

**1. Public Participation. West Northumberland Schools Consultation.**

a) Headteacher, Mrs Debbie Brett, Teacher Mrs Rachel O'Neill and Vice-Chair of Governors, Catherine Lincoln attended and presented "The Role of Slaley First School and its response to the wider consultation on education". Janeen Smith of Healey Parish Council attended.

Mrs Brett explained the three options open for consultation and the effect this uncertainty was having on teachers, pupils, parents and communities. The plans were for Slaley to remain open in all three options and possibly become a primary in two options. Pupil numbers depended as always upon parental preference. Finance was discussed funds for extensions to First Schools if they become Primaries. Funds for a new school at Hexham. New Funding formula per pupil at every school and the funds gained by the LEA when schools no longer operate. Slaley First School is keeping parents informed and has tried to explain the impact of the proposed changes, however, the teachers are not favouring one option over another. Mrs Brett hopes that all the schools will work together as a unit and be joined up rather than some being Academies and some Trusts and some being three tiers and some being two tiers. Mrs Brett & Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Lincoln were thanked for their explanation and time and left at 8.20 p.m.

**2.Apologies.** Councillors D.M. Bell & D.J. Taylor

**Present:** Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors N. Green, A.M. Livesey, E I Milburn & Clerk P. Wilson.

**3.Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.**

Cllr RWH Hutchinson for agenda item 14 Slaley Community PV Project

Cllr AM Livesey for planning application **18/00701/FUL**:

**4.Minutes of February 12th Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1280 – 1283, appendix 1, page 1284, appendix 2, page 1285 and appendix 3, page 1286)**

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) 9v 12/2/18: Northumberland Local Plan Update and 'Call for Sites'. The Chairman felt that the PC was unable to make further comments as it personally had no land holdings to offer. Available sites would be up to individual land owners to put land forward. The Parish would have an opportunity to comment at the next stage of the plan process.

b) 10b 12/2/18: Reminder sent to Mrs T. Holland (PA to the Leader) for a reply to Cllr RWH Hutchinson correspondence. The initial email was acknowledged, by email, on 14.2.18 and again on 15/2/18 by Mrs T Holland.

c) 13a 12/2/18: Community Agreement copy sent to Northumbria Police – PC Lee Davison acknowledged the amendments with no issues or further amendments and trusted that all reports would be reported through 101

**6. Community Trust Report.**

Parish Council Representative on the CT, Cllr D.M. Bell to report. No Update.

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

Cllr A.M. Livesey had not received a reply from CC Colin Horncastle regarding tree pruning on the Wooley road. It was suggested that possibly Kris Westerby or Andy Olive from Highways might be able to help.

## 8. Correspondence.

### Hard copies

Glasdon community seating; Hags playground solutions. CPRE Winter, Marmax Products, Clerks & Councils Direct.

### Emails:

- a) 13/2/18: Streetworks TTRO Military Rod jcn to Matfen jcn.
- b) 13/2/18: Streetworks TTRO Errington to W. Bingfield.
- c) 15/2/18: Streetworks TTRO Dipton House to West fell Farm
- d) 19/2/18: RSN weekly digest
- e) 20/2/18: NALC Self-Assessment Capability Tool
- f) 20/2/18: Carrol Hessey – Consultation on Post 16 Transport Policy
- g) 20/2/18: NALC Enews Feb 20
- h) 22/2/18: Jan Chisholm – Getabout Project NCC working with Adapt
- i) 22/2/18: Streetworks TTRO Fore Street, Hexham.
- j) 26/2/18: CAN – West Northumberland school consultation
- k) 26/2/18: Claire Jackson request for a link to Healthwatch Northumberland to our website – forwarded request to Melanie Cant.
- l) 26/2/18: RSN weekly digest
- m) 27/2/18: NALC Enews Data Protection.
- n) 2/3/18: Lord Curry Lecture ‘The Impact of Brexit on Rural Northumberland’ at Newcastle 8/3/18.
- o) 3/3/18: NCC Chris McDonagh – Powerpoint slides from recent training.
- p) 5/3/18: RSN weekly digest
- q) 8/3/18: Woodland seminar rescheduled from 28/2/18 to 26/4/18.
- r) 12/3/18: RSN weekly digest
- s) 12/3/18: NCC Susan Taylor, Charity Concert for Macmillan Cancer.

## 9. Financial Report.

- a) Stephen Rickitt forwarded a four-page document on the new audit arrangements from PKF Littlejohn.
- b) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary February 2018.
- c) Cheques to be signed - waiting for details of Clerk’s March salary from TP Jones for end of year. 676 Slaley Commemoration Hall venue for meetings September 2017 – March 2018 = £120.00  
Proposed by Cllr. N. Green and seconded by Cllr E.I. Milburn.

## 10. Current Planning Applications.

**18/00701/FUL:** Construction of a single dwelling house lane east of Wood End, Wooley Grange, Slaley. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Livesey. Mrs Livesey left the room and took no part in this discussion.

### No objections

**18/00432/PRUTPO:** Tree Preservation Order application to prune 1no. pear tree to give 1m clearance to buildings, to thin remaining crown by up to 10% and to reduce overall weight and soil of tree. Applicant Mrs Pat Austick, Townhead Farm, Slaley.

**Pending**

**17/04260/FUL:** Alterations to existing cottage to provide additional ground floor living space (39.8sqm) and improve mobility access including off-road parking for registered disabled person. West Cornerfield. Applicant Mr. M. Farrer.

**Pending.**

### Decisions from Planning:

**18/00039/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) pursuant of planning permission

16/04594/FUL: Trygill Barn. Applicant R Fowler.

**According to web site Permitted 2/3/18**

**17/02917/FUL:** Proposed two storey rear extension. Old Farm, East Woodfoot. Applicant Mrs Beliz Sewart. *This refers to the listed consent below & discussed at the August meeting.*

**17/02567/LBC:** Listed building consent for a two storey rear extension, removal of one internal wall, adding French doors in existing opening. Old Farm, East Woodfoot. Applicant Mrs Beliz Sewart.

**According to web site Permitted 14/11/17**

B (i) **17/00984/ENDEVT:** Second storey gable end window on 17/01000/VARYCO – currently under investigation with the Enforcement Officer, Joseph Turner. Cllr Hutchinson received an email (14/2/18) from Mr. N. Morton objecting to this development. No reply to Cllr RWH Hutchinson’s letter to Cllr. P.

Jackson, the Head of Northumberland County Council. The NCC planning portal indicates that this application has been permitted and there does NOT appear to be a further application referencing the highway- verge alterations etc. Cllr RWH Hutchinson will write a second time.

B(ii) Clerk received a telephone call from builder working at West Cornerfield re 17/04260/FUL asking why the PC made comments about the parking. Clerk explained that keeping vehicles off the single track road was vital at this property. According to the builder the planning department have not approved the alternative parking spaces.

B (iii) Townfoot caravan park has been sold and the community shop has been alerted that there will be a change of use planning application from caravans to chalets.

### **11. Slaley Web Page Report from Cllr Livesey**

Everything is working fine.

### **12. Defibrillator Update**

Cllr N. Green reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected despite the below average temperatures and heavy snowfall of week commencing February 26th.

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

a) Visit by Richard Guthrie to look at BMX track – questions as per email of February 15<sup>th</sup>. School and Councillors confirmed the instructions were correct.

b) Quote from AJ Guthrie & Son (20/2/18) to do the work £1,811.00 + vat - circulated by email accepted by quorum of Councillors and school.

c) AJ Guthrie & Son advised to go ahead when the ground dried up (before the heavy snow arrived) possibly during the Easter holidays. There will be some topsoil from the work if anyone has a need to get in touch with the PC Clerk.

d) School reported (23/2/18) that a securing bolt from the climbing frame had become detached. Clerk asked if D Robson (weekly inspector) could refix. Email 27/2/18 said yes on Wednesday this was forwarded to School on 28/2/18. This is still to be refixed.

### **14. Slaley Community PV Project**

a) Requests for tenders submitted - two good responses received three companies declined to tender and the third interested tender was a simple one-line acknowledgement of intent. From the two good responses the Councillors TEC Ltd for no other reason than the price. Ewan Boyd will submit these on behalf of the PC.

b) Notification that a parish survey is needed – questionnaires either distributed with parish news or posted through doors – if the latter assistance will be needed.

c) Public meeting with refreshments – Parish Council to implement and charge from the bid.

d) Phase 2 – if successful, rules governing PC's effectively prevent it from borrowing money and a non PC community body would need to take it forward. The CT is already an established community body, however, a member of the PC who has knowledge of the bid should be encouraged to participate in the future of this project if phase 2 is achieved.

### **15. West Northumberland Schools Consultation.**

a) Headteacher, Debbie Brett, Teacher Mrs Rachel O'Neill and Chair of Governors, Marge Rastall attended see Public participation above.

b) 20/2/18: NCC Jacqui Pearson Consultation Document (31 pages) Potential Model A,,B & C. Pages 27-30 Response Form

c) 3/3/18: Charlotte Gaines Consultation on Proposals for Significant Changes at QEHS and HMS. (16 pages & 4 pages) Two questions

1. Should we change the age range of Hexham Middle School and QEHS to form an 11-18 Secondary school from September 2021?

2. If a decision is taken by the Council/Department for Education to close Haydon Bridge High School, should we expand to welcome those children from September 2019?

It was decided that the Parish Council did not need to take part in the consultation.

#### **16. Date protection**

a) 27/2/18: CAN NALC GDPR Regulations 2016 Briefing Note 2 for Parish Councils (3 pages) (further to email of December 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 (8 pages)

b) 27/2/18: CAN Legal Topic Note 40 – Local Councils’ Documents and Records ( 9 pages)

c) 28/2/18: NALC 63 page GDPR toolkit

d) 9/3/18: Local Council Public Advisory Service (LCPAS) Date Protection Pack 2

It was decided that Cllr A.M. Livesey would write a Policy for the PC

#### **17. Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee report of special meeting by Cllr D.J. Taylor.**

a) Report circulated by email and attached **as appendix 1/120318, Page 1291** Cllr A.M. Livesey offered her time with draft bids.

b) Email 5/3/18 to Slaley web site from Julie Humes wanting to discuss youth club provision. Cllr Livesey replied with PW’s contact details and eventually a meeting will take place.

#### **18. AOB**

a) David Allsop has asked if he can attend the April PC meeting and present the future plans for Slaley Community Shop – probably best if this is presented under Public Participation. This was acknowledged.

b) Stella Douglas informed the Clerk that Slaley Community Shop received a telephone call on February 12<sup>th</sup> to report that there would be no mobile Post office on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> due to illness. Clerk asked who had given the message because neither the PC Clerk or Cllr Bell at Parks Side had received any notification. Mrs Douglas replied that if the Shop receives a message like that again they will call the PC Clerk.

c) Cllr N. Green reported an all-night parking of a Skoda Octavia parked on the footpath near Oaklea and Ashlea. It was suggested that the Clerk contact the two properties and ask if they know about the vehicle.

#### **19. Date of April meeting: Monday April 9<sup>th</sup>.**

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