

1. Public Participation.

2. Apologies Cllr, I. E. Milburn

Present: Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. C. Douglas, N. Green, A. M. Livesey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. Public: David Allsop, Jon Storey.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

Cllr RWH Hutchinson for agenda item 14 Slaley Community PV Project
Slaley PC Clerk for planning application 18/01509/FUL:

4. Minutes of April 9th Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1292 – 1295, appendix 1, page 1296, appendix 2, page 1297, appendix 3 page 1298, appendix 4 page 1299 & appendix 5 page 1300)

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. N. Green and seconded by Cllr D. J. Taylor. The minutes were then signed and dated.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 5a 9/4/18; 5b 12/3/18; 10b 12/2/18: A further letter from Cllr RWH Hutchinson was sent to the Head of Northumberland County Council, this has been acknowledged.
- b) 8a 9/4/18: NCC Northumberland Local Plan – Spring 2018 Consultation – Cllr D. Taylor confirmed that she had completed the online spatial survey by adding a housing icon to Slaley. The submission has been acknowledged
- c) 9c 9/4/18: Tender for grass cutting at Parks Side – several telephone calls to KH eventually an apology on 9/5/18 with the news that Slaley PC had won the contract. GMS contacted – grass very long – asked if GMS could cut as a matter of urgency. Grass cut and removed on Monday 14th.
- d) 18 9/4/18: Annual Litter Pick. Only three people took part on the day from the Hall and signed the Risk Assessment. Michael Holmes was awarded the prize. Other Councillors did their own patch.
- e) 19/4/18: The request to cut back overhanging branches from Todburn corner has been passed to Landfactor to reply as the offending branches are growing on Healey land.

6. Community Trust Report.

During a discussion with David Allsop about the CT, it was reported that the Trust was an unincorporated body with little or no legal status. Although both the R&C buy out and Slaley Village Shop lease set out as Community Trust projects neither reply on the Community Trust now, both have been formed into separate bodies. Lack of meetings and the legal requirement of an AGM to appoint officers and agree the financial transactions was questioned. Cllr. S.C. Douglas asked why there was nothing on the web site since 2011? The last accounts for the C.T. were also 2011 – could these be published retrospectively? Mr. Allsop who is Secretary of the CT was asked by Cllr D. J. Taylor if now was the right time to hold an AGM and get the CT back onto a legal footing especially in light of the Community PV Project which will need a separate body to the PC to administer phase 2 of the project. Cllr. RWH Hutchinson pointed out that retired Councillor DM Bell had served on the CT for the previous 12 months and every month she recorded no meetings and no correspondence. The Councillors decided that until such times as there was a revival of the CT committee number 6 on the PC agenda should read Community Trust Updates.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) 7b 9/4/18: Cllr A.M. Livesey further Broadband correspondence. BT are in dispute with (BDUK) Broadband Delivery UK at a national level was reported by CC Nick Oliver. The Black boxes have arrived at Wooley, Residents from the Wooley area intend to host their own meeting to agree an Action Plan and gather support from the press and MPs. Cllr S.C. Douglas also reported that the Colpitts/ Trygill

area are still waiting although their black boxes have arrived and several hours have been wasted trying to establish family names with property names.

b) Councillors were disappointed that the County Council report did not mention any reference to the tree pruning work along the Wooley road.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies NCC Love Northumberland Awards 2018, CPRE; NCC surface dressing between Whitley Chapel and Shield Hall. Tynedale Hospice at Home – The Big Tynedale Bake booklet and leaflets + GDPA form for completion. Clerks & Councils Direct May 2018/

Emails:

- a) 11/4/18: NALC review of unauthorized encampments
- b) 12/4/18: Streetworks TTRO Scales Cross to Broomhaugh
- c) 12/4/18: Streetworks TTRO Lead Road Slaley
- d) 16/4/18: RSN weekly digest
- e) 17/4/18: NALC revised model standing orders although it does say that NALC are considering a shorter version for smaller councils. Healey PC adopted the 2017 version while waiting to hear of the amendments.
- f) 17/4/18: NALC Enews
- g) 17/4/18: Carrol Hessey – weed-spraying letter
- h) 18/4/18: Gary Laverick - Shaw Trophy Classic June 10th – approach Slaley from Riding Mill at around 10.30 a.m. and use a farm yard outside village for tests.
- i) 19/4/18: CC Glen Sanderson results of car parking consultation Hexham possibly bunker site or multi storey in Wentworth car park.
- j) 23/4/18: RSN weekly digest
- k) 23/4/18: Streetworks TTRO Northumberland County Show
- l) 23/4/18: Kayleigh Wonders NCC gathering views on our roads hierarchy. Survey by June 1st.
- m) 25/4/18: Streetworks Emergency TTRO Station Road, Hexham.
- n) 30/4/18: RSN weekly digest
- o) 1/5/18: NALC: Invitation to help explore how we can use technology to engage with our wider community at Morpeth on May 10th
- p) 1/5/18: NALC: National Salary Award 2018-19 for Parish Council clerks and staff.
- q) 1/5/18: NALC Enews
- r) 2/5/18: NALC request for PCs with responsibilities for cemeteries.
- s) 8/5/18: NCC Tynedale Local Area Meeting 15/5/18 at Hexham House
- t) 8/5/18: NALC email from Barrowden PC Leicestershire planning bodies v building control survey.
- u) 8/5/18: NALC Enews
- v) 8/5/18: RSN weekly digest
- w) 9/5/18: NALC Highway hierarchy – two issues raised after meeting tourism v employment & proposed change in status.
- x) 9/5/18: NCC officers meeting with Town & parish Councils – Tynedale area – October 9th
- y) 9/5/18: Tracy Jennings Funding ebuletin
- z) 11/5/18: Streetworks TTRO Hallstile Bank, Hexham re-open.
- aa) 14/5/18: RSN weekly digest.
- ab) 14/5/18: Masterplan for Newcastle International Airport consultation running until 13/9/18.

9. Financial Report.

a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary April 2018 & P60

b Cheques to be signed –

No 678 Melanie Cant - website maintenance - May – October 2018 £300

No 679 Came & Company – insurance -£453.53 – this also includes the PC's portion of Slaley School community facilities insurance.

No 680 The Play Inspection Company Ltd - school grounds annual inspection £78

No 681 GMS for grass cutting at Parks Side £324.00

Proposed by Cllr. D. J. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. N. Green. the cheques were signed

c) First half of Precept paid into bank account

d) Income: £12 advertising Holiday Cottage for web

e) HMRC changes for vat claim form would like payment by DD

f) Lloyds Bank requested a telephone conversation regarding the cancellation of DD payment to Zen Internet for £1.36 payment. This has been clarified and repaid into the bank

g) 9.1 To consider and agree any actions arising from the report of the internal auditor – electors rights sequence noted.

9.2 To approve the Annual Governance Statement **Approved and signed**

9.3 To approve the draft annual accounts for 2017/18 **Approved and signed**

9.4 To approve the Accounting Statement and Explanation of variances **Approved**

9.5 To confirm and approve the certificate of Exemption **Approved and signed**

h) Vat reclaim for period 1/4/17 – 31/3/18 = £463.42

10. New Planning Applications.

18/01509/FUL: Proposed extension of hall to create committee room and storage cupboards. Relocation of WCs adjacent to entrance foyer, widen access to hall and create a glazed screen. Reconfigure the existing WC area, to include improved access to area through new door opening. Slaley Commemoration Hall. Applicant Pat Wilson. **Support this application because it will modernise the facilities and make the building a more attractive venue for functions.**

18/01248/FUL: Conversion of a traditional agricultural building to a dwelling house C3 with associated parking. Stone Barn land west of Dukesfield Cottages. Applicant Viscount Allendale. **No objections.**

18/01374/LBC: Listed Building Consent to move two internal openings and erect a partition wall within a 20th C extension to the original building (revised submission to 17/02567/LBC), Old Farm, East Woodfoot. Applicant Mrs Beliz Sewart. **No objections.**

18/00894/FUL: Part Retrospective - Conversion of existing garage into additional living space with the creation of a bay window in lieu of garage door and creation of window on south elevation of garage wall, remove existing conservatory and replace with a sun room of similar dimensions and associated internal alterations. Peartree Cottage, Colpitts Grange, Slaley. Applicant Mr & Mrs Colin Hayes.

Pending

Decisions from Planning:

17/04260/FUL: Alterations to existing cottage to provide additional ground floor living space (39.8sqm) and improve mobility access including off-road parking for registered disabled person. West Cornerfield. Applicant Mr. M. Farrer.

Final Plans Granted.

18/00701/FUL: Construction of a single dwelling house lane east of Wood End, Wooley Grange, Slaley. Applicant Mr. & Mrs. Livesey. Mrs Livesey left the room and took no part in this discussion. **Granted**

*Question over the height and late start of planning permission 13/02684/FUL enquiry to Enforcement Officer. Email Reply received 14/5/18 this will be looked into.

11. Slaley Web Page Report from Cllr Livesey

a) Hexhamshire Holiday Cottage advertised.

12. Defibrillator Update

Cllr N. Green reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib is working as expected. However one bar on the battery is down. New battery needed.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Annual Playground Inspection report circulated.

b) School contacted the Clerk to report that Middle School children were attempting to use the school grounds when they arrived of the bus at 4.55 p.m. It appeared that first school parents had not registered the new arrangements emailed to them in February by the school. Middle School parents had not

registered the new arrangements recorded in the March Slaley News. The Clerk's daughter-in-law sent round a text to her contact list. The school made a poster for the school notice board and Slaley Notes editors were asked to give a reminder through their column in the Hexham Courant. Cllr A.M. Livesey was asked to mention on F&T. Mr. Allsop reminded the meeting that the R&C had a children's play area behind the car park.

14. Slaley Community PV Project

a) Email received by Cllr. A..M. Livesey – WRAP have recommended our proposal for an award. New Grant Recipient Account Request Form completed by Cllr Hutchinson and Clerk and sent off with a copy of recent bank account information. This has been received and acknowledged.

15. Open evening to discuss activities for local young people in Healey, Slaley, Blanchland & Hexhshire. Tuesday June 19th at 7 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

The councillors were reminded that the PC was hosting this event and refreshments would be served

16. Data protection

a) Clerk reported from the training on 25/4/18. Several of the suggestions were considered inappropriate like the contact details removed from parishioners emailing problems or asking for help. It is not the practice of the PC to answer or consider unsigned messages.

b) Email dated 26/4/18 from Stephen Rickitt, NALC – parish councils will be exempt from appointing a Data Protection Officer

c) Email dated 1/5/18: Data Protection Fees levied after 25/5/18

17. Slaley Commemoration Hall

a) Update from Councillor D. Taylor re internet access. Free BT guest. There was no idea of usage yet.

b) 17b 9/4/18; 17b 12/3/18 Open meeting with Julie Humes on Tuesday June 19th (see agenda item 15 above) the hope is that this meeting will stimulate some activities in the hall for young people.

c) Pilates classes begin on a Tuesday evening between 6 – 7 p.m.

18. AOB

a) A resident of the U8080 contacted the Clerk and reported that a highways officer had called to discuss reported potholes and told the resident that since 2009 the road had been stopped up, therefore potholes were not the responsibility of the highways. Clerk contact highways who confirmed this was not true.

b) A resident reported recycling wood pellet bags being taken out of the recycling bin and left on the kerb side. Three of the people present in the meeting reported using these pellets which the bags were recycled at a plant on Teesside. It was suggested that NCC be asked why Northumberland did not recycle this particular plastic bag.

c) Classic car run through Slaley on June 10th – information given to Cllr S.C. Douglas for Slaley Notes.

d) Cllr D.J. Taylor reported that the Speed Watch group had undertaken 3 shifts at Slaley and speeding traffic had been identified and reported. More volunteers are needed.

19. Date of June meeting: Monday June 11th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.40 p.m.