

1. Public Participation. None.

2. Apologies. Councillor S. Carson.

Present: Councillor A.M. Livesey as Chairman. Councillors S. C. Douglas, I. C. Stevens J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. The Councillors present all signed their Acceptance of Office forms.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. Cllr. J. Storey, as the PC representative on the Better Broadband at The Glen Area, will remain able to report as per his dispensation to speak on agenda items 5a

4. Minutes of May 10th 2021 meeting (circulated pages 1534 – 1536), appendix 1, page 1537. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr J. Storey and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 10/5/21; 5b 12/4/21; 5b 15/3/21; 5b 8/2/21; 5b 11/1/21; 5a 14/12/20; 6a 9/11/20; 5a 14/10/20; 1 & 5a 14/9/20; 5a 10/8/20; 14a 13/7/20: Improved Broadband around The Glen area. There was no Update. Clerk to contact Gillian Cowell and see how many additional parish residents had answered the circulated letter.

b) 5b 10/5/21: Wheelie bin at Dipton Cut requested from NCC – Reply circulated. Sample sign for the bins requesting No Fly Tipping and giving the Burn Lane email address and telephone or an alternative of individual contact details. After discussion it was agreed to include the Burn Lane info on an A4 sign. Clerk to have printed at Topsigns.

c) 5c (i) 10/5/21: Additional work on the village PC seat completed. A notice has been placed in PC notice board. Cllrs J Storey and IC Stevens were thanked.

d) 5c (ii) 10/5/21: Replacement Litter bin near the Post Box & Information Board. The following products were discussed.

Glasdon trimline 25 Litre Pole mounted at £104.81 + Vat + plastic liner is £15.90

Barnsley 112 Litre £364.96 + Vat £437.95 + Delivery £29.50 + Vat. Height 950. W 510. Depth 510

Derby 120 Litre £342.98 + Vat £411.58. FREE delivery. Height 1020. W 535. Depth 535

Middlesbrough 90 lite £299.99 + Vat £359.99. Delivery £34.50 + Vat. Height 930. W 530. Depth 310

It was agreed to order the Barnsley 112 Litre £364.96 + Vat £437.95 + Delivery £29.50 + Vat. In Green. Without any Text or Artwork and no Banding. Lid slightly peaked at £30.60. a galvanized steel liner and the set of 4 rawl bolts (ground fixings) at £15.30

e) 5c (iii) 10/5/21: Official Tractor Turning sign requested from NCC highways- Highways Improvements team replied that the location did not qualify for an agricultural warning sign, To place it on the LTP programme – already on. Cllr AM Livesey replied by email. Suggestions was that homeowners are asked to cut back their hedges. Cllr AM Livesey to telephone and explain the situation.

f) 8w 10/5/21: Treescape Fund closed May 18th 2021 – offer of space to plant trees at Slaley Community Shop. Cllr SC Douglas & Cllr IC Stevens to confer. No Update.

g) 16a 10/5/21: Townhead Speed camera – Clerk left message with VMS no reply. Contacted Ruben Morgan who deals with these machines and because of its age different companies were suggested for a new replacement. Cllr Douglas questioned if the costs of replacement was what the public wanted. After discussion it was decided to shelve this until the 20mph roll out in the village was expect. Cllr AM Livesey to ask when this can be expected and if there is any funding for additional signage for motorists.

h) 5d 10/5/21; 16b 12/4/21: Slaley Business Directory – draft copy designed by Michael Elphick circulated by email 7/6/21 for approval. Circulated draft was 9 x A4 full pages. If we want A5 there needs to be 12 pages – in this template there will be 3 blank pages. This was discussed and the need for taxi information and how to access train times and bus timetable was mentioned. Any blank pages could be simply left blank for notes. Cllr IC Stevens confirmed that a few hard copies were needed for Slaley Community Shop.

- i) 16d 10/5/21: Village sweeper requested. Wednesday June 2nd at 8 a.m. was allocated, this was advertised in Slaley News, the notes and also on Facebook. From an early inspection four vehicles appeared to have been left on the highway Ivy Cottage, Old Post Office, Reaston View and 1 South Park
- j) 16e 16/5/21: Parish Council to set up a Community Sub-committee to take different groups and projects forward as suggested by Stephen Rickitt at the ZOOM meeting of Tuesday March 23rd 2021. A very lengthy discussion resulted in the decision to initially make a new heading on the web offering Top Ten Tips for successful grant applications, with links to organisations who will be able to help e.g. CAN, RSN Funding Bulletin and NCC Community Chest. This may provide a short to medium term answer. The need for a sub-committee who could pool their efforts with groups needing funding was not easily identified – members of the Council are very committed elsewhere in the voluntary sector – new volunteers to take this forward are a requirement. The idea to be revisited at the September meeting and see what reaction the web site article has generated.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

World Environment Day was celebrated at Slaley with a Declutters recycle your books, CDs and computer games and an opportunity to talk with people who own electric cars and bicycles. Cllr DJ Taylor reported a steady flow of people interested in 'green' vehicles, decluttering their books, CDs etc or joining friends with refreshments.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Update Glen Crossroads Two further near misses reported – Mrs S. Carson 27/5 travelling south when a car from the east pulled out in front of her. An email from Mrs C Bridges 8/6/21 on this report she was the driver coming from the east. Sent on to Highways – NCC Improvement Team replied that they were looking into potential improvements at the junction. This caused a vast quantity of email correspondence – Cllr PJ Cain reminding everyone that the only thing which needs to happen is that the hedge should be cut so that drivers can see over the top of it. Note: every year from May the hedge was reported to highways and in September 2016 (7b) Healey Parish Council noted the hedge at Glen Cottage reply from Highways is that Glen Cottage has been served a 28 day notice to have the hedge cut back. May 2017 NCC instructed on how to be cut back. November 2017 the NCC Lawyer, Lisa Bishop, has written to the owners of Glen Cottage and said that the works carried out are satisfactory. Cllr A.M. Livesey to telephone Guy Opperman and ask for help. Cllr SC Douglas to ask Streetworks for temporary traffic lights at the crossroads.
- b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. Cllr AM Livesey to telephone (see 5g above)
- c) Email to Cllr S Carson 16/5/21 about blocked drains opposite the school between orchard house and Gortmore House – reported by parishioner after lack of response from former complaint. Gullies to be cleaned w/c 24/5/21. Cllr S. Carson spoke with the workmen in the village on May 24th and they informed him that the gullies were clean it was the drains which were blocked.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

- a) NCC Northumberland Local Plan Examination Proposed Main Modifications; Covering letter; Key and 280-page document – Does anyone wish to read the hard copy or the key and report any draft responses back for the July meeting for response to NCC by the deadline of August 4th. Modifications have to be made regarding legal compliance and soundness issues only. This is not an opportunity to raise again matters relating to other parts of the submitted NLP that have already been considered by the inspectors. The Inspectors will only consider representations which relate specifically to the proposed Main modifications. Note Serviced Villages MM3 generally have a school or a shop and generally have a reasonable level of public transport. = Slaley was not recorded as a serviced village – this was the main concern by two previous Chairmen, Carolyn Brooks and Robbie Hutchinson – yet despite repeated requests to have this changed and the parish allowed to expand to support the retention of services and facilities NCC had rejected Slaley as sustainable despite a 4-star-hotel, two inns, a shop, a school, a community building, a church, public transport, 2 golf courses. Springhouse holiday park & Townfoot caravan park (currently under review). Slaley PC discussed & requested Slaley to be upgraded November 2015 and again in August 2018. After discussion it was agreed that at this stage there was no course of action available to Slaley PC to have Slaley registered as a serviced village.

- b) Clerk & Councils Direct June issue

Email

- a) 11/5/21: NALC – Seat on the NALC County Committee.

- b) 11/5/21: NALC Enews
- c) 12/5/21: Community Transport Northumberland – help for the over 50s
- d) 12/5/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- e) 13/5/21: NALC Member update
- f) 14/5/21: CAN recruiting 2 x Energy Advisers
- g) 13/5/21: Rape Crisis P/t Councillor worker Northumberland
- h) 18/5/21: Rape Crisis x Independent Sexual Violence Advisors specialising in rural areas.
- i) 15/5/21: Ed Waugh – Wisecrack Productions.
- j) 17/5/21: Streetworks Amendment TTRO Woolley to Esper Shields
- k) 18/5/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- l) 19/5/21: NALC Enews
- m) 19/5/21: Ann Atkinson West Northumberland VCS networking meeting 25/5/21.
- n) 20/5/21: Streetworks TTRO West Minsteracres - High Action Mill Ruins.
- o) 21/5/21: Jan Chishoolm – free adult cycle training for Northumberland community residents.
- p) 25/5/21; RSN Rural Bulletin.
- q) 26/5/21: Rob Murfin, Director of Planning - Local Plan Examination- Main Modifications.
- r) 28/5/21: Sarah Brannigan Neighbourhood Planning newsletter.
- s) 1/6/21: NALC Enews **Training Info – Highways & Public Rights of Way Mon 19 July 19.00 – All members should try and attend this on-line event.**
- t) 2/6/21: RSN Rural Bulletin.
- u) 2/6/21: Streetworks TTRO Lead Road, Slaley
- v) 3/6/21: INorthumberland Team – Project Gigabit – call for evidence.
- w) 3/6/21: RSN Monthly Funding Digest.
- x) 3/6/21: Hannah Nelson from Castles & Coasts, Carlisle asking if Slaley has a Housing Needs Survey.
- y) 4/6/21: **Forest English tree felling in Slaley September 21 – March 22 asking to keep Trygill entrance clear. Cllr SC Douglas to mention this through the notes and Slaley News.**
- z) 7/6/21: Gilbert Ward Academy special school for all Northumberland 11 – 16 years olds in Blyth – consultation
- aa) 4/6/21: Streetworks TTRO Woolley bank to Espershields Road.
- bb) 4/6/21: CAN community development worker vacancy at Halthwistle.
- cc) 8/6/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- ddl) 9/6/21P: NCC Northumberland Local Plan Examination Proposed Main Modifications
- ee) 9/6/21: NALC Enews
- ff) 10/6/21: Streetworks TTRO Hexham;s Big Day Out
- gg) 14/6/21: NHS Northumbria Healthcare Update.

9. Financial Report.

- a) TP Jones & Co LLP. May payroll paperwork. June payroll paperwork and the first quarter salary and tax.
- b) Invoices received & paid since May meeting
I.C. Stevens -2 Litre Teak Oil for village seat £10.85 – authorized 23/5/21
Rocketspark Hosting for web page £192.00 – authorised 1/6/21 (been repaid requested twice in error)
The Councillors agreed to pay the Clerks salary April – June.
- c) Lloyds Banks Compensation Scheme circular

10. New Planning Applications.

- 21/01740/FUL:** Proposed garage conversion to facilitate living, utility and garden store room. Proposed roof to be hopped to mitigate the impact upon the neighbouring property. Eastholme. Slaley NE47 0BQ. Mr P & Mrs P Wordsworth. **No objections**
- 21/01098/FUL: Amended Extend** to south elevation of kitchen/dining to accommodate garage and utility area. Raise roof over kitchen/dining to accommodate new bedroom; ensuite, walk-in wardrobe and cinema room; Extend existing first floor balcony to the west elevation. 19 Slaley Park, Slaley NE47 0BG. Mr. Peter Bigg. Comments by June 9th. Email correspondence – **it was agreed that former objections are still relevant.**
- 21/00956/FUL:** Demolition of existing kitchen extension and replacement upon the same footprint and foundations to include a pitched roof. Internal alterations to create one dwelling and creation of new centrally located front door on north elevation. Orchard House. Slaley. NE47 0AA. Mr. Hodges. **Pending.**
 - Clerk received email correspondence from a parishioner who is concerned about possible proposals at Springhouse Caravan Park

- Clerk received email correspondence from White House Farm informing the PC that a planning application for two Shepherd's Huts is almost ready to go to planning.

Decisions from planning

21/00729/FUL Demolition of garage and construction of a two-storey side extension. Police House, Slaley Granted.

11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey/ Cllr IC Stevens & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas. Cllr AM Livesey reported that three Councillors could now use the PC Facebook.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/140621 page 1542?

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 emailed by the Clerk. Cllr J. Storey checked the pads and the date is February 2022. The door seals were cleaned 3/5/21.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

- May, monthly reports received for 7, 14, 21 & 27 and forwarded to school.
- Email received 24/5/21 from School regarding adapting a current piece of EY FAWNS equipment

14. Slaley Parish Plan Annual Dog Fouling Review.

During the Pandemic many more people have been seen out walking with their dogs. When the snow cleared off the footpaths the village was awash with heaps. Dog owners place their poo bags in any waste bin – the Hall, the small bin at the Shop – in hot weather this makes the bins very pungent. Cllr IC Stevens confirmed that the village & High Clear dog waste bins are being emptied regularly & PC Clerk confirmed the Swang Lane bin was being emptied. Cllr IC Stevens to check why the High Clear bin is not being reattached - is the mechanism damaged or has the hosting been knocked?

15. Slaley Parish Plan Annual Heritage Review.

Updated report attached as **appendix 2/140621, page 1543.** Clerk asked the Councillors if they wished the parish notice boards and seats to be included in the annual report – it was generally felt that they should be. Clerk also told them of new information which has come to light from 1861 about who Donald was and it was generally felt that this also should be included. Cllr Douglas meanwhile thought it would be good practice if the various parish boundary stones were revisited and photographed.

16. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

Indoor market proposal update – Wednesday July 28th 2. – 6.30 p.m.
Hall AGM held on May 19th – copy of the March 17th minutes attached as **appendix 3/140621, Page 1544.**

17. Audit arrangements

Internal Audit is with Margaret Weatherley.

18. AOB

Cllr J. Storey reported a second meeting of the Illegal Use of Motor vehicles in Slaley Forest Group to which he had not attended. (First meeting March 10th reported under agenda item 16a on March 15th minutes, next meeting was scheduled for April 14th which was cancelled due to technical problems but did go ahead with a small number of undisclosed 'partners' – PCs not invited). Rumors of BOAT TTROs were circulating but as yet unsubstantiated.

19. Date of July 2021 meeting: Monday July 12th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.