

Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday March 15th 2021 was administered by ZOOM video connection.

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies. Councillor A.M. Livesey **Taking part were:** Councillor D. J. Taylor as Chairman. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, I. C. Stevens, J. Storey, & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

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 5b

4. Minutes of February 8th 2021 meeting (circulated pages 1511 – 1514), appendix 1, page 1515, appendix 2, page 1516 & appendix 3, page 1517.

Also Minutes of Special Meeting held by ZOOM on Thursday February 18th (circulated pages 1518 – 1520.

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. J. Storey and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. All the Councillors present at the meeting agreed that the Clerk should sign the minutes.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 8/2/21; 5a 11/1/21; 5a & 14/12/20: Transfer of Community Trust funds. The CT had an article in the Slaley News, March issue, stating it was seeking to formalize membership and to recruit new people onto its Executive Committee. The CT Membership Application Form was to be returned to D, Allsop. The PC has a ZOOM video meeting with Stephen Rickitt Chief officer of NALC, at 7p.m. on Tuesday March 23rd.

What now do we want to discuss with him in light of the article in the Slaley News. It is also understood that three Directors have stood down from Slaley Community Shop. It was agreed that the ZOOM meeting should go ahead and that Mr. Rickitt should be sent a copy of the CT constitution and a copy of the minutes from February 18th. Cllr SC Douglas will summarize what is available on line. Cllr DJ Taylor to ask if Cllr Livesey will be able to chair the meeting.

b) 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. No Update

c) 17b 8/2/21: Slaley PC Clerk emailed (15/2/21) Slaley Hall General Manager (copied to AF of FOSS & KB/CC for young adults) asking about the area set-aside for Slaley School and if there was any area to make a designated cycle route. Cllr DJ Taylor reported that Aprirose are selling off the Qhotel group -including Slaley Hall – that might account for any lack of reply.

d) 18c 8/2/21: small dog-waste bin near Cautley Cottage. Cllr J. Storey was able to remove – currently at his home being refurbished. It will be delivered to the home of the Clerk.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

First AGM will take place on March 31st Copies of annual reports by the Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary are available if members of the PC would like to see them. Three young people have agreed to join the business meeting of the March meeting. New Facebook page for the group who are currently looking for a logo as a visual image that will represent their aims and objectives.

b) Reminder sent to AK at NCC about the price of a used recondition wheelie bin for Trygill entrance, A poor quality wheeled bin would be free, a good reused wheeled bin £22 (no Vat). If the PC install themselves £140 for mechanism + £28 Vat. If NCC install £240 + £48 Vat. After discussion Cllrs J Storey & I.C. Stevens thought they could install – saving £100 + Vat. It was also agreed that a good reused bin would probably look better. Finally, it was agreed that Slaley PC would cover the cost. £140 + 28 Vat + £22 for bin = £190. Cllr S Carson reported that the High Clear wheeled bin was not reattached to the locking post and Cllr IC Stevens said ditto the village wheeled bin. Clerk to mention this to AK.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Update Glen Crossroads - No update available

- b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. – No update available
- c) Cllr SC Douglas asked if NCC had a policy to clean up the litter from the parish verges.
- d) The Parish Litter Pick was discussed. Traditionally the last Sunday in April was not going to be convenient this year. Therefore, the first Sunday in May which was also the Bank Holiday weekend was thought to be best for 2021 – Saturday May 1st/Sunday May 2nd

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies: Clerk & Councils Direct March issue

Email

- a) 9/2/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 15/2/21: Northumbria Healthcare Stakeholder Update.
- c) 16/2/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- d) 17.2/21: NALC Enews
- e) 18/2/21: Streetworks TTRO Yarridge Road, Hexham
- f) 22/2/21: CAN coping with unemployment and redundancy - webinars
- g) 22/2/21: GNAA News
- h) 23/2/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- i) 23/2/21: West Northumberland VCS Online Network Meeting 2/3/21
- j) 23/2/21: West Northumberland VCS Online Network meeting 2/3/21
- k) 1/3/21: YDGLA Newsletter and Membership Renewal.
- l) 2/3/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- m) 3/3/21: RSN Funding Digest
- n) 5/3/21: CAN Enews.
- o) 8/3/21: Northumbria Healthcare Update.
- p) 9/3/21: NALC Member Update
- q) 9/3/21: RSN Rural bulletin
- r) 10/3/21: Rape Crisis Commercial Manager needed.
- s) 11/3/21: NALC Member update
- t) 12/3/21: NCC Elections Office Safety Marshall needed
- u) 12/3/21: NALC Enews
- v) 12/3/21: Information on transparency of Councillors on a web site. Clarified by Stephen Rickitt – All Councillors present at meeting on 15/3/21 wished to have name, mobile and email only. Cllr SC Douglas drew the meeting's attention to the guidelines for intimidation or verbal abuse. Cllr SC Douglas reminded the meeting that any threats to individual Councillors must be logged with the PC Clerk. Agendas & letterheads full Chairman details? (Samples of Blanchland & Hexhamshire explained) – the Chairman will comment when convenient.

9. Financial Report.

- a) TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary February 2021
- b) Invoices received & paid since February meeting - None
- c) Invoices to be paid - end of financial year invoices will be coming in in the next 16 days these will be circulated by email and then paid on line.
- d) Correspondence from GMS – JA's retirement alternative arrangements for Slaley. The PC accepted the proposals put forward by GMS.
- e) Bank statement at 8/2/21 £14,367.12 this figure included the restricted funds for fruit trees.

10. New Planning Applications.

21/00729/FUL Demolition of garage and construction of a two storey side extension. Police House, Slaley
No objection to the planning application however adequate vehicle off-road parking should be maintained as roadside parking immediately opposite Slaley Commemoration Hall would be a real problem.

21/00115/FUL: Erection of conservatory to the rear. Park View, Slaley. NE47 0BQ. Application Mr. C. Oakley.

Pending

Decisions from planning

20/03995/VARYCO: Variation of condition 2 pursuant to planning permission 20/00227/FUL in order to substitute new plans and elevations Peel Flatt, Slaley. NE47 0DL. Mr & Mrs Saunders. **Granted**

20/03374/FUL: Detached garage at The Granary, Townfoot, Slaley. Applicant Mr & Mrs T. Matthews. **Granted**

20/01925/FUL: Conversion of two small barns on the grounds of Quarry House to 1 No ancillary store and 1 No annexe. Quarry House, Slaley, Simon & Vicky Young. **Granted.**

11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey/ Cllr IC Stevens & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas.

Cllr IC Stevens has thus far been unable to connect to the PC Facebook. Cllr SC Douglas reported 80 visits to the web during February and there will be a direct link to the Action from April 1st there are already a sample of auction-lots to view.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/150321, page 1524.

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 completed by Cllr Storey and the Clerk emailed. Cllr J. Storey checked the pads and the date is February 2022. Cllr J Storey asked about the cabinet upgrade. Clerk to ask NEAS.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

February inspection sheets received one week missing due to snow – forwarded to School with a copy to Cllr I.C Stevens.

14. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

April Fool's Auction begins on-line April 1st – please look and make a bid – circulate the information widely. Press releases are in readiness and we have an insert into the April Slaley News. In 2019, Slaley PC funded an on-line booking programme, because of lockdown this has not been used and therefore the license has not been renewed, instead the Hall Booking Clerk/Treasurer is trying a FREE google on-line booking diary. The Hall can reopen on May 17th with restrictions and June 21st normally. Cllr J Storey offered the Hall six unused Coffee Mugs.

15. Parish Council Elections May 6th.

2/3/21: Parish Nomination Pack (26 pages)

2/3/21: Parish Nomination Papers – despite three days of telephone calls and three emails I have not been able to get a copy of the Slaley or Healey electoral register which is needed to complete your nomination.

4/3/21: Parish Nomination Briefing (16 pages of the presentation to PC clerks)

Pages to be printed are 5, 7, 9 (+ 10, 11 & 12 Legislation) and 20. Polling District is H83SLA. Elector numbers were provided. Proposer and seconder must reside in parish. The name and address of witness at the bottom of page 7 should be the same witness on the bottom of page 9. A Nil advertising return must be submitted (page 20). Completed forms should be taken to Queens Hall Hexham 29/30/31 March or 1/6/7/April after booking an appointment on line at Elections webpage (covering email 2/3/21 Parish Nomination Papers has [the blue click button](#))

16. AOB

a) Cllr J Storey representing Slaley PC at an on-line meeting on March 10th to discuss Illegal use of Motor vehicles in Slaley Forest. Report from Cllr J. Storey and the Hexhamshire PC representative attached as **appendix 2/150321, page 1525.** The next meeting of the group is April 14th

b) Mobile Post Office battery dead - no service March 5th

17. Date of April 2021 meeting: Monday April 12th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.04 hours