

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Monday July 8th 2019  
at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

**1. Public Participation.** None.

**2. Apologies.** Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson

*Present:* Councillor A. M. Livesey in the Chair. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, J. Storey & D. J. Taylor. Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle. Public: None

**3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.** None.

**4. Minutes of June 10th 2019 meeting (circulated pages 1385 – 1388) and appendix 1/100819, page 1389.** The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr. D. J. Taylor. The minutes were then signed and dated.

**5. Matters Arising.**

**a) 14 10/6/19:** Dog Fouling Review – Cllr D.J. Taylor emailed information on being a Green Dog Walker and her supply of dog waste bags which have been handed out to most public buildings. On July 2<sup>nd</sup> a concerned member of the public reported two instances of dog dirt between No 1 Parks Side and Ivy Cottage as if the dog had been dragged along. Ann Escritt was asked for any further information – reply that she removed some on June 25<sup>th</sup> after it had been stepped in. Cllr Taylor to speak with N. Green and make contact with the school to ask if Steve Hall from NCC's public health could talk to the children about the do's and do not's of being a pet owner.

**b) 16b 10/6/19:** A complaint re crushing of concrete at the new development west of Slaley House. Copy of correspondence from Anvil Homes received by the PC. After discussion it was proposed that the Clerk contact Anvil Homes and suggest that any donation should go through the PC and be distributed by them.

**6. Community Trust Update.**

No update on the cost of producing the Slaley News.

**7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor**

Report of highways concerns to Cllr S. Carson – chevrons obscured by overgrown hedges.

a) Cllr J. Storey reported vehicles parked on village footpath. Is this day time or night time? Were they visitors to properties and leaving sufficient room for traffic to pass through the village. Were they doctors, health visitors or district nurses? Were they service vehicles - telephone, gas, electricity, water etc? Were they delivery vehicles? Were they vehicles belonging to patrons parked outside the Hall, the School, the Rose & Crown, the Church or the Shop? Were they workmen's vehicles at either of the building sites? Although it is illegal to obstruct a footpath, without prior knowledge of why vehicles are breaking the law it is difficult to suggest an alternative in a village which has continual entrances on both sides of the street.

Cllr Douglas will put a reminder through the notes, and the web site asking drivers not to obstruct entrances (see agenda item 13b) when parking in the village and if at all possible, leave footpaths free of obstructions.

b) Letter from a parishioner showing how the village school signs are currently obscured by private foliage. It was agreed that a PC letter be given to the individual homes asking if the foliage could be cut back?

Question about making the area outside the school 20 mph was clarified by CC C Horncastle. Slaley village would become 20 mph in the near future. Allendale already was. The question of the Glen crossroads was discussed and the options open to highways. CC C Horncastle to arrange a meeting between Highway Officers and members of Slaley PC.

c) CC C Horncastle reported the successful installation of Slaley School's replacement windows and doors and the school had increased pupil numbers for September.

**8. Correspondence.**

**Hard copies.**

Clerks & Councils Direct July 2019; Creative play brochure.

**Emails:**

- a) 11/6/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
  - b) 12/6/19: NALC Census, Briefings & LTNs
  - c) 12/6/19: NALC Enews
  - d) 12/6/19: NCC, Ian Hedley, contact information for NDAS
  - e) 12/6/19: Streetworks TTRO St. Pauls Road, Hexham
  - f) 17/6/19: NCC Ian Hedley Seminar on market towns in the borders at Hexham
  - g) 18/6/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
  - h) 18/6/19: Streetworks TTRO Battle Hill, Hexham
  - i) 18/6/19: NALC Loneliness / Borderlands
  - j) 19/6/19: NALC Enews
  - k) 20/6/19: Carol Hessey - Hate Litter Campaign letter & survey – reply agreed.
  - l) 21/6/19: CAN – Time for a Rural Strategy – meeting 11/7/19 at Discovery Museum.
  - m) 25/6/19: NALC Planning in Northumberland minutes of comments by Rob Murfin, Director of Planning,
  - n) 25/6/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
  - o) 26/6/19: Streetworks TTRO Lead Road Slaley
  - p) 27/6/19: County Councillor Steve Bridgett; removal/reduction of Physiotherapy Services in Northumberland + graph of current staffing & JMAPS hours
  - q) 25/6/19: NALC Enews
  - r) 30/6/19: Diana Mulholland reported a recent event with a local lady needing an ambulance and asking the question “if there is a local person who can be called upon to help in a medical emergency”? Mrs Mulholland also said it was a while since she and her husband had any Emergency First Aid training. Clerk provided details of Slaley PC funding training events on Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 & Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 & Healey PC funding a 6- hour course at Slaley in April 2016 for the Parish Wander. Prior to this Slaley PC purchased a Defibrillator which was commissioned on Friday July 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 and on Monday July 27<sup>th</sup> 2015, 23 members of the public were trained in Emergency Life Support by Mags Bower, Adele Young and Grant a Community Resuscitation Training Officer. Emails received indicate that the councillors feel it is time for further training. The Council considered funding of further training to be a good idea. Clerk to get costs.
  - s) 1/7/19: Streetworks TTRO Dilston to Corbridge
  - t) 2/7/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
  - u) 3/7/19: RSN monthly funding bulletin
  - v) 3/7/19: Tynedale Local Area meeting 9/7/19 at Hexham House.
  - w) 4/7/19: Mike Bird - Joint Musculoskeletal & pain service + 9-page briefing from NHS Northumberland
- The Councillors to read and discuss in August.**
- x) 4/7/19: David Baynes - Open Reach now say FTTP now available at Wooley
  - y) 8/7/19: Healthwatch Northumberland annual report.
  - z) 8/7/19: Streetworks TTRO Hexham Bypass to Fourstones

**9. Financial Report.**

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary June 2019
- b Cheques to be signed –
  - No 736: Clerk’s salary April, May & June £1,031.34
  - No 737: HMRC April, May & June £9.60
  - No 738: Melanie Cant Rocketspark hosting for Slaley web site. £192.00
  - No 739: TP Jones & Co LLP Payroll preparation April – June £46.80

**10. New Planning Applications.**

No new planning applications.

**19/01522/FUL:** Proposed extension of hall to create committee room and storage cupboards. Relocation of WCs adjacent to entrance foyer, widen access to hall. Reconfigure the existing WC area, to include improved access to area through new door opening. Slaley Commemoration Hall. Pat Wilson. **Pending**

**19/00776/FUL:** Stone wall (1.5m high 10m long) on eastern boundary and summerhouse (2.8m x 2.8m) in south east corner of garden. Glen Cottage, Lead Road, Slaley NE47 0BN. Applicant S. Murrell. **Pending**

**18/01622/VARYCO:** Town Foot Caravan Park. Further alterations and amendments. **Pending – waiting for more information from applicant.**

**18/03637/FUL:** request for the reason why Rose Cottage was demolished and the date lintel of 1842 was removed. Acknowledge but not explained by Alex Campbell, enforcement officer, by email on 12/6/19.

**Decisions from Planning:**

**19/011552/FUL:** Proposed single storey rear extension and proposed first floor side extension. 3 Agricultural Cottages, Hillcrest, Slaley. Applicants Mr. & Mrs Douglas. **Granted**

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

Cllr AM Livesey reported more interest in Hall activities through Social Media the Ladycross open day was currently being promoted.

Cllr SC Douglas was working on the advertising revenue for the web site.

Cllr DJ Taylor reported the August 100km walk for the ‘£100k for 100 years appeal’ would generate a lot of interest on the web page.

**12. Defibrillator Update**

Cllr J. Storey reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected.

**13. Update games/play area within school grounds.**

a) Quote from Playdale at £6,145.15 + Vat received 18/6/19 and forwarded to school. Headteacher acknowledge on 21/6/19 and thought that the school sports funding should cover the majority. Need to meet to discuss.

b) School suggested that the PC be aware that parking outside the school, whilst dropping children off for the breakfast club, is causing problems for parishioners living opposite the school. School is talking to NCC’s Neil Snowdon and is proposing a joint meeting to have notices erected and possibly the times made earlier in the morning. (*see agenda items 7 a & 7 b above*).

**14. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan July Update**

Draft circulated– amendments agreed and made. Updated Action plan attached as **appendix 1/080719, page 1393**

**15. August walk about**

Townfoot Caravan Park site was agreed upon.

**16. AOB**

Community Speed guns were discussed and the sharing of the equipment dictated the frequency of the service. Cllr S. Carson’s application has not been processed.

**17. Date of August 2019 meeting:** Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> – this is the second day of the 100km walk and members of the PC may wish to travel to Holy Island to cheer the two ladies on their final few kms This was transferred to Tuesday August 13<sup>th</sup> to meet at 7 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.