

**Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday
May 11th 2020 at 7.30 p.m. was administered by
ZOOM video connection.**

1. Public Participation. None requested to take part.

2. Apologies. Taking part were: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson as Chairman. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, A.M. Livesey, J. Storey (up to agenda item 9), D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. Cllrs J. Storey & D.J. Taylor for agenda item 7d.

4. Minutes of April 6th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1440 – 1443). Appendix 1, page 1444, appendix 2, page 1445 & appendix 3, page 1446. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. A.M. Livesey and seconded by Cllr. J. Storey. All the Councillors present at the meeting agreed that the Clerk should sign the minutes.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5b 6/4/20; 5b 9/3/20; 5b 10/2/20; 5b 13/1/20; 5c 9/12/19; 14b 11/11/19: Footpath parking by the Milburn coach has disappeared.

b) 8i 6/4/20: Came & Co Insurance questionnaire complete by clerk and returned.

c) 8q 6/4/20: Slaley School field - New closure notice placed on school gates after the Easter holidays - wording was agreed by Mrs Brett the headteacher. Cllr Carson was still concerned that the large white signs on the school building indicated that the grounds were open to the public outside of school hours and wondered if they could be covered over in some way.

d) 7a 6/4/20; 8i 9/3/200; Glen crossroads 'road safety' meeting with Neil Snowdon did not take place because of Coronavirus social distancing. Healey Councillors felt that this meeting should happen as soon as possible. After discussion to was agreed to try and arrange a meeting for June 2020.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Further meetings have been cancelled until restrictions are lifted due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Water running down the C275 (Riding Mill road) and pooling on the road side over the Black Burn. Reported 17/4/20 and acknowledged by Highways.

b) Water running from the new water tank opposite the Hollies House, C275 new underground outlet pipe did not follow the prior overflow line consequently the old line was filled in during a pot hole repair causing water to run down the road. Reported to Highways 28/4/20.

c) Wooley road resident emailed 21/4/20 about lights and people at the rear of their home at 11.45 p.m. Police notified and came out - thought probably looking to thief from outhouses. Cllr A.M. Livesey also spoken with Neighbourhood Policeman PC Lee Davison and requested a squad car driving a couple of loops each evening. Cllr A.M. Livesey reported 2 x 4-wheel drive vehicles lamping in the fields.

d) Cllr J. Storey reported (22/4/20) the blocked off BOAT from Espersfield road (C268) to Slaley Hall south entrance. Cllr D.J. Taylor replied via email (23/4/20) that the temporary blockage was to protect the hotel, green-keeping machinery, empty holiday lodges, golf shop, adventure business equipment and local residents from thieves using the dirt track onto the estate. As there is only essential travel allowed at the moment there is no reason for motorists to use this track. Cllr D.J. Taylor emailed (29/4/20) to report that a formal complaint had been made to NCC. The hotel manager and several residents had responded to NCC. After a lengthy discussion it was acknowledged that Slaley Hall Estate should have made an application to the authority to have the route temporarily blocked off.

e) Top dressing of the B6306 Wooley junction U8089 to Linnels Bank. Cllr S. Carson questioned the £100,000 expenditure of this and thought that from the U8089 south to Slaley village Townhead had many

more pot hole repairs and would benefit from a top dressing. He had hoped that CC C. Horncastle would have been able to give the reason for the designated route.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

Clerks & Councils Direct May issue

Emails:

- aa) NALC coronavirus updates throughout the month
- a) 7/4/20: RSN Rural bulletin
- b) 7/4/20: NCC Paul Jones Local Services Update response to Covid 19.
- c) 8/4/20: NALC Enews
- d) 8/4/20: Northumbria Healthcare stakeholder update
- e) 9/4/20: NALC extends deadline on dementia research
- f) 9/4/20: NALC Member Update 9/4/20
- g) 15/4/20: NALC Member Update 15/4/20.
- g(2) 15/4/20 RSN Rural Bulletin
- h) 16/4/20: Streetworks TTRO Slaley to Linnels Bank
- i) 17/4/20: CAN Covid-19 and rural economies
- j) 21/4/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- k) 21/4/20: Streetworks TTRO Dilston to Corbridge.
- l) 22/4/20: NCC Greg Gavin - Summer grounds maintenance programme.
- m) 22/4/20: North East VCSE Sector COVID-19 Impact survey
- n) 22/4/20: NALC Enews
- o) 27/4/20: NCC David Laux/Greg Gavin – Neighbourhood Services Structure Update.
- p) 28/4/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- q) 28/4/20: Healthwatch Northumberland – latest information
- r) 29/4/20: Streetworks TTRO Dipton House to West Fell Farm junction Corbridge
- s) 29/4/20: NCC Carol Hessey - Household Waste Recovery Centres reopen 4/5/20.
- t) 29/4/20: NALC Member update AGAR
- u) 29/4/20: NALC Enews
- v) 1/5/20: CAN – Employment Hub clients digitally included
- w) 4/5/20: Streetworks, TTRO Greymare Hill to Whittonstall. Surface dressing.
- x) 4/5/20: Streetworks TTRO Clap Shaw. Blanchland 800 metre water pipe
- y) 4/5/20: Streetworks TTRO Allensford to Wallish Walls resurfacing.
- z) 4/5/20: Adapt NE West Northumberland Covid-19 £20,00 Hardship Fund + Referral form.
- ab) 6/5/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- ac) 6/5/20: NALC Enews
- ad) 7/5/20: CAN rural coalition calls for support to rural areas
- ae) 7/5/20: ESN monthly bulletin

9. Financial Report.

a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary April 2020 & Employees P60

b Invoices received/ to be paid:

Cheque No 771: Came & Company PC insurance £536.90

Cheque No 772: NALC annual subs £170.01

The cheques to be signed by Cllr SC Douglas and D.J. Taylor

Melanie Cant website support 6 months @ £50 per month £300 – After discussion it was agreed that the three month trial with Cllr S.C. Douglas and Cllr D.T. Taylor had shown they were able to cover upgrading the website. Therefore, the retainer of £50 per month with Elm Marketing to be discontinued. Check about hosting and domain name.

- c) Lloyds On-line banking: Authentication card arrived & separately the card reader, however the pin number as not arrived. Tel Lloyds and ordered a second Pin. Second pin did not work with original card so both reordered. Unable to make payments until all received.
- d) Email correspondence (30/4/20) from PKF Littlejohn re external audit (AGAR). + 2020 Asset & Investment Register – no changes from 2019. + Risk Assessment 2020/21
- e) Completed AGAR forwarded to Councillors by email
- f) agree that section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 is signed - page 4 of AGAR. This was agreed.
- g) agreed that section 2 Accounting Statement 2019/20 is signed - page 5 of AGAR. This was agreed.
- h) Chairman will need to sign pages 4 & 5 (either on line or by hand) once agreed. This was agreed.
- i) Bank Statement balance at 22/4/2020: £18,956.36

10. New Planning Applications.

18/01524/LISTED: Alleged breach Solar Panels have been installed to the South face of the converted garage roof of the building Church View, Slaley Applicant Mr. S. Best. 6-week appeal 23/3/20

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

*Concerns over planning applications 20071342 & 20090082 Detached granny annexe in association with main dwelling. Pinetops, Slaley village. This single storey granny annexe has been built internally as a two storey annexe with roof windows. NCC Enforcement officer has replied that as the windows have been in place since 2014 they are immune from any enforcement action.

Decisions from Planning:

20/00835/DISCON: Discharge of condition 5 (construction method statement) on approved planning application 19/00776/FUL Glen Cottage, Lead Road, Slaley **Permitted**

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

Cllr Hutchinson recommended looking at the Stocksfield web site and the buying and selling section which appeared to generate a lot of traffic/interest in visiting the site. The Councillors were asked who, apart from Cllrs SC Douglas and DJ Taylor, had visited www.slaley.org.uk recently? There had not been any visits.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/110520 page 1451

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 neas.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

- a) Playdale installing replacement equipment May 5th.
- b) Inspections sheets for March received and forwarded to School
- c) Replacement notice agreed with headteacher and placed on both gates. Head also had the article on the front page of the May Slaley News, where she reminded people not to use the school grounds as stated on the public notice attached to the school gates.

14. Annual Public Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting

Cancelled due to Coronavirus will be held at a later date.

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

Cllr D.J. Taylor renewed the BT connection with better speeds and a reduction to £22 + Vat per month. Grants received, Grants promised and Gift Aid claimed was explained. Cllr Hutchinson recommended the committee consider the Bounce Back from Corvid-19, 5-year loans currently available through banks. First year is interest free then the remaining 4-years is 2.5% interest.

16. AOB

- a) Tel call from a Holly Hill resident who informed the Clerk that Northumbria Police had fined three motorcyclists £300 each for driving without insurance and £60 each breaking the social distancing laws.
- b) Tel call 22/4/20 from a concerned village resident who found a bag of dog dirt inside her freshly emptied recycle bin.
- c) Black cat arrived at a house in Wooley (sociable must be a lost pet) details circulated by email 4/5/20 & on web site.
- d) Cllr S. Carson reported a private verge sign outside High Clear house asking people to clean up after their dog. The dog bin is only metres away from the sign. It was suggested a reminder in Slaley News.
- e) Community Speedwatch is not taking place due to the Coronavirus social distancing restrictions.

18. Date of June 2020 meeting: Monday June 8th.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.52