

1. Public Participation.

2. Apologies. Councillor S. Carson & County Councillor Colin Horncastle

Present: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. C. Douglas, A.M. Livesey, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. Public: None

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of December 9th 2019 meeting (circulated pages 1414 – 1416). Appendix 1, page 1417, appendix 2, page 1418 & appendix 3, page 1419. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr A.M. Livesey and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. The minutes were then signed and dated.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 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. However, she is presenting to Hexhamshire PC on Thursday January 9th and wondered if we would like to join them and do a combined NP (if Hexhamshire were willing). A new parishioner in Healey parish has contacted the PC Clerk to say that he had been involved with a neighbourhood plan in Cambridgeshire where he served as both County and Parish Councillor and offered his knowledge. It was agreed to invite him to the February meeting.

b) 5c 9/12/19, 14b 11/11/19: Parking on footpaths: Workmen at The Old Methodist Chapel try very hard to keep the footpath clear. Parking opposite the Church during the Christmas services made the carriageway single access and was something pointed out in the planning application to be avoided.

c) 5d 9/12/19, 8t 7/10/19: Tackling Climate change at parish level. The Clerk has spoken with Healey PC and Cllr P.J. Cain will represent Healey parish. SCH Chair, Rosaleen Doonan is also supportive of local improvements. Slaley First School Debbie Brett and her daughter Rebecca Brett have given copies of the children's work to be displayed at the Hall's Open Day on January 26th when the suggestion has been made to have a working lunch while discussing green issues. Cllr A.M. Livesey volunteered some environmental literature from Egger. The Community Shop 'green/environmentally friendly' buyer has agreed to join a like-minded group to discuss 'green' actions. Several suggestions were proposed and discussed, one in particular (a community orchard) the Chairman thought that the parish council should distance itself from until such time as the new "green group" had approached the landowner to see if a sale was possible. PC Clerk proposed that 'Tackling Climate change at parish level' becomes a new agenda item 6 on the monthly agendas. This was agreed by the Councillors.

6. Community Trust Update. None.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Flooding at Glen crossroads reported by email to highways 9/1/20 by Cllr J. Storey. Very heavy rainfall of evening 8th-9th January. Highways have responded indicated that the drains would be inspected week commencing 13/1/20.

b) Highways have also reported that the new chevrons from the RTA on the C265, when a vehicle crashed through the field fencing, are ready to be fitted. Reported in the PC minutes of August 13th 2019.

c) Cllr J. Storey reported by email 24/10/19 flooding into village residence NE47 0BQ caused by village street water. CC Colin Horncastle reported that highways had inspected the site (November 11th 2019 minutes). PC Clerk to request if any action has been taken.

d) Cllr J. Storey reported a near miss at The Glen crossroads at 4.30 p.m. on Thursday December 5th, when he was approaching the crossroads from the village with his main beam on to warn any traffic approaching the crossroads from left or right and a lady driver pulled out of the Lead Road from Scales Cross direction. Without an emergency stop by Cllr Storey there would have been a RTA. To be added to the register.

e) Cllr R.W.H. Hutchinson reported that water is still coming to the surface through the manhole cover on the Slaley side of the Linnels Bridge. Cllr J Storey thought this had been reported to G. Harrison at the site meeting with Cllr S. Carson on Monday 19th August 2019. (Minutes August 13th 2019)

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

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Emails:

- a) 10/12/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 11/12/19: Rape Crisis Tynedale Support Women. Save the Planet.
- c) 11/12/19: Emergency TTRO damage to Milkwell Lane Corbridge by HGVs
- d) 11/12/19: CAN Enews Wonderful Villages competition to win £1,000.
- e) 11/12/19: Ann Atkinson Northumberland VCS Assembly
- f) 16/12/19: Mandy Perrie Tynedale Hospice – request for funding. Clerk replied funding given in Nov and cleared through bank on Nov 28th. Email reply with an apology.
- g) 17/12/19: NALC Member Council Update.
- h) 17/12/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- i) 18/12/19: Iain Hedley briefing document consultation on public libraries
- j) 18/12/19: NALC Update 18 – report any faulty LED streetlights as they are still under guarantee
- k) 23/12/19: Streetworks TTRO Front Street, Corbridge.
- l) 27/12/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- m) 30/12/19: Streetworks extension to emergency TTRO Milkwell Lane. Corbridge
- n) 6/1/20: Mike Bird new declaration forms if any changes have been made.
- o) 7/1/20: Nichola Turnbull - Tynedale Local Area meeting 14/1/20.
- p) 7/1/20: Streetworks TTRO Causey Way, Hexham.
- q) 7/1/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- r) 7/1/20: NALC Enews
- s) 9/1/20: NALC Member Update
- t) 13/1/20: Streetworks TTRO Dilston to Corbridge

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary December 2019
- b) Cheques to be signed –
 - No 760 TP Jones payroll preparation Oct – Dec 2019 £46.80
 - No 761 P. Wilson Clerk's salary Oct – Dec 2019 £1031.14
 - No 762 HMRC Tax on salary Oct - Dec 2019 £9.80The cheques proposed by R.W.H. Hutchinson, seconded by A.M. Livesey were signed.
- c) Vat claim for tax year 18/19 successfully submitted
- d) Income: Healey PC rent of web space £50

10. New Planning Applications.

19/04827/FUL: Proposal to increase the floor area by installing a second -floor structure. The Glass House, 3, Wooley Grange. Applicant Andy Sinclair. No objections.

Decisions from Planning:

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

Douglas.

- a) Reminder of annual 123 reg payment received and forwarded to MC for action.
- b) Cllrs DT Taylor and SC Douglas asked about the black square which comes up for the Google shortcut to slaley.org.uk. After discussion it was thought that the Bulbeck Lion would be a good symbol for Slaley parish.

c) Cllrs DT Taylor and SC Douglas thought that they could now manage the parish web site without paying the editorial fee of £600 to MC. As a trial PW to forward all requests to them in place of MC. All payments would need to go through them as the PC was not set up for internet banking.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/130120, page 1423.

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 completed by Cllr Storey - the Clerk scanned and emailed to NEAS.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds. None

14. Precept for 2020/21 appendix 2/091219, page 1424.

The Clerk's wage was increased by 5%. It was agreed to leave the annual Precept at £12,762

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

a) The Hall's Booking clerk and key holder positions have been filled by different people. The committee is looking at an electronic booking system to begin on line by February 1st. Cllrs DT Taylor and SC Douglas showed the new system and explained that there is an annual cost of £210 + vat with this. The PC agreed to fund this for the initial period.

b) Open Day planned for Sunday January 26th 2020 as part of Village Hall's Week when the improvement plans will be on view. Refreshments to include Lunch and Afternoon tea, Games of Chess, Whist and Table Tennis will be offered.

c) Marketing of events is constantly being investigated. Currently considering a mail chimp distribution of what is on at the Hall. Cllr AM Livesey reminded everyone that people must opt IN for this distribution and always have the option to opt OUT with an unsubscribe bottom. Cllr A.M. Livesey reported a very good 'local parish' daily circulation, which alerted users to what was happening each day and at what time – this would need 24/7 supervision.

d) The possibility of the PC offering a repayable loan to the Hall Committee to enable all the building work to be completed at the same time was briefly tabled. This type of loan would need careful consideration. Would it stop grant applications? How would the interest be repaid?

e) The next Parish Wander – Cllr R.W.H. Hutchinson offered his garden as one of the venues subject to his wife's agreement.

16. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan, January 2020 Update attached as appendix 3/130120, page 1425.

Cllr J Storey does not have super-fast broadband and it was wondered if there was still a pocket of properties around The Glen needing to be connected.

17. AOB

a) It was suggested that the August walk-about 2020 be at Ladycross Nature Reserve.

b) Cllr A.M. Livesey to chair the February and the April meetings (reminder April is one week early due to Easter holidays – April 6th)

18. Date of February 2020 meeting: Monday February 10th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.11 p.m.