

Minutes of Healey Parish Council on Wednesday May 7th 2025,
After the Annual Parish meeting. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Public Participation. The public asked for clarification on several issues as the meeting progressed, however there were no specific issues which they wished to raise.

2. Apologies

Councillor Tom Warde-Aldam in the Chair, Councillors Michael Cartlidge, Christine Johnston, Philip Cain, Janeen Smith (after 8.30 p.m.), & Clerk Pat Wilson.

Public: Avril Trapp & Bridgett Conley. Apologies Mrs A. Dale. Mr. N. Badcock

3. Declaration of Interest and Hospitality record. None

4. Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on March 5th 2025, attached as pages 783- 785 appendix 1 page 786, appendix 2 page 787, appendix 3 page 788, appendix 4 page 789. Interim Report No 127 March 6th – April 1st 2025, pages 790 – 791, appendix 1/Int 127, page 792 & appendix 2/Int 127, page 793.

Cllr Christine Johnston proposed the minutes as a true record this was seconded by Cllr Michael Cartlidge. The minutes were dated and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising:

a) After being offered cut price Defibrillators via an email from a London firm Healey PC decided to look into a machine for the parish. The Clerk asked about funding for a parish Defibrillator from the BHEF. The reply from Kevin Maloney was that the fund covers anything which would benefit the residents of Healey and Minsteracres. After checking with Minsteracres Retreat Centre it appears there is a working machine on site. North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) have a good offer, which includes First Aid Training and a £500 rebate if there is not a community machine within a certain distance. Luke Evans from the NEAS emailed information and application details early April. By mid-April Mr J. Warde-Aldam was offering his house garden wall this lies in the centre of Healey hamlet. We also thought that we could use the First Aid Training as Healey PC user group fund raising for SCH. Cllr T. Warde-Aldam to contact an electrician to ask if he can provide power to the cabinet at the proposed site. Providing this is possible it was agreed to go ahead with the purchase.

b) Election: Healey Councillors were re-elected on May 1st in an uncontested election. **Councillors Signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

6. Correspondence

Hard copies:

NCC Parish Elections 1 May 2025: Statement of Persons Nominated & Uncontested Election. Clerks and Councils Direct May issue.

Email:

- a) 2/4/25: Streetworks, TTRO, Eastgate, Hexham to replace a dangerous highway Openreach cover.
- b) 9/4/25: Email from Chairman re the 23/01717/FUL: Construction and operation of a renewable energy scheme at Whittonstall by Exagen.
- c) 11/4/25: GNAA – Skydive Day in Durham.
- d) 23/4/25: Simon Rochester, Savills – Minsteracres Estate Woodland Management Plan consultation. Healey PC had no concerns or comments. Member of the public asked about unhealthy Ash trees. Cllr T. Warde-Aldam gave an indication of the expenditure associated with removing an Ash tree near the public highway. He reported that NCC have a zero policy for the removal of unhealthy Ash trees. Cllr C Johnston

further explained that some trees have a preservation order and therefore removal needs planning permission.

e) 30/4/25: GNAA April news

f) 30/4/25: Streetworks TTRO, Hencotes, Hexham

g) 6/5/25: Streetworks Emergency TTRO water leak Greymare Hill – Whittonstall

h) 6/5/25: Request that Healey PC makes representation to highways for more safety measures at the junction of Barley Hill from Barley Lodge. This was tabled at the 2023 AGM and added to the LTP for 2024.25. County Councillor Colin Horncastle said that traffic calming in such an out of way place was virtually impossible. Healey PC Clerk asked to contact NCC Highways with a further request. Clerk to reply detailing these actions to Mr. R. Cookson.

7. Planning:

25/01192/FUL: Siting of 4no. glamping pods for overnight guest use, partially covered external decking areas, associated footpaths, permeable parking & turning area, reception/secure storage shed, secure bicycle storage, recycling/refuse storage, water treatment plant, soakaway and associated works. Land to South West of School House Farm. Applicant Sarah Somerville, 3 Charlton Place, Newbrough, NE47 5ED. Discussed in detail and concerns to be logged with the planning department.

- Access, highway safety, parking.
- North Pennines national landscape own planning protections
- Application incompatible or an unacceptable use when associated with previous planning decisions
- Private water supply – no application made
- No electricity – generators noise and disturbance – possibly smells and fumes

25/01498/FUL: Renovation of existing Byre, farmhouse and outbuilding including additional single storey extension to the rear of the existing property. Bridges Farm, Stocksfield - the proposal is to link the garage and the stable block to living accommodation by a Glazed Link. The stable block will become a games room, then guest bathroom, then guest bedroom, then master ensuite, then private library, then walk-in wardrobe, then finally master bedroom. Application it shows maps of 1860, 1890 & 1920 and a photograph from 1901. **The were no objections.**

Decisions from planning: None

8. Financial Report.

a) Bank balance as at 4/4/25 £443.48

b) First half of precept £1,500 received 4/4/25.

c) Invoice from NALC annual subs £69.88. to be paid on line

d) Councillors T. Warde-Aldam & C. Johnston are able to make payment on line. On April 9th they were able to make the Clerks £400 salary October 2024 – March 2025 on line.

e) VAT reclaim made.

f) Clerk's P60 received from TP Jones & Co

9. Audit 2024/25

AGAR 2024/2025 forms received 31/3/25 to be completed by 30/6/25.

9 (i) The Annual Internal Audit report is still to be undertaken.

9 (ii) The Annual Governance Statement (section 1) was approved

9 (iii) The Accounting Statements (section 2) are approved

9 (iv) The Certificate of Exemption was approved and signed.

9 (v) The Chair and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement and the Chair signed the Accounting Statement

9 (vi) The RFO set the commencement date for the exercise of public rights: 3/6/25-12/7/25

9 (vii) The Certificate of Exemption was signed by the RFO and the Chair

9 (viii) Bank Reconciliation was completed and agreed

9 (ix) The Explanation of variances was completed and explained.

10. Domesday Project & Local History Group Report.

History talks have finished until September

11. Barley Hill Endowment Fund

Considering using the fund to finance a public Defibrillator at Healey.

12. Trustees of Healey Community Environment Fund

- a) There has been no application for funding therefore fund remains at £1,507.95
- b) Cllr. M. Cartlidge circulated 'Let's Get Growing' leaflets and suggested they may be eligible for an Environmental grant from the fund. He intended to provide them with an application form.

13. Healey Representative at Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee's meetings.

Christine Kerr has agreed to represent Healey parish on the SCH management committee. Cllr. M. Cartlidge will accompany her to the meetings

14. AOB

- a) Cllr P. Cain reported asking Slaley Hall if staff could tidy the litter from the main highway junction with the private road to the hotel and golf course. The reply from Mr S. Whittaker, the General Manager, had been negative. Cllr P Cain asked if there was anything the PC could do to improve the situation.
- b) Cllr C. Johnston reported the mirror in Burnside Cottage garden at the Glen Crossroads has been smashed. This mirror is a big help to residents from Healey at the crossroads. Clerk to inform the new Councillors on Slaley Parish Council and ask if the mirror could be replaced.
- c) A request for the reinstatement of the road markings into Healey hamlet since the resurfacing covered the old markings. (a LTP 2025-26 request). Clerk to request from highways.

15. Date of 2025 Meetings

September 3rd BHEF Mt; December 3rd 2025

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.