

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council
Monday March 9th 2020 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies. Councillor A.M. Livesey. County Councillor Colin Horncastle.

Present: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of February 10th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1426 – 1429). Appendix 1, page 1430, appendix 2, page 1431, appendix 3, page 1432 & appendix 4, page 1433. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. Carson and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. The minutes were then signed and dated.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 5a 10/2/20; 5a 13/1/20; 5b 9/12/19; 7g 11/11/19: Neighbourhood Planning – Reminder Jenny Ludman been invited to speak at Slaley PC on Monday April 6th about a NP.
- b) 5b 10/2/20; 5b 13/1/20; 5c 9/12/19; 14b 11/11/19: Footpath parking an email was sent to the owner of Clairemont asking if alternative arrangements for the Milburn coach could be made. Telephone call to Clerk from driver of coach asking why a complaint had been made. Clerk explained that parking opposite Slaley Community Shop during daylight hours was not acceptable. Larger vehicles stopping at the Shop and his mini van parked opposite was causing problems for other village traffic. PC Clerk suggested paying for parking in R&C or TR car park if none available at Claremont. The Councillors reported a day-time improvement.
- c) 8u 10/2/20: Litter on Kellas road between Slaley Hall entrance and the A68 – letter sent to General Manager. Reply Sundays are busiest day at resort so would pass on joining the Litter Pick. Offer of setting up a community event. Because the verge opposite Slaley Hall resort entrance is a protected verge Cllr R.W.H. Hutchinson suggested that the County Council may be inclined to collect some of the litter.
- d) 16b 10/2/20: Offer by Northumbria Water in November 2018 to make a donation to an appropriate charity in compensation of the 2018 water disruptions. Clerk has written to Tony Erskine, Regional Manager Customer Field Services to ask if the offer is still on the table. Reply offering a £500 grant. Cllr R.W.H. Hutchinson volunteered to contact Mr. Erskine to question such a poor response to 2018 disruption. Cllrs S.Carson & J. Storey both commented that the water pressure had dropped since storm Ciara's disruption of the water supply.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

- a) Report of discussions at meeting on Sunday February 16th when it was agreed to invite members of Hexhamshire & Blanchland parish to future discussions – Cllrs G. Finch & G. Whatmough replied and said it would be reported to Hexhamshire PC. Likewise Michael Kennedy for Blanchland. Copy of notes taken on **16/2/20 attached as appendix 1/090320, page ??**
- b) A request was made for 2 x dog waste wheelie bins in Slaley Forest. 1 at Trygill entrance on B6306 and the other opposite Ladycross entrance. Richard Gilchrist, Forestry England Manager, for our area replied – concerns that any bin would attract further fly tipping – trail period only. Question asking of NCC recycling officer for second hand wheelie bins and emptying schedule. Adam Keen, asked for clarification of site 4/3/20 – this has been confirmed.
- c) Members of the community asking to be removed and others showing interest in joining the group – Debbie Brett's daughter home for next meeting + friends of current members. Hexhamshire parishioners have already indicated an interest in joining and Blanchland PC Chairman thinks there will be interest from Blanchland so a slightly different name will evolve.

- d) A draft Constitution has been circulated for discussion at the next meeting on March 22nd. Each person at the initial meeting had an action to follow through so there should be green issues emerging very soon.
- d) Professor David Manning, Newcastle University, has agreed to come out to Slaley during May and explain his carbon capture soil science. Date to be confirmed. Healey Councillors felt that a separate meeting would be better supported by the public than an Annual Parish Meeting – Healey PC offered to pay 50% of the Hall hire. Slaley Councillors volunteered to fund the remaining 50% if not a PC evening. Three possible dates were identified. Monday May 11th at the Annual Parish Meeting. Tuesday May 19th at 7 p.m. or Thursday May 21st at 7 p.m. Obviously this would depend upon the spread of Coronavirus.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Deep Pothole appeared on the B6306 after snow and ice of mid-February this was reported to highways by Clerk and filled Friday 28/2/20.
- b) Flood water at Glen crossroads provided by Cllr J Storey to Cllr S Carson 17/2/20
- c) Flood water outside Model House barn provided 24/2/20 by Mark Osborne and forwarded to Highways.
- d) Accident at Glen crossroads see 8i below
- e) Request for debris to be removed from Glen crossroads 25/2/20. Glen Harrison told Cllr S. Carson that the days of local men who knew the drainage system are gone. Today men are sent out to clean drains who do not know the area and how the drain systems are fed.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

Clerks & Councils Direct March 2020

Emails:

- a) 10/2/20: Deidre Dodd, Chrysalis Club – Volunteer & Trustee opportunity
- b) 11/2/20: ESN rural bulletin
- c) 14/2/20: NALC Member Update
- d) 14/2/20: NALC Enews
- e) 18/2/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- f) 25/2/20: RSN rural bulletin
- g) 25/2/20: NALC Member update
- h) 25/2/20: NALC Enews
- i) Accident at Glen Crossroads 25/2/20 at 8.20 a.m. reported by me to both PCs. Update from Slaley PC J. Storey at 12.18, with a follow up from Mr. S. Murrell at 21.13 – slightly conflicting reports. + near miss 2/3/20 when Cllr A.M. Livesey travelling north/south and a car cutting across west to east, reported directly to highways who asked for the crossroads to be looked into. (**NOTE Cllr J Storey checked this report and the car was travelling from Healey to the forest = east – west**). PC Clerk copied two years of LTP programme requests for the crossroads to be made more-safe as additional information. Neil Snowdon has asked for a site meeting. Cllr P.J. Cain volunteered to attend and it was suggested that Alistair Smith could also give positive information at such a meeting representing a parent of young children delivering to and from school and farm vehicles using the crossroads. **Neil Snowdon is the Principal Programme officer for Highways Programmes in Technical Services at County Hall is offering two dates to meet and discuss road safety at the crossroads.**
- j) 28/2/20: Streetworks TTRO Loughbrow Park, Hexham.
- k) 2/3/20: West Northumberland VCS Network meeting Hexham 19/3/20.
- l) 2/3/20: Streetworks TTRO Northumberland Half Marathon
- m) 3/3/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- n) 3/3/20: Nichola Turnbull, Tynedale Area meeting at Hexham House 10/3/20.
- o) 3/3/20: Kate Read more overnight closures on the A69 – weather dependent.
- p) 4/3/20: RSN Funding Bulletin.
- q) 4/3/20: NALC Member Update Coronavirus
- r) 5/3/20: NALC Member Update March 5th
- s) 5/3/20: NALC Enews

t) 9/3/20: Comic Relief Community grants – forwarded to Cllr DJ Taylor & S. Vaughan.

9. Financial Report.

a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary February 2020

b Cheques to be signed –

764: WiFi at Hall Jan/March + £35.88 per month £107.64}

764: Meeting venue October 2019 – March 2020 £104.00} = total cheque £311.64

764: Hire of Hall Emergency First Aid Training Booked for March 26th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. £100.00}

c) Bank statement as at 24/2/20 £15,099.05

The end of year invoices will be paid at the April meeting.

10. New Planning Applications.

20/00227/FUL: Construction of two storey side extension. Peel Flatt House, Slaley NE47 0DL. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Saunders. **Pending**

20/00172/VARYCO: Variation of condition 2 (Approved plans) in relation to approved planning application 18/03302/FUL: - change of roofing material to standing seam, change of fenestration to be reverted back to original permission. Heatherden House, Slaley, NE47 0BY. Applicant Mr. Chris Down. **Pending**

19/04827/FUL: Proposal to increase the floor area by installing a second -floor structure. The Glass House, 3, Wooley Grange. Applicant Andy Sinclair. **Pending.**

Decisions from Planning: None

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

a) Cllr A.M. Livesey asked if an Apple ID had been requested for the Slaley account

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 2/090320 page 14??

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 to first responder.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Weekly inspection sheets 3/1/20; 6/1/20; 17/1/20; 27/1/20 & 31/1/20 received and forwarded on to school highlighting three areas of repair needed – hole on Muga Goal, net damage on Basket ball Goal and rung pad on climbing frame.

b) School inspection highlighted certain repairs needed on sport and play equipment and gave a quote for these repairs. Clerk gave the School Clerk instructions to authorize this work and the PC would cover the cost. New invoice received totaling £305.22

14. Annual Litter Pick

The last Sunday of April, April 26th the Bowls Club are serving afternoon teas therefore it was agreed to try Sunday April 19th between 10 a.m. – 12 noon. A leaflet of Alien Species will be given to each collector and asked to report any findings back with their pickers and filled bags. Clerk to check with Hall that leaving the filled bags at Commemoration Hall for collection is OK.

15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update from Cllr D.J. Taylor

Report from Cllr D.J. Taylor – WiFi renewal. Phase one of renovation project -toilets into Committee Room old toilet area made level with main Hall – works begin April 6th and should be completed by June 13th, Phase Two we need £80,000 already got £15,000. Plans for extra fundraising, GRANT APPLICATIONS with Community Chest, James Knott Trust and other small pockets of funding. A Heritage Lottery grant to have the central lantern repaired and the portraits renovated is under consideration. A restorer based in Newcastle is coming to look at the portraits. Three trustees went around local village halls, Riding Mill,

Snods Edge, Newton & Bywell to see how other village halls decorated the various rooms. The Hall Treasurer since 1993 had resigned, the vacant position was recorded in the January minutes and the committee is hopeful that a new treasurer can be appointed at the AGM or earlier. Cllr S. Carson asked if there would be a children's play area when the renovations were completed. Cllr D J Taylor said 'No' the cost of maintaining a play area was prohibitive at the Hall. The Hall committee is still hopeful that additional land can be purchased to the north of the present boundary to enlarge the parking facilities. This would be a costly operation with the moving of the present stone boundary wall and the preparation of grass into tarmacked parking.

16. AOB

- a) Several parishioners received correspondence by royal mail Saturday 15/2/20, offering a Free private online network called Nextdoor Slaley. Clerk emailed members of the Council. Cllr A.M. Livesey joined. Members of the Climate Change Group were very concerned with this and asked Cllr S.C. Douglas if something could be placed in Slaley News to say it was not organized through the PC, the Commemoration Hall or the Community Shop – this was undertaken in the March issue on page 10.
- b) Reminder - Emergency First Aid Training Booked for March 26th 9a.m. – 4 p.m. PC paid for Hall (see agenda 9b above)
- c) Cllr S. Carson said that the dog waste wheelie bins at High Clear lane and near Cautley Cottage have become detached from their steel brackets + he did not think they were being emptied. Check and photographs taken to be emailed to relevant officer at NCC.
- d) Flooding at Barley Hill lodge road end must be caused by blocked drains.
- e) Slaley parish may have parishioners who do not have immediate family to look after them if they contract the Coronavirus. It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer to deliver medication or groceries while they were incapacitated. Cllr Douglas to mention through the notes section of the Hexham Courant with the Clerk's contact details as the first port of call. Payment of any deliveries would be deferred until the virus was over.

17. Date of April 2020 meeting: Monday April 6th. (one week early due to Easter holidays)

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

Reminder: Slaley PC hosting Afternoon Teas May 31st