

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council Monday June 13th 2022
at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies. Councillor J. Storey,

Present: Councillor I. C. Stevens as Chairman. Councillors S. C. Douglas, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. Because the meeting was un-quoted no decisions could be made.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of May 9th 2022 meeting (circulated pages 1626 – 1629), appendix 1, page 1630 & appendix 2, page 1631. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr D. J. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. S. C. Douglas. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman. Councillor J. Storey had been emailed the minutes and had not recorded any amendments.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5c 9/5/22; 10c 11/4/22; 15/3/22: Cllr I C Stevens list of seats with prices circulated by email to Councillors 20/5/22 Cllr S C Douglas replied did not like No 5 Tommy planter, or anything plastic No 6. Cllr D.J Taylor replied No to 5 (out of date) alternative a grant to either British Legion or Help for Heroes. No 1 bench on B6306 is on a hard surface and No 2 bench Cllr D. J. Taylor recommended -decision. The Councillors had agreed to go ahead by email with the purchase of two seats. Cllr I. C. Stevens to order and have 2 plaques made to record the Platinum Jubilee event.

b) 17 9/5/22; Joint meeting Monday June 13th with Cllr Glen Sanderson notes will be attached to these minutes as **appendix 1/130622, page 1636.**

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Next meeting June 15th this will be held in Hexhamshire at the Wetland meeting room. CEG were unable to organise a function for World Environment Day (June 5th) because it was part of the official Platinum Jubilee weekend.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Update Glen Crossroads - see also 8q) 26/5/22: The 2023 – 24 LTP Programme

b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. –.

c) Cllr J. Storey reported to Glen Harrison at highways, an accident 17/5/22 on the B6306, north of Travellers Rest where the Whitley Chapel road joins. The vehicle had not taken the corner and hit the field wall (south bound traffic). Cllr J. Storey asked for a sweeper for the glass and chevrons. This was acknowledged by GH 17/5/22 and Highways Programme Team 18/5/22. Cllr J. Storey had requested chevrons at this corner this was being looked into by highways inspectors.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy:

a) 2022 Surface Dressing – Advance notification of parish surface dressing (we get these by Streetworks)

Emails:

a) 10/5/22: NALC Stephen Rickitt absent.

b) 10/5/22: Streetworks TTRO amended Lead Road, Slaley

c) 10/5/22: Streetworks TTRO Underwood Road, Riding Mill

d) 12/5/22: Forestry Commission – opportunities

e) 12/5/22: Derwent Waterside Park music festival Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July

f) 13/5/22: CAN Enews – funding for children and young people’s groups involved with village halls + Climate change funding for community groups

g) 17/5/22: RSN Rural Bulletin

- h) 18/5/22: William Wearmouth works for Guy Opperman MP and is offering help – first of monthly emails asking what the big issues are affecting our community. Cllr T. Warde-Aldam suggested inviting WW to June 13th meeting
- i) 18/5/22: Ian Hedley NCC Climate Website - asking to complete the survey also forwarded to CEG
- j) 19/5/22: NCC Streetworks TTRO Fellside Hexham.
- k) 24/5/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- l) 34/5/22: NCC Iain Hedley Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation
- m) 24/5/22: NALC fighting climate change extra tickets for presentation
- n) 25/5/22: NALC Enews – apologies for the delay in dealing with issues caused by an unwelcome illness
- o) 26/5/22: NALC Member update
- p) 26/5/22: Streetworks TTRO Hexham lighting up the Jubilee beacon
- q) 26/5/22: The 2023 – 24 LTP Programme Consultation replies before Friday 29th July 2022 – add to July meeting**
- r) 27/5/22: CAN Enews – new advice website EARN
- s) 27/5/22: Forestry commission May newsletter
- t) 31/5/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- u) 1/6/22: NALC Enews
- v) 1/6/22: RSN Funding Digest
- w) 7/6/22: RSN RSN
- x) 9/6/22: Northern Powergrid response to BEIS and Ofgen storm reviews
- y) 10/6/22: NALC Enews
- z) 10/6/22: CAN Enews Ofgem and government publish reports into Storm Arwen response.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Payroll paperwork May 2022
- b) Invoices received & paid since May meeting
Email received 13/5/22 with Insurance details, circulated to Councillors for approval. Cllr I.C. Stevens recommended payment by email 20/5/22. Insurance confirmation received 8/6/22 - rate confirmed until 2025. Gallagher insurance £943.93
I.C. Stevens - seat maintenance oil £39.95
Melanie Cant - Rocketspark £192.00
- c) Invoices to be paid
4 x £50 payments for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations see agenda item 10 below
- d) Audit paper to PKF Littlejohn LLP by 1/7/22.
 - (i) Unsigned audit papers posted on web site,
 - (ii) Voters rights
- e) Bank statement as at April 8th 2022

10. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

Grants update and paperwork for the PC account:
 £50 awarded to Slaley Commemoration Hall (verbal request from Mrs Doonan) for film venue
 £50 awarded to Saley Film Club for Jubilee showing of - “A Royal Night Out”
 Cllr S.C. Douglas confirmed having paid the Film Club’s £52.17 to the Queen’s Hall
 £50 awarded to Slaley Rose and Crown for staging the Jubilee Picnic
 £50 awarded to Cllr I.C. Stevens for coordinating the Jubilee events
 Correspondence for the grant application from St. Mary’s Church was sorted internally.
 Report of various events:
 Paintings of Queen – shop - there were entries from both senior and juniors – prizes were awarded.
 Knitted corgi’s – shop – a large display of corgi’s adorned the hedges.
 Picnic – Rose & Crown – this was a very sociable occasion.
 Film – Slaley Commemoration Hall followed by drink and cake – 18 people watched the film
 Royal Scarecrows – parish – there were eight village scarecrows + 3 at Lawn House

Jubilee service – St. Mary’s Church – this was a well-attended enjoyable service.

Cllr I C Stevens wished to record his thanks to Cllrs D.J. Taylor and S.C. Douglas for their help and support throughout the whole organization of the celebrations.

11. New Planning Applications.

22/01617/FUL: Construction of single storey extension to South elevation. Hillfield House, Slaley. Applicant Daniel Armstrong. Comments by June 8th. The resubmitted again with amended or additional information. same number – comments by June 14th

No objections

22/01133/FUL: Single storey extension. Ashton Byre, Townfoot, Slaley NE47 0BQ. Mark Baldwin.

Pending

Decisions from planning None.

12. Social Media Report - Cllr I C Stevens / Cllr D J Taylor & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas.

Facebook – Cllr D J Taylor update: No further helpful reply. As a Parish Council we are not in control, there is a fourth unknown person posting information. Cllr S.C. Douglas recommended speaking directly to Facebook.

13. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 2/130622, page 1637.

a) The monthly NEAS check list was completed by Cllr J Storey. The date on the pads in the Defib is November 2023 and date on replacement pads 2024-10.

14. Update games/play area within school grounds.

Received the April weekly inspections and emailed to School and Cllr I.C. Stevens 10/5/22 – all was well until April 28th when the damaged basketball nets were reported.

Cllr I.C. Stevens & PC Clerk looked around the sport and play equipment on Thursday May 12th. using the PC’s annual report document and the email from school on 27/4/22 regarding damage to the basketball nets. A report was circulated to the Councillors on 13/5/22 detailing what was found and the action to be taken. Further misuse of the grounds was reported 23/5/22 (paintballs). Cllr IS Stevens attended and has made a report for the June issue of Slaley News. The PC has now received details of the accident referred to by the school. Cllr I.C. Stevens has taken down the nets from the basketball and has wondered if the damage was caused by use rather than abuse. New batteries are needed in the EYA camera.

The May weekly inspection sheets received. The sheets claim that the basketball nets are still damaged and hanging down despite Cllr I C Stevens removing them on May 15th. Clerk to contact and ask how this mistake has happened.

15. Slaley Parish Plan Annual Dog Fouling Review

There is still dog mess on the village street. Cllr IC Stevens to mention in his PC report for the July Slaley news.

16. Slaley Parish Plan Annual Heritage Review.

Updated report attached **as appendix 3/130622, page 1638**. Cllr SC Douglas asked about the pump in the house adjacent to Slaley House – is it the original attached to the Priest’s well or is it a garden feature?

Clerk to contact the owner and if original include in Report. Cllr D.J. Taylor asked if the Report had any legal status. Clerk explained that it was something requested from the 2004 Parish Plan with so few local people now living in the parish the heritage should be recorded for future generations.

17. Parish Council Vacancies

Cllr I.C. Stevens received contact details for Allendale PC Clerk and made contact to discover how Allendale filled its vacant seats. Initial contact made, request for details on the system Allendale PC used to fill its vacant seats is still to be established. Cllr D J Taylor said her article for volunteers in Slaley News had not produced any expressions of interest.

18. Neighbourhood Plan

Update – Cllrs S C Douglas said the Steering Group were emailing the Business Community to answer some questions on line.

19. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr D J Taylor. Approved Minutes from March 16th meeting attached as **appendix 4/130622, page 1639**. The builders had started work on the extension June 6th, the management committee have a meeting with Ryton Construction at 1 p.m. on 15/6/22 to agree certain things. A Risk Assessment should have been undertaken before the builders began - the Emergency Door near toilet 5 is now blocked off because it is dangerous and leads into the foundations. A sign printed in red saying “This Emergency Door is out of use during building work. Please acquaint yourself with other exits”.

Cllr I C Stevens wished to discuss the SCH as an emergency hub. Cllr S C Douglas intends to produce a draft report for the July meeting.

20. Slaley Parish Wander - Sunday June 12th

Report of the Wander. The general consensus is that it was an enjoyable day. Indications are that the footfall is approximately half of 2016 visitors

Paid into Slaley PC bank

Quiz, plants and entrance money	£1,223.50.
sale of plants at Shop	£0,010.50
sale of Chutneys at Winter House	£0,032.50
refreshments at Ardmore	£0,190.00 = £1,456.50
Zettle payments (minus 1.75% interest)	£0,011.80
WI refreshments in SCH	£0,148.30 = £1,616.60
Donations made payable to SCH	£0,050.00
plant sale at Holly Hill paid direct to SCH	£0,045.00 = £1,711.60

21. Brought forward from January 2022 meeting (agenda item 10) Precept for 2023/24 - Cllr S C Douglas proposed that Councillors start to discuss the Precept at their June meeting rather than November. Defer for a future meeting.

22. AOB

- A concerned member of the parish telephoned the Clerk regarding a person begging in the village. The Clerk advised telephoning the police. Cllr I.C. Stevens confirmed that the Police had been contacted.
- The Jubilee Planters at Parks Side, Slaley. SPC Clerk emailed Councillors 9/6/22 informing them that the residents are no longer able to water the Planters on a daily basis and asked if any member of the PC could help. Neighbouring parishioners were also asked if they could help. NG offered a Sunday. NJ a Monday, Cllr I C Stevens said a weekday as did JA. SPC Clerk offered Saturday. Therefore, we still have need for two more volunteers. Cllr D J Taylor thought that people in the village should cover the watering. Rota is currently - Saturday: Pat Wilson. Sunday: NG. Monday: NJ. Tuesday: JA. Wednesday: I Stevens. Thursday - ? Friday - ?

23. Date for of next meeting

Monday July 11th.

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