

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Monday 13th May 2019  
following the Annual Parish Council Meeting in Slaley Commemoration Hall

**1. Public Participation.** None.

**2.Apologies:** None. *Present:* Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, A. M. Livesey, J. Storey & D. J. Taylor. Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. Public: None.

**3.Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.** None

**4. Minutes of April 8th 2019 meeting (pages 1367 – 1370, appendix 1 page 1371, appendix 2 page 1372 and appendix 3, page 1373).** The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr A. M. Livesey and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. The minutes were then signed and dated.

**5.Matters Arising.**

a) 17 8/4/19: Parish Litter Pick 28/4/19 9/30 a.m. 8-people signed the Litter Pick Risk Assessment and took advantage of Hi-vi tabards, litter sacks, gloves & litter pickers - Litter collected from Commemoration Hall by County Council on Tuesday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Because no members of the public reported the collection of an interesting object it was decided not to award a prize to a member of the Parish Council. Cllr J Storey had a photograph of the broken Slaley Hall sign as reported agenda item 7d 11/3/19 minutes.

**6. Community Trust Update.**

Brought forward from Annual Parish Meeting: It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Community Trust requesting that the invoice for the printing of the Slaley News be invoiced to the Parish Council if the Parish Council is to continue paying.

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

- a) 7d 8/4/19: Railings broken at Dipton Cut (parish boundary) - reported to NCC Highways – no action taken. Cllr S. Carson's report of the parish's highways included 3 reflectors lying flat at Dipton Cut – all Councilors to make reports about highway problems to Cllr S Carson.
- b) 7e 8/4/19: White lines to be replaced on The Linnels Bridge approach road immediately leaving the B6306 (Blanchland) & B6307 (Corbridge) roads - reported to NCC highways – no action taken.
- c) Cllr SC Douglas reported fly tipping (which included Mussel shells) on the B6306 south of Trygill, the area was on private Slaley Hall land. Cllr SC Douglas to forward the photographs to the Estate Maintenance Manager.
- d) Brought forward from Annual Parish Meeting: Cllr S. Carson asked about insurance for information boards placed throughout the parish, advertising Commemoration Hall events (afternoon teas/ film club etc). Cllr S Douglas said that Slaley Show insurance covered their information boards outside the showfield. Cllr. D.J. Taylor to check with Commemoration Hall insurance cover.

**8.Correspondence.**

**Hard copies.**

Hags advertising brochure; Clerks & Councils Direct May, CPRE May 2019.

**Emails:**

- a) 9/4/19: RSN Rural Bulletin.
- b) 9/4/19: Forestry commission – imported oak and sweet chestnut information
- c) 9/4/19: NCC Iain Hedley Community Chest Scheme
- d) 9/4/19: NALC Local Councillor Census – (see reminder 8ac 9/5/19)
- e) 9/4/19: Streetworks TTRO Northumberland County Show
- f) 10/4/19: NALC Enews
- g) 10/4/19: NALC Audit April
- h) 11/4/19: Streetworks TTRO Barley Lodge to Barley Hill Jcn

- i) 16/4/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- j) 16/4/19: NALC Data Protection Fees
- k) 16/4/19: Streetworks TTRO Cow Lane Corbridge
- l) 16/4/19: Streetworks TTRO Dukesfield to Ridley Halls
- m) 17/4/19: NALC Enews
- n) 17/4/19: Streetworks TTRO Aydon Road, Corbridge
- o) 24/4/19: NALC Enews
- p) 24/4/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- q) 27/4/19: Jane Hunt Northumberland Day newsletter
- r) 30/4/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- s) 30/4/19: NALC Legal Update
- t) 30/4/19: NALC Enews
- u) 1/5/19: CAN newsletter – surgery day for village halls funding – RD attending.
- v) 2/5/19: RSN monthly funding bulletin
- w) 3/5/19: Rachel Gagliano, consultation draft housing strategy for Northumberland. Cllr Livesey commented directly.
- x) 8/5/19: RSN rural bulletin
- y) 8/5/19: NALC VE Day – 8 May 2019 HMRC scam emails & telephone calls.
- z) 8/5/19: NALC Northumberland Park draft Local Plan
- aa) 9/5/19: Northumberland Healthcare Stakeholder Update.
- ab) 9/5/19: NALC Events – new Mayor, Jamie Driscoll, guest speaker at AGM 28/9/19
- ac) 9/5/19: NALC Local Councillor Census reminder – Five of the six Councillors had completed.
- ad) 9/5/19: Nichola Turnbull Tynedale Local Area meeting 14/5/19, Hexham House.

## 9. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary April 2019
- b Cheques to be signed –  
Cheque No 730: NALC annual subscription £164.40  
No 731: Melanie Cant website support May – October £300.00  
No 732: Came and Company Insurance £468.17 – as per emailed schedule of 5/4/19  
No 733: Northumberland County Council - Table Tennis corners £22.20.  
Cheques proposed by Cllr J. Storey and seconded by Cllr S. Carson. The cheques were then signed
- c) Lloyds bank statement balance at 26/4/19: £16,966.02
- d) External Audit arrangements form PKF Littlejohn
- e) Internal audit by Peter Gill.
- f) Income - First half Precept £6,381.00 paid into bank account
- g) Audit: 9g(i) The Annual Internal Audit Report was received and noted  
9g(ii) The Annual Governance Statement (section 1) was approved  
9g (iii) The Accounting Statements (Section 2) was approved  
9g (iv) Following approval the Chairman signed the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting Statements

## 10. New Planning Applications.

**19/01213/FUL:** Extension and alterations to existing dwelling. Rowantree Grange, Slaley. NE47 0BT. Applicant Mr. Leon Wright. **No objections.**

**19/00776/FUL:** Stone wall (1.5m high 10m long) on eastern boundary and summerhouse (2.8m x 2.8m) in south east corner of garden. Glen Cottage, Lead Road, Slaley NE47 0BN. Applicant S. Murrell. **Comments by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Additional Comments from Healey Councillors and neighbours to the cottage. After email correspondence a reply was drafted, amended and sent correcting area to west boundary and not east as application also asking for a site visit to make certain children, walkers, cyclists, sports cars etc could be seen behind the wall. Applicant telephoned PC Clerk and asked if the application would be discussed again at meeting. The Clerk was able to confirm that once a decision has been made the Councillors do not revisit that decision over a six-month period unless an amendment has been made to the original application.

**19/011552/FUL:** Proposed single storey rear extension and proposed first floor side extension. 3 Agricultural Cottages, Hillcrest, Slaley. Applicants Mr. & Mrs Douglas. Comments by May 2<sup>nd</sup>. **No objections.**

**19/00733/LBC:** Listed Building Consent: Replace a mezzanine baustrade with a partition wall. Old Farm, East Woodfoot, Slaley. Applicant Mrs Beliz Sewart. **Pending**

**18/01622/VARYCO:** Town Foot Caravan Park. Further alterations and amendments. **Pending – waiting for more information from applicant.**

#### **Decisions from Planning:**

**19/00551/FUL:** Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new orangery, enlargement of existing windows and replacement with sliding door. Bogglebrush, 2 Wooley Grange, Slaley. Applicant Mr. Neil Henderson **Granted**

### **11. Slaley Web Page Report**

Cllr AM Livesey suggested that this agenda item should be **Social Media & Slaley Web Page Report**. Facebook has 45 followers and Twitter 513 followers. Cllr D J Taylor uses Twitter to promote Commemoration Hall events and news. Cllr A M Livesey answers enquiries within 24 hours e.g. Slaley Hall Hotel does not accept dogs is there a local kennel to leave visitor's dog? Cllr Livesey had replied with the name of a local kennel and reported that both local inns were dog friendly. Cllr Livesey also said that many of the web pages had not been updated since they were included in the new site despite repeated requests to do so. Cllr S C Douglas is working with Melanie Cant on both the Slaley and the Show web sites.

### **12. Defibrillator Update**

Cllr J. Storey reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected.

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

a) The idea of treating the damaged areas around the benches with bark was proposed to the inspector. The reply that the timber edges would eventually create trip hazards. And suggested reinstating to level and add new turf after installing grass matting to alleviate the problem – even car park reinforcement would be OK. Who do we get to do this work? Summer holidays no need for restrictions.

b) One of the Playdale stepping stones has rotted off – we need to replace.

c) Play Inspection Company requested a pro forma for 2020 inspection to keep price fixed at £78.00. This was signed and returned.

d) Slaley Parish Councillors visited Slaley School field Community Play area, after the meeting and looked at the broken stepping stone. They wondered how the Headteacher would feel about having that group of wooden stepping stones being replaced with "Marmax 500 balance beams"? Robbie Hutchinson the PC Chairman, is especially concerned about putting anything wooden into the ground because it will automatically rot. There are a couple of beams which need replacing on the Playdale adventure trail. The Clerk will meet with school staff and make known the PCs recommendations.

The worn area in front of the Marmax benches - the PC Clerk to ask Stewart Bell for a price to do this during the summer holiday when the turf may have a chance to get established - we may need a watering rota if the weather is dry and hot.

### **14. Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup> Slaley PC providing Afternoon Tea – this is also Northumberland Day.**

Time/ Advertising /Menu / Food / Drink/ Pricing/ Float / Raffle/ Help on the Day – set up – serve – clean away. Cllr DJ Taylor will co-ordinate the activity. It was decided that teas would be served between 3 – 5p.m. The advertising boards are currently stored at Lawn House. Cllr AM Livesey questioned how the teas were advertised and thought that an advert in the local newspaper might attract more people.

### **15. AOB None.**

### **16. Date of June 2019 meeting: Monday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.45p.m. and the councillors paid a visit to the school grounds (see 13d above)