

1. Public Participation. Slaley villagers are concerned about the re-instating of the road markings once the present resurfacing is completed. Clerk was asked to enquire what if anything is the latest health and safety road markings in a linear village of half a mile like Slaley? Previously we had a red section with 30 mph at the Townhead and Townfoot entrance and a further three 30 mph reminders on the road - opposite Parks side elderly bungalows, outside the first school and east of the village shop. Is there anything else we could have? Everyone was especially concerned with the First School because the school signs are well hidden inside garden shrubs.

2. Apologies. Cllr D. J. Taylor

Present: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. C. Douglas, N. Green, A. M. Livesey, I. E. Milburn & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. Public: CT members 4 + 1 other.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

Cllr RWH Hutchinson for agenda item 14 Slaley Community PV Project

4. Minutes of May 14th Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1310 – 1313)

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.

- a) Annual Parish Meeting 14/5/18: Further information by email from D. Allsop regarding Pre-planning advice route and any observations the PC wishes to make at this stage. There were no further observations.
- b) 18b 14/5/18: Woodlets for Biomass boilers sold in recycle bags. These bags not recycled by NCC Clerk request to ask why not, Reply from NCC recycling officer which was circulated. *Could be a suggestion in the new Local Plan?*
- c) 18d 14/5/18: Community Speed Watch Volunteers – one further person came forward Clerk passed on the necessary Link. Mr Oakley contacted the Clerk his application had not been processed, he was making contact with PC Davison directly. Mr Oakley also asked about the present speed indicators being upgraded to the signs which flash your speed, he thought they were more effective than simply flashing 30.

6. Community Trust Update. Members of the CT have been invited to attend.

Members of Slaley Community Trust invited. Apologies from (Chair) Norman Watson & (Treasurer) Margaret Weatherley. Present: (Secretary) David Allsop, Jim Bailey (editor Slaley News), Michael Elphick & Sir. M. Darrington. A lengthy discussion followed with members of the CT claiming that people did not attend their AGM, therefore a decision had been taken to meet in a practical manner, as and when required, they were after all a club not a body corporate. A copy of the 2005 Constitution was tabled and the group were asked if the constitution had been revoked. An indication of the CT's financial year was requested because the accounts presented at the May meeting did not show the PC cheque – copies of the accounts have been requested from the CT Treasurer but were not to hand at the meeting. Although those present agreed that they as members of the CT had been instrumental in bidding for the Rose and Crown and the lease for the Village Shop the CT was unable to formerly own land and so other formal groups were formed to take the two projects over. Income from 'Slaley then and now' and the continuation of the child's prize in the annual Leek Show was not known. Cllr A M Livesey said that a line should be drawn under the Community Trust because it was not operating as intended. It was finally agreed that a new committee will be needed to carry through phase two of the PV project, active and enthusiastic people would be needed - lots of new blood wanting to get involved and be invigorated with the purpose of this project.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Cllr A.M. Livesey gave a Broadband update from her meeting on May 23rd. A further meeting with John Cooper from iNorthumberland was held earlier on June 11 – apparently there is a 12 months’ backlog for community projects and in Northumberland there are 20 failed projects. The Wooley road residents are investigating other options. Cllr A.M. Livesey had suggested to John Cooper that iNorthumberland attend the July Slaley PC meeting and he agreed.
- b) Mr Oakley would like to see more traffic calming signs in the village – this was discussed under PP.
- c) Village resurfacing Tuesday June 12 – Thursday June 14 – School given permission for parents and staff to use the R&C car park.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies

- a) NCC Local Transport Plan feedback – **improve visibility at junction B6305/Lead road** – does not score well against criteria. **Glen crossroads hedge** – day to day matter for reporting to area staff.
- Linnels Bridge saplings impeding visibility** – day to day reporting to area staff; Fly the Red Ensign for Merchant Navy Day 3/9/18

Emails:

- a) 15/5/18: Notes from NCC Town & Parish Liaison Working Group 3/5/18.
- b) 15/5/18: NALC Local Council records and documents revised November 2016.
- c) 15/5/18: Enquiry via website from Geoff Bockett, Minsteracres – Slaley Church application?
- d) 15/5/18: NALC meeting on June 23 to make changes to the constitution to be considered at annual meeting on September 29th. Eight-page draft attached.
- e) 16/5/18: NALC Enews.
- f) 17/5/18: National ALC consultation on future direction of National ALC.
- g) 17/5/18: NALC Local Council of the Year – closing date 31.5.18
- h) 17/5/18: CAN Spring Conference 2018 at Stannington
- i) 17/5/18 Northumbria Healthcare – Data protection – do we want?
- j) 18/5/18: Tracy Jennings – funding ebuletin
- k) 21/5/18: RSN weekly digest
- l) 21/5/18: Streetworks TTRO Hexham Armed Forces Day 2018
- m) 22/5/18: Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland GDPR – agreed
- n) 22/5/18: Streetworks TTRO Derwent Cycle Race 2018
- o) 22/5/18: NALC Enews (22 May) One Community etc
- p) 24/5/18: NALC Enews (24 May) Data Protection etc
- q) 25/5/18: Streetworks Amendment to TTRO Scales Cross to Broomhaugh
- r) 30/5/18: Stephen Rickitt - Death of a Senior National Figure and flag flying
- s) 1/6/18: Kevin Tipple Senior Planning Officer - Advance warning of the consultation on a draft Northumberland Local Plan 4/7/18 – 15/8/18 – Clerk suggested Slaley & Healey PCs join for a combined response. Cllr RWH to look at the plan and allocate sections to the PC members.
- t) 4/6/18: RSN weekly digest
- u) 5/6/18: NALC Enews – 3rd paragraph ‘Planning and the GDPR’ – the Introduction page of the eight page information sheet states “planning is an area in which there is a strong drive for transparency. LPAs must not respond to the risk of fines for contravening data protection law to reduce or curtail public involvement in the planning process.
- v) 5/6/18: Tynedale Local Area meeting 12/6/18 at 4 p.m. in Hexham House.
- w) 5/6/18: Streetworks TTRO St. Helen’s Street, Corbridge
- x) 5/6/18: Streetworks TTRO Corbridge Midsummer Market
- y) 6/6/18: Streetworks TTRO Barley Lodge to Barley Hill
- z) 11/6/18: RSN weekly digest.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary May 2018
- b) Cheques to be signed –

Cheque No 682: NALC Subscription & National Affiliation fee £160.73
 Cheque No 683: WEL Medical Ltd - replacement battery pack for Defib £167.94
 Cheque No 684: Slaley Community Trust repayment of photocopying Slaley News April 17 – March 18
 Cheque No 685: AJ Guthrie & Son Removing BMX track and corner jumps, stoning up as per estimate. Extra - Reinstating 2 danger posts and disposing of topsoil off site £2,533.20
 Cheque No 686: GMS collect and dispose of long grass at Karbon Homes £312.00
 Cheque No 687: Slaley Commemoration Hall WiFi installation & first monthly payment £188.04. Second monthly payment £34.68 (June 2nd) and third £34.68 (July 2nd) Total = £257.40
 Proposed by Cllr. N. Green and seconded by Cllr. I.E. Milburn the cheques were signed

- c) Letter from Lloyds Bank requesting the number of statements needed – monthly.
- d) 9f 14/5/18: Repayment of £1.36 from Zen internet. Statement emailed 18/5/18 for £1.36 followed by hard copy asking for payment in 14 days. Copy of cancellation letter of November 2017 and telephone cancellation of December 2017 emailed 26/5/18. Acknowledged by email on 31/5/18 – no outstanding balance on your account. Followed by a second hard copy dated 30/5/18 – services will be suspended.
- e) Came and Company confirmed renewal of PC insurance policy.
- f) Audit Papers emailed and acknowledged 3/6/18 after internal audit by M. Weatherley. There were no issues in the internal audit. Period for the exercise of public rights 4/6/18-13/7/18.
- g) TP Jones & Co LLP GDPR with a copy of Privacy Policy, shortly sending out new letters of Engagement which will include GDPR details.
- h) Cllr S.C. Douglas to be added to the PC signature list.

10. New Planning Applications.

18/01622/VARYCO: Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) 3 (no use between 31st October and 1st March) and 5 (caravan colour) pursuant to planning permission T/90/E/256 in order that the site be brought up to modern standards and be available for holiday purposes on a year-round basis. Town Foot Caravan Park, Slaley. Mr. George Miller. Comments by June 5th. Comments collated and agreed by email then forwarded to planning. Clerk received concerned telephone calls from four neighbours, Cllr A.M. Livesey had also received a call. Clerk was able to refer to Springhouse planning applications 20080930 89 static & 20 touring pitches operating for 12 months. Also 20090637 Variation of condition 5 and 20090636 Variation of condition 3. Some members of the public supported the application and said that Holiday Parks in their experience had a manager on site. Other people meanwhile supported the PCs line of reasoning to the planning application. Cllr A.M. Livesey suggested a site visit by the PC.

18/01625/OUT: Outline planning application (all matters reserved) for the proposed erection of caravan site manager's dwelling house. Applicant George Miller at Slaley Lodge Country Park, Slaley. It gives the date as June 12th not sure why because the caravan site was June 5th. Comments collated and agreed by email then forwarded to planning.

18/01548/LBC: Listed building consent for replacement of 9 window frames - 6 window frames at the rear, first floor south elevation, of the original building (1 to 6 on the plan), 2 window frames at the rear, ground floor south elevation, of the restaurant extension (8 and 9 on the plan) and 1 window frame at the rear, ground floor east elevation, side of the new disabled access lobby (7 on the plan). All frames will have double glazing, safety glass and a profile as close to the original as possible. Applicant James Galley for Rose and Crown Inn, Slaley. Comments by June 12th

Support.

18/01509/FUL: Proposed extension of hall to create committee room and storage cupboards. Relocation of WCs adjacent to entrance foyer, widen access to hall and create a glazed screen. Reconfigure the existing WC area, to include improved access to area through new door opening. Slaley Commemoration Hall. Applicant Pat Wilson.

Planning have asked for amendments – these were considered and approved the Clerk to confirm this to planning.

18/01248/FUL: Conversion of a traditional agricultural building to a dwelling house C3 with associated parking. Stone Barn land west of Dukesfield Cottages. Applicant Viscount Allendale. **Pending.**

18/01374/LBC: Listed Building Consent to move two internal openings and erect a partition wall within a 20th C extension to the original building (revised submission to 17/02567/LBC), Old Farm, East Woodfoot. Applicant Mrs Beliz Sewart.

Pending.

Decisions from Planning:

18/00894/FUL: Part Retrospective - Conversion of existing garage into additional living space with the creation of a bay window in lieu of garage door and creation of window on south elevation of garage wall, remove existing conservatory and replace with a sun room of similar dimensions and associated internal alterations. Peartree Cottage, Colpitts Grange, Slaley. **Granted**

*Question over the height and late start of planning permission 13/02684/FUL enquiry to Enforcement Officer. Email Reply received 8/6/18 - EO writing to applicants on week commencing 11/6/18.

11. Slaley Web Page Report from Cllr Livesey

Twitter and Facebook both doing fine.

12. Defibrillator Update

Cllr N. Green reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib is working as expected – there are two of the three sections on the battery showing life. Replacement battery pack received by Clerk and given to Cllr N. Green

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

Work by AJ Guthrie & Son undertaken during half-term week. The outlet for the removal of the topsoil did not materialize and consequently its removal had to be paid for. Thank you letter from headteacher saying how happy she was with the work.

14. Slaley Community PV Project

a) Cllr. A.M. Livesey received an email on May 17th from WRAP with the following attachments: Slaley PC Contract letter (PRF001-172); Standard Terms and Conditions for Grant (PRF001); RCEF Evidence of Expenditure log for grant recipients; Application Form – Slaley RCEF Stage 1 03-2018. Councillors A.M. Livesey and I.E. Milburn signed the form which was then posted back to PG at WRAP. Payment normally takes ½ weeks from receipt of form. Remittance Advice for £18,200 received.

b) Further email to Cllr A.M. Livesey arrived with RCEF Communications Guide (2 page); RCEF Evidence of Expenditure log for grant recipients (1 page); RCEF Feasibility Grant Summary progress Report (2 pages); RCEF Stage 1 Feasibility Report Checklist (7 pages); RCEF Stage 1 Feasibility Grants Guidance Document (12 pages); RCEF Stage 1 Feasibility Report (11 pages)

15. Open evening to discuss activities for local young people in Healey, Slaley, Blanchland & Hexhamshire. Tuesday June 19th at 7 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

Sarah Allan who runs Good Sports @ Tyne, Rede & Coquet had booked the Commemoration Hall for 2 x 4 days sessions of sport during the Summer holidays. Sarah has been invited to attend the meeting on June 19th and hopefully talk to parents. Clerk will be doing refreshments – help would be appreciated.

16. Slaley Parish Plan: Dog Fouling review 2018

Cllr. N. Green reported that the dog bin at High Clear is well used, and the Clerk likewise for the Reason bin. Cllr Green also remarked on the dog mess on the Wooley road and footpaths and said how sad it was that the residents had objected to the bin when it was offered. Cllr S.C. Douglas reported dog fouling problems at Coalpitts and Trygill and volunteered to sound out residents' acceptability of a dog bin.

17. Slaley Parish Plan: Heritage review 2018

There were no additions to the draft circulated and attached as **appendix 1/110118, page 1319**

18. AOB

a) Request 23/5/18 from resident of No 6 Townhead for a highways contact – one of the bollards outside No 6 on the B6306 has disappeared and the other has been displaced. Clerk explained in an email and in person that these bollards were to stop visiting vehicles parking outside their homes on the provision that the owners kept the grass cut to help sight lines from the new entrance off the B6306 into Townhead Farmhouse. Apparently No 6 likes the grass verge to look natural but would like the bollards returned!

- b) 24/5/18 Sir. M.D. reported speaking to the CE of Northumbria Water about the spate of water loss. The Area manager has met Sir MD on site and is working hard to make sure there is no repetition. NW held an Open Event in Slaley Commemoration Hall on Thursday 7/6/18 between 16.30 – 19.00.
- c) As Slaley residents enter Hexham from the Dilston road (B6307) they are informed by road markings and repeater stickers that the speed is reduced to 20 mph. However, for those of us who enter via (Burn End) Eastgate there is no warning signage as we enter Hexham. Likewise coming in from the A69 west and entering Hexham passed the Cemetery, Golf Course and Police Station - where does the 20 mph begin? Or the A69 roundabout entrance into Hexham over the bridges and towards the mart - where does the 20 mph start?
- d) Five ewes and their lambs have been killed on Low House land. The police have been informed and a reminder for people to telephone 101 if they see or hear anything suspicious

19. Date of July meeting: Monday July 9th.