

## **Minutes of Healey Parish Council March 7th 2018 in Slaley Commemoration Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

1. **Public Participation.** The two County Councillors discussed newspaper report inaccuracies and headline sensationalism on the current West Northumberland Education Consultation. Governance and past problems at HBHS, Bright Tribe being appointed to run local schools, the time-lines of consultations and funding shortfalls.

**2. Apologies** Councillor Philip Cain. Public: Jeroen Hoogland.

**Present:** Councillor Tom Warde-Aldam in the Chair, Councillors Michael L. Cartlidge, Janeen Smith, Christine Johnston & Acting Clerk Pat Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle. Public: Mrs Avril Trapp & Mrs Anne Dale.

### **2. Declaration of Interest and Hospitality record.**

None

**4. Minutes** of November 30th 2017 meeting (circulated pages 438-440; appendix 1 page 441). Interim Report 67, 30/11/17-8/1/18 (circulated pages 442-443), Interim Report No 68, 9/1/18 - 12/2/18 (circulated pages 444-445)

Approved by Cllr. Janeen Smith and seconded by Cllr. Christine Johnston. The minutes were signed and dated.

### **5. Matters Arising:**

None.

### **6. Correspondence**

#### **Hard copies**

Glasdon community seating; Hags playground solutions. Clerk & 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) 6/3/18: NALC Enews – includes New External Audit arrangements.

### **7. Planning Applications**

No new planning applications

**Decisions by planning authority.**

**17/01914/FUL:** Conversion of former cattle building into a residential dwelling. Pit House Fell. Applicant Mrs Liesa Stephenson. **Appeal dismissed.**

**17/01103/FUL:** Construction of a timber agricultural building on land north-west of School House, Starvall, Kiln Pit Hill, Consett. Applicant Phillip Michael Worsley. **Refused 22/12/17. Clerk to contact Joe Turner, Enforcement Officer and ask what action is currently being taken.**

**8. 2v Int 68: Northumberland Local Plan Update and ‘Call for Sites’.** NCC is inviting landowners, developers, agents, local residents and other interested parties to submit potential development sites for consideration by March 12<sup>th</sup>. The sites as identified in March 2015 were looked at there were no new sites identified.

## **9. Financial Report.**

a) Stephen Rickitt forwarded a four-page document on the new audit arrangements from PKF Littlejohn.

b) Cheques to be signed

174: HMRC Tax for Clerk’s salary £70.20

175: Clerks salary October – March £229.80

175: Clerks annual expenditure as per schedule £119.31

176: Slaley Commemoration Hall - Meeting venue (£28) & grant (£32) £60.00

Cheques proposed by Cllr. M. Cartlidge and seconded by Cllr. C Johnston.

c) Year end balance sheet provided – one payment to payroll still to be paid. **Attached as appendix 1/070318, page 449.**

d) Thank-you letters received from Slaley School and GNAA.

## **10. Broadband Update**

Cllr C. Johnston was connected to Broadband in December, the installation with DANECO is working well from a sight line at Apperley Dene.

Paul Smith of DANCO has reported that Hexhamshire has gone live and that a line of sight to Healey Barn, Healey Hall and other interested properties at the hamlet from Forest Mount is work in progress.

CC Anne Dale explained her agreement with Paul Smith for the Stocksfield and Broomley project, funded through iNorthumberland and that Red Hemmels is part of that area and sight line from High Dipton House means connection is imminent.

Properties on Minsteracres already with DANCO was on a private contract.

The meeting at Slaley with BT did not provide any answers because it was stated that Healey parish was being funded through another provider.

Physical difficulties of BT getting to ‘out of the way’ properties, is proving cost prohibitive, small firms like DANCO do get funding from Government grants to cover these difficult sites, however it is a ‘big undertaking’ for small firms to deliver.

## **11. West Northumberland Schools Consultation.**

a) Headteacher, Debbie Brett, Teacher Mrs Rachel O’Neill and Chair of Governors, Marge Rastall are attending the March Slaley parish council meeting to present “The Role of Slaley First School and its response to the wider consultation on education”. It was suggested that Healey Parish Council should also be invited to the School presentation part of the March meeting. Cllr Janeen Smith will attend from Healey PC. The combined PCs response will hopefully be agreed on Monday 12<sup>th</sup>.

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?

d) Unfortunately, due to the complexity of the discussions between the two County Councillors the Parish Councillors were unable to make any decisions towards a response to the two documents.

### **12. Domesday Project & Local History Club Report.**

The Slaley, Healey & Minsteracres history group talk for March is Maureen Brook and her subject is Herring girls and Hiring fairs of Northumberland. Cllr T. Warde-Aldam asked how the history group would be contacted after the GDPR regulations came into force on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **13. Barley Hill Endowment Fund**

The application details have been placed on the web page and parishioners were reminded of the fund when the agenda for March 7<sup>th</sup> was circulated.

### **14. 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) Clerk sent invitation to Healey parishioners and asked that they email back if they did not wish her to retain their email address and contact them in this way. Cllr T. Warde-Aldam reported that this system was not sufficient the Clerk physically needed to retain communication from them SAYING THEY DID WANT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION. Paper confirmation copies need to be replaced each year.

### **15. A.O.B.**

a) Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance AGM 28/4/18 + newsletter No 25

b) GLEAM -The Peak District National Park Authority is consulting on putting a TRO on as vulnerable green lane in the Manifold Valley.

c) 20 / INT 67: Signs in Slaley Forest. Slaley PC requested Northumbria Police for a police presence especially during holiday periods. Email reply from PC L. Davison it is the intention of NP to work with the FC to provide a presence regarding education and enforcement in the area. Two motor bikers have been issued with car seizure warning notices for driving “off-piste” in the area. PC Davison asked that the public be encouraged to report illegal vehicle activity via 101. Parish Clerk reported lots of illegal activity during the deep snow of Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> motorcycles taking no notice of routes with signs saying no motorized vehicles.

### **16. Date of 2018 Meetings**

Suggested dates are

AGM & Public meeting May – Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – early BHCF meeting with Sue Legg. PW hot drink  
CJ food

Autumn meeting September - Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>

Precept meeting December - Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 9 p.m.**