

**Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday
July 13th 2020 at 7.30 p.m. was administered by
ZOOM video connection.**

1. Public Participation. None requested to take part.

2. Apologies. Taking part were: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson as Chairman. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, A.M. Livesey, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

Councillors S. C. Douglas & D. J. Taylor for agenda item 9b (WiFi reconnection charge)

4. Minutes of June 8th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1452 – 1455). Appendix 1, page 1456, appendix 2, page 1457 & appendix 3, page 1458.

Also Minutes of Extraordinary meeting on June 23rd 2020 circulated page 1459.

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. A.M. Livesey and seconded by Cllr. S. C. Douglas. All the Councillors present at the meeting agreed that the Clerk should sign the minutes.

5. Matters Arising.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Further meetings have been cancelled until restrictions are lifted due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Cllr J. Storey reported by email 16/6/20 that the chevrons between Holly Cottage and Glen crossroads had finally been replaced after the RTA in August 2019.

b) Fly tipping (carpets and underlay) on U8079 reported by Clerk 10/6/20 and acknowledged by Highways.

c) 7b 8/6/20: The request for a meeting with road safety officer Neil Snowdon to be rescheduled has not been acknowledged. Cllr RWH Hutchinson reported hearing a vehicle coming into the crossroads but being unable to see it. The stone wall at Glen Cottage is currently being built and Cllr J. Storey felt the wall was very high.

d) CC Horncastle had not provided Cllr S. Carson with the reason the B6306 was resurfaced between the Wooley Road and the Linnels bank top. Cllr RWH Hutchinson said that the surface was worn off and that would have been the reason.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

Clerks and Councils Direct July 2020; CPRE Newsletter; USB of Northumberland Local Plan Examination Consultation on additional evidence. Cllr RWH Hutchinson reported that a well-known building company are challenging the green belt restrictions around Hexham and Morpeth.

Emails:

aa) NALC coronavirus updates throughout the month

a) 9/6/20: RSN Rural Bulletin

b) 9/6/20: NALC Member Update

c) 9/6/20: A69 Bridge End improvements update June 9

d) 9/6/20: Streetworks TTRO Corbridge to Stagshaw

e) 10/6/20: NALC Risk Assessments

f) 10/6/20: NALC Enews

g) 12/6/20: CAN Fire Safety & Carbon Monoxide training online

h) 11/6/20: NALC New model code of conduct consultation

i) 12/6/20: North East Ambulance Service recommencement of training courses.

j) 12/6/20: Streetworks EMG TTRO Low Fotherley to Hindley

k) 15/6/20: Streetworks Amended TTRO Slaley to Linnels Bank

- l) 16/6/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- m) 16/6/20: NALC Enews
- n) 18/6/20: NALC Member Update
- o) 19/6/20: CAN Guidance published on re-opening of village halls
- p) 19/6/20: Streetworks EMG TTRO Battle Hill, Hexham
- q) 22/6/20: GNAA saving lives in full advanced PPE is even harder
- r) 23/6/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- s) 24/6/20: NALC Enews
- t) 25/6/20: Streetworks TTRO Sandyford Cottage to March Burn Junction
- u) 26/6/20: CAN CAN's partnership with the NLCF working despite the pandemic
- v) 27/6/20: NALC member Update
- w) 29/6/20: David Pitt A Pennine Journey campaign to change status from footpath to National Trail
- x) 30/6/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- y) 30/6/20: Ann Atkinson Economic Impact of COVID-19 on the Voluntary and Community Sector.
- z) 2/7/20: NCC Planning Services – Northumberland Local Plan Examination Consultation on additional evidence
- aa) 3/7/20: Kate read A69 Bridge End update July 3
- bb) 3/7/20: Streetworks TTRO Quarry Edge, Hexham
- cc) 6/7/20: NALC Enews – Stephen Rickett off sick
- dd) 6/7/20: Streetworks TTRO A69 Bypass to 30mph
- ee) 7/7/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- ff) 8/7/20: RSN Monthly Funding Digest
- gg) 8/7/20: Streetworks TTRO Hexham bypass to Fourstones

9. Financial Report.

a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary June 2020 – first quarter

Clerk's salary April – June £1,082.99 - successful on-line payment authorized by Cllr SC Douglas

Clerk's tax April – June HMRC £10.00 - successful on-line payment authorized by Cllr SC Douglas

b Invoices received & paid since June meeting

Received: WiFi connection for April, May & June in Slaley Commemoration Hall £99.62. Openreach charged the Hall £126.72 to move the supply from the old committee room to near Mr. Hunting's portrait on the west wall. Cllr RWH Hutchinson proposed the PC pay this and the motion was seconded by Cllr A.M. Livesey. Cllrs Douglas and Taylor abstained from comment. There being no objections it was agreed to pay £226.34. The Clerk will propose payment and Cllr Livesey will be asked to authorize.

Cheque no 773: Rocketspark web hosting: £192.00 (paid by Cllr A.M. Livesey when on-line banking could not be authorized and then reimbursed to Cllr Livesey) Signed by Cllr SC Douglas & Cllr D.J Taylor

Cheque No 774: Northumberland County Council grant towards Playdale equipment and repairs to community equipment by Sport & play. £1,662.45 signed by Cllr SC Douglas & Cllr RWH Hutchinson

c) Lloyds On-line banking: Authorisation by Councillors SC Douglas, DJ Taylor & A.M. Livesey confirmed.

d) PKF Littlejohn re external audit (AGAR) informed the Clerk that the total brought forward was not included in the income for the year and therefore the gross income was less than £25,000 and an exemption form should be signed. The amended paperwork was emailed to members of the council, and Extraordinary meeting held by Zoom on June 23rd to discuss and accept, the Chairman signed the Exemption Certificate on June 24th. The forms were then scanned and emailed to PKF Littlejohn and acknowledged.

e) Electors rights are currently advertised on the PC notice board

f) Bank statement as at 26/6/20 £18,057.45.

10. New Planning Applications.

20/01931/FUL: Two storey extension to front. Woodnook Hill Farm, Slaley. Applicant Helen Baynes
No objections.

20/01857/FUL: Demolition of existing attached timber outbuilding and coal bunker and erection of new detached timber outbuilding. Slaley Village Shop. Applicant Philip Cain. **No objections.**

20/01660/FUL: Proposed first floor balcony. Fore Cottage, Colpitts Grange, Slaley. Applicant James Crowther. Comments by July 6th. Application details circulated by email. Email reply No objections

18/01524/LISTED: Alleged breach Solar Panels have been installed to the South face of the converted garage roof of the building Church View, Slaley Applicant Mr. S. Best. 6-week appeal 23/3/20 **Pending**
20/00227/FUL: Construction of two storey side extension. Peel Flatt House, Slaley NE47 0DL. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Saunders. **Pending**

Decisions from Planning:

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

a) After a request to Cllr A.M. Livesey via Twitter an email 17/6/20 came to the PC from mobile pizza van Fire & Dough considering coming to Slaley on a monthly basis. The request was circulated throughout the parish to community / business premises. The PC offered its parking area at Parks Side. After several more emails & a telephone call Fire & Dough requested (7/7/20) the Commemoration Hall car park on a Wednesday evening. This was agreed by the Commemoration Hall Management Trustees – no starting date or time has been given. The company was offered advertising on Facebook, Twitter and the parish web
b) A complaint came to the website about Taylors farm. Kiln Pit Hill, which was passed to Healey Parish Council who have taken the appropriate action.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/130720, page 1464

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 was completed by Cllr Storey and the Clerk emailed to neas.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Playground inspections for 27/5/20; 5/6/20; 12/6/20;19/6/20;26/6/20; 3/7/20 received and forward to Headteacher. The repairs undertaken by Sport & Play deleted the defects from the May report.
b) Headteacher, Debbie Brett, has agreed that the school grounds can be opened to the public during the summer holidays. However, there will be decorators painting the outside of the school, fencing and gates August 3rd – 14th and again 21st – 31st. Social distancing will need to be considered. Susan Allen will be using the Commemoration Hall & school field for the summer holiday sport club from Monday August 17th = Thursday 20th. When the children return to school in September community access will be restricted to weekends and school holidays. The holiday club was offered advertising on Facebook, Twitter and the parish web.

14. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan July Update attached as appendix 2/130720, page 1465

Cllr A.M. Livesey questioned satisfactory broadband parish wide point C. Cllr J. Storey said it was not good around his property. Clerk to contact neighbouring properties to see if there was a problem around the Glen area. Cllr D.J. Taylor will also ask via Facebook.

15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor

Cllr D.J. Taylor explained there had been several ‘raw-material’ delays due to none production during the Virus lockdown, however, work was expected to be completed at the end of July. The first booking is the children’s sports club on August 17th. The Management Committee are looking at a Protocol document for people considering restarting clubs and events in September. Once safe for the public to view, the management committee intends to host an open day/evening when groups can visit the Hall by appointment, to see the improvements and discuss the changes with hiring the Hall because of COVID-19. The launch of the SCH 200 Club is the only fundraising taking place during COVID-19 restrictions, 35 numbers from the possible 200 have been allocated.

16. AOB

a) Email from Megan Hands, NCC Elections Office, with information on ordering an electoral register for the PC elections next year.

b) Accident 13/7/20 on the footpath with agricultural machinery coming out of Hillfield property entrance and school boys riding on the footpath. This is not the first accident here. Children are told to take care at property entrances but they forget. The owners of Fosters Landscaping are offering to purchase a mirror and have it fitted opposite the entrance providing the Parish Council has no objections. The Chairman and Clerk explained that Highways do not recognize a mirror as a safe piece of street furniture and will not therefore permit a mirror to be placed on the highway owned grass verge. Mirrors have to be placed on private land, walls etc. After discussion Cllr Hutchinson volunteered to contact Forsters Landscaping and suggested that they get permission from the owner of the property opposite Hillfield entrance. It was also agreed to send a letter to the First School headteacher and ask that the children **and parents** are given a general reminder of village footpath safety,

c) Cllr S. Carson reported garden shrubs encroaching onto the public footpaths. Cllr S.C Douglas to ask gardeners to cut back their shrubs through Slaley Notes. Cllr S Carson to take note of properties where this is happening and if no action is taken the PC has a simple request letter that can be sent out.

d) Cllr RWH Hutchinson announced that he had decided to retire from the Parish Council to take effect at the meeting. He thanked members of the Council and wished them well. Cllr D.J. Taylor said it had been a pleasure working with him and asked if there was anything they could do to make him change his mind. Unfortunately, there was not. The Clerk will announce the vacancy to NCC Elections Office and a notice will be placed on the NCC web site and on Slaley PC notice board. The Elections Office will inform the Clerk if anyone has contacted them wishing to fill the vacancy and if there has been no interest the Councillors will be free to co-op an adult member of the parish onto the Council. The position of Vice Chair is currently held by Cllr A.M. Livesey therefore Cllr Livesey will be chairman for the August meeting. In light of the vacancy the Clerk suggested the PC should hold its AGM at the August meeting by Zoom. The elections cancelled in May 2020 are re-scheduled for May 2021.

17. Date of August 2020 meeting: Monday August 10th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.39.