

1. Public Participation.

2. Apologies. Councillors E I Milburn & D.J. Taylor

Present: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors D.M. Bell, N. Green, A.M. Livesey, & Clerk P. Wilson.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

Cllr RWH Hutchinson for agenda item 14 Slaley Community PV Project

4. Minutes of January 8th Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1274 – 1277, appendix 1, page 1278 and appendix 2, page 1279)

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

5. Matters Arising.

8o 8/1/18: a request made to Northumbria Police for a police presence in Slaley Forest especially during holiday periods. Email reply from PC L. Davison it is the intention to work with the FC to provide a presence regarding education and enforcement in the area. Two motor bikers have been issued with car seizure warning notices for driving “off-piste” in the area. PC Davison asked that the public be encouraged to report illegal vehicle activity via 101.

6. Community Trust Report.

Parish Council Representative on the CT, Cllr D.M. Bell to report. There was no updated report.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) 7b 8/1/18: Andrew Olive the local Maintenance Engineer was going to look into the drain report near Middle Dukesfield.
- b) 7a 8/1/18: Tree pruning on Wooley road – no update. Bird nesting regulations come into force at the end of February. Cllr. A.M. Livesey who reported branches on the lines to contact BT’s Simon Roberson to ask if he can put pressure on NCC to have the pruning work done as a matter of urgency.
- c) Broadband – Wooley road new boxes on telegraph poles. Todburn to receive a voucher.
- d) New problems include the drain at Shield Hall corner which has experienced flooding across all the south bound carriageway. The roadside drain outside Slaley School is again blocked.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

CPRE Winter; Clerks & Councils Direct - February

Emails:

- a) 13/1/18: Jane Hunt: Northumberland Day 2018 – May 27th- forwarded to LxNR & Hall.
- b) 15/1/18: RSN weekly digest
- c) 15/1/18: NCC Planning training session 1/2/18 at Hexham Cllr DJ Taylor & Clerk to attend (both were unable to attend on the day).
- d) 15/1/18: Report from NCC regarding lack of dog waste bin at DH8 9RW Clerk replied that the postcode was not Slaley parish.
- e) 18/1/18: Alex MacLennan (FC) Photo call opposite Ladycross Quarry entrance to promote new signs for off-road usage in Slaley Forest.
- f) 16/1/18: VCS Networking meeting 25/1/18 at Beaumont Hotel

- g) 19/1/18: Forestry commission England events – Woodland Creation Survey – North East on 29/1/18 at Alnwick.
- h) 22/1/18: RSN weekly digest
- i) 25/1/18: NALC Enews
- j) 29/1/18: RSN weekly digest
- k) 31/1/18: NALC Enews
- l) 31/1/18: NALC Committee on Standards in Public Life
- m) 31/1/18: Chris McDonagh reminder about Planning training (see c above)
- n) 31/1/18: Celebrating Representation of the People Act – any nominations?
- o) 31/1/18: CAN winter newsletter
- p) 5/2/18: RSN weekly digest
- q) 6/2/18: A1 closure from March 2nd for two weeks
- r) 6/2/18: Carole Beswick-Lisle – Hexham Car parking study extended to 21/2/18.
- s) 6/2/18: Nichola Turnbull – Tynedale local Area meeting 13/2/18 at Hexham House.
- t) 8/2/18: Streetworks TTRO at Synclen Ave & Road, Corbridge .
- u) 9/2/18: A Pennine Journey will celebrate with the 80th anniversary of Alfred Wainwrights walk.
- v) 9/2/18: Northumberland Local Plan Update and ‘Call for Sites’. NCC is inviting landowners, developers, agents, local residents and other interested parties to submit potential development sites for consideration by March 12th. **The PC to make further enquiries of how best to respond – this will need to be agreed by email before the March meeting.**
- w) 12/2/18: Emergency TTRO Allendale Road, Hexham
- x) 12/2/18: RSN weekly digest.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary January 18.
- b) Cheques to be signed –
Interim Cheque Number 670 NCC weekly inspection £192.99 (paid 15/1/18 as per email)
671: Melanie Cant for covering the 123 Reg Domain Renewal £11.99
- c) Zen Internet cancellation settlement collected by DD £1.36. now they are trying to credit the PC £1.16
Cllr. R.W.H. Hutchinson reaffirmed that Lloyds should reclaim under direct debit guarantee.

10. Current Planning Applications.

18/00432/PRUTPO: Tree Preservation Order application to prune 1no. pear tree to give 1m clearance to buildings, to thin remaining crown by up to 10% and to reduce overall weight and soil of tree. Applicant Mrs Pat Austick, Townhead Farm, Slaley. **No objections**

18/00039/VARYCO: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant of planning permission 16/04594/FUL: Trygill Barn. Applicant R Fowler. **Pending**

17/04260/FUL: Alterations to existing cottage to provide additional ground floor living space (39.8sqm) and improve mobility access including off-road parking for registered disabled person. West Cornerfield. Applicant Mr. M. Farrer. **Pending.**

17/02917/FUL: Proposed two storey rear extension. Old Farm, East Woodfoot. Applicant Mrs Beliz Sewart. *This refers to the listed consent below & discussed at the August meeting.* **Pending**

17/02567/LBC: Listed building consent for a two storey rear extension, removal of one internal wall, adding French doors in existing opening. Old Farm, East Woodfoot. Applicant Mrs Beliz Sewart. **Pending.**

b) **17/00984/ENDEVT:** Second storey gable end window on 17/01000/VARYCO – currently under investigation with the Enforcement Officer, Joseph Turner. Despite the invitation no members of the planning office attended the meeting or gave an up-to-date account of the reason why the PC and neighbours had not been informed of the new planning application validated on 18/12/2017. A telephone call from the County Councillor made some alarming comments regarding the requirements to build what an applicant has received permission to build and a process whereby to regulate what has been built by a

retrospective planning application. The comments on the NCC planning portal, made by delegated powers, indicate that the gable end window is a none-material issue, this is not the case in all of the planning training and guidelines experience by members of the PC. Cllr RWH Hutchinson is to write to the Head of Northumberland County Council to report the PCs concerns and how dissatisfied the PC is with the system.

Decisions from Planning:

17/04303/FUL: Single storey rear extension and two storey gable extension. Heatherden House, Trygill.
Applicant Mr & Mrs Down. **Granted**

11. Slaley Web Page Report from Cllr Livesey

- a) Barley Hill Fund placed on the web in the Healey PC section by Melanie Cant.
- b) Update information about St. Mary's and the Methodist Church provided by Reverend Helen Savage and updated by Melanie Cant.
- c) Melanie contacted 123Reg and organized payment for Domain name see above.
- d) It was suggested that the various groups should be updating their individual pages and not having to ask MC. It was also suggested that a representative from each group should be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting in May.
- e) Cllr. R.W.H. Hutchinson asked about the GDPR regulation which comes into force on May 1st. Cllr A.M. Livesey thought our web site was free of any information that did not have permission to be included.

12. Defibrillator Update

Cllr N. Green reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected. He also said that during periods of very low temperature he was aware that the machine was getting warmth through its connection into the R&C.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

- a) Report by P. Wilson from meeting at school on Monday February 5th when art work for the wheelie - dog bin at Cautley Cottage was discussed (see October 2017 Action Plan agenda L(iv) Dog Fouling). The head is going to make it a project for the children during the second half of this term. Work on upgrading the old BMX track into a path – GMS replied that they did not do this type of work. Clerk contacted Michael Stewart who also declined and suggested looking on the web for contractors. Letter sent to Darren Brooks for a price on wet-pour child safe tarmac and NCC David Robson (weekly inspector) suggested AJ Gutherie & Son for a price to make into a footpath using a substance from Tarmac 20mm to dust in ballast. Richard Gutherie replied and is going to look at the BMX track during half term and give the PC a price. New community use of the school grounds with the introduction of a school based before and after school facility was also discussed – a revised Community Agreement form was printed and circulated by the Clerk for approval – the school has agreed the wording. **The Councilors agreed the changes at the meeting**, this will now be sent out to parents at the school, given to the editors of Slaley News and Slaley Notes and a copy sent to Northumbria Police. New Community Agreement attached as **appendix 1/120218, page 1284**.
- b) Headteacher, Debbie Brett, Teacher Mrs Rachel O'Neill and Chair of Governors, Marge Rastall would like to attend the March parish council meeting and present "The Role of Slaley First School and its response to the wider consultation on education". It was suggested that Healey Parish Council should also be invited to the School presentation part of the March meeting. **This was agreed.**
- c) Weekly inspection sheets for January arrived, there were no issues, copy emailed to school.

14. Slaley Community PV Project

Several items of correspondence have been received regarding the application process. Including updated forms. Evidence of community engagement and that the project has been discussed during public meetings - the meeting of the reconvened Steering Group to discuss and update the Parish Plan Action Plan of July 17th 2017. More details from the three tenders and signed copies of the PCs Standing Orders

and the Code of Conduct. It is the wish of Ms Golding, Team Administrator of RCEF WRAP, that an elected Councillor is also named in the application to work alongside Ewan Boyd and the Parish Clerk. The Councillor will get emails from Ms Golding but will not be expected to make any decisions without discussion with Ewan Boyd. Cllr. A.M. Livesey agreed to be the named Councillor.

15. Parish Plan Action Plan January Update.

Draft circulated by email and attached as **appendix 2/120218, page 1285.**

The only alteration was to amend the wording from elderly people to lonely or isolated people.

16. Parish Plan; Action Plan, Annual Speeding Review

PC Lee Davison confirmed that there are 2 applicants who have completed the application for use with the community speed gun. No idea what happened with the remaining three. Training will commence once the vetting clearance is completed. Slaley village speed activators continue to slow down the traffic and both are currently working satisfactorily.

17. Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee minutes of November 15th 2017 attached as appendix 3/120218, page 1286.

The Councillors were told about the current Asbestos survey taking place and the offer to new users for an initial reduction in hire costs to see if new activities or groups could see the Hall a venue for them. Cllr RWH Hutchinson offered to forward the information to Julie Hughes who runs a youth group in the Allendale area.

18. AOB

a) Word on the street is that No 10 Parks side will become vacant on February 15th. Clerk contacted Eleanor Barron to see if she was still interested.

b) The mobile Post Office did not provide a service at Slaley today (Monday 12/2/18), neither Cllr D.M. Bell or the PC Clerk had been told why.

19. Date of March meeting: Monday March 12th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.50 p.m.