding of the delay.

15. Councillor Vacancy

Jon Storey confirmed his interest in becoming a Councillor for the parish. He was proposed by Cllr R.W.H. Hutchinson and seconded by Councillors A.M. Livesey. There being no further interest was co-opted onto the parish Council. Clerk to forward the necessary papers.

16. Slaley Parish Plan: Action Plan - Annual February Speeding Review

Community Speed Gun - The two volunteers reported in the February 2018 Review completed their training and had several sessions in Slaley during 2018. Cllr. D.J. Taylor reported that the third volunteer has not been out yet although they are meeting again this Friday. Between 3-5% of drivers are speeding through the village. Drivers going above the speed limit are recorded and allowing for discrepancies are followed up by Northumbria Police. Northumbria Police are very supportive of the volunteers and appreciate the role they play in their local community. Cllr S. Carson is currently completing the forms to join the group.

17. Slaley Commemoration Hall

a) Approved minutes of the Management Meeting held on November 21st 2018 attached as appendix 1, page 1360.

b) Cllr DJ Taylor reported on the Go-Fund-Me account which has just received £2,000 from Richard Hunting in memory of his Great Grandparents. Bringing the overall fund up to £12,000.000. The Open Weekend which was very well attended by the older community was disappointing in the absence of young children at the Toddler event. Social media is constantly updated and the web site is being used to promote events. Forthcoming events include the formation of a new group of whist players, A Murder Mystery evening and monthly Sunday afternoon teas (the first one is being organised by the History group). There is also a Wine event 9/3/19 introducing Eric & Richard Chevalier with a selection of their wines which guests will be able to purchase at cellar door prices + tax and duty. The following day a Table Top sale is organised. Also, in agreement with Slaley Show, the CH will have an area where Victoria games will be played and the plans for the Commemoration Hall will be displayed. The Banners and Feather Flag have been taken down during the recent high winds and will be replaced for the next round of events (weather permitting).

d) Cllr DJ Taylor reported on FREE adult digital learning training – this was a pilot four-week course and at the first meeting it was established that the training could not mix platforms + abilities were varied. There is a second six-week FREE course available - this has to be discussed with the Commemoration Hall Committee to agree hire charge & dates.

18. AOB

a) Cllr S. Carson recalled subscribing for his name on a memorial brick at a golfing complex and wondered if something similar could be part of the fundraising for the Commemoration Hall improvements.

b) The walk of fame idea is similar where small discs could be inserted into the tarmac or new walls for people who donated above a certain amount (£1,000 +?)

c) Cllr A.M. Livesey offered her help with CH '£100k for 100 years' Fund-raising Marketing and would be happy to attend sub-committee meetings but not the full management meetings.

19. Date of March 2019 meeting: Monday March 11th

Apologies from Cllr's A.M. Livesey and D.J. Taylor for the March meeting