

Minutes of Slaley Parish on Monday May 9th 2022
Immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies. None

Present: Councillor I. C. Stevens as Chairman. Councillors S. C. Douglas, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of April 11th 2022 meeting (circulated pages 1608 – 1612), appendix 1, page 1613; appendix 2, page 1614; appendix 3, page 1615; appendix 4, page 1616; appendix 5, page 1617 & appendix 6, page 1618. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr. D. J. Taylor. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 7a 11/4/22 Request for link to LTP on NCC web site – reply received by email and circulated to Councillors 12/4/22. Cllr D. J. Taylor thought it was a very large document and had been unable to find the relevant section. Cllr S. C. Douglas had not seen the link.
- b) (hard copy) 8/4/22: Speed signs - Cllr D J Taylor reported that Ruben Morgan has retired. However, the Elan City model EVOLIS would cost £2,250. CC C Horncastle said the PC would need planning permission to put anything new on the highway, this would not be new it would be a replacement, he also suggested contacting Sarah Hodson. Clerk reported that the Townhead camera was working again.
- c) 10c 11/4/22; 15/3/22: Cllr I C Stevens list of seats with prices. Clerk to resend.
- d) 10d 11/4/22: Recycle material benches local company – Clerk not found the company at Stanley.
- e) 10e 11/4/22: Defibs at Slaley Hall – Cllr D J Taylor to check – email reply from Mr. A. Fox only to be used by trained hotel staff and not on public display.
- f) 13b 11/4/22: First Aid Training Certificates arrived to PC Clerk by email 12/4/22 and were forwarded on to delegates by email. Cllr J. Storey asked if Clerk still had the November 2020 emailed certificates on her system? Clerk to check.
- g) 17 11/4/22: Litter Pick – prize given to Abdelnoor family for a house letterbox, the PC was thanked by email 20/4/22 and the suggestion that a map is included in the box to indicate where people are picking. Fly-tipping material was reported to Slaley PC Clerk for forwarding to NCC highways for collection. Further correspondence received 13/4/22 that roadside litter was collected but the TV etc over the fence had not been.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Report of World Earth Day on Friday April 22nd Cllr. D.J. Taylor had 1000 leaflets printed for the event and it was supported by people from many Tynedale villages. All coming in vehicles which made the event look very busy.

b) 6/5/22: NCC May issue of Climate Action Northumberland also emailed to CEG

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Update Glen Crossroads – report of near miss by Jason Abdelnoor 20/4/22. Work done on property entrance that may be out with highway licensing arrangements.
- b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. – to be instigated this year.
- c) An annual report from our CC will be emailed to Slaley Parish Council on Tuesday May 10th.
- d) A general report was made covering the following, Local Plan, new staff, extra £2m for ‘C’ and ‘U’ road repairs, new county vehicles, refugees and their accommodation with local amenities. Decommissioned fire engines taken by volunteers to Ukraine, no cost getting to Poland different countries giving support. NCC in talks with the car park owners outside M&S & B&M store in Hexham. Police warning of quad bikes, Land

Rovers, fuel and heating oil being stolen. Plain clothed volunteers driving around in unmarked vehicles. Hexham to get a green crematorium.

8. Correspondence.

Telephone: 12/4/22 – person requesting PC thoughts on turning the Travellers Rest Inn into a private dwelling. Cllr D J Tylor had heard from a Riding Mill resident that it was sold.

Hard copies:

Glasdon products. Clerks and Councils Direct May issue.

Email:

- a) 12/4/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) NCC Financial services – payment by freepay
- c) NCC sport development manager, Kathie Keady, PlayZones projects.
- d) 13/4/22: NALC Enews
- e) 14/4/22: Geoff Brockett Minsteracres Director requesting employment vacancy in web and Slaley news. Emailed to Cllr S C Douglas and Jim Bailey.
- f) 14/4/22: CAN approach for housing for older people in rural Northumberland.
- g) 19/4/22: Northumbria Police – Northumberland connected web sign up
- h) 20/4/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- i) 20/4/22: Forestry Commission Job Opportunities.
- j) 25/4/22: Streetworks TTRO U8080 Espersfield Jct to Combhills Jct, Slaley
- k) 26/4/22: NALC Enews
- l) 26/4/22: NALC Member Update
- m) 26/4/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- n) 28/4/22: Streetworks TTRO amendment Lead Road, Slaley
- o) 29/4/22: Streetworks TTRO Allensford to Carterway Heads, Allensford
- p) 3/5/22: Streetworks TTRO second amendment Lead Road, Slaley
- q) 3/5/22: CAN Enews
- r) 3/5/22: Streetworks TTRO West Minsteracres amendment to High Acton Mill Ruins, Slaley
- s) 4/5/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- t) 4/5/22: Streetworks TTRO Bridge End, Hexham
- u) 5/5/22: RSN Funding Digest
- v) 5/5/22: NCC Carrol Hessey - Love Northumberland deadline 13/5/22.
- w) 7/5/22: Eddie Graham – car rally around Healey & Slaley parishes evening of May 18th

9. Financial Report.

- a) Payroll paperwork P60 & April payroll
- b) Invoices received & paid since April meeting
First Aid training £300 (6 delegates) in cash and cheques paid into PC bank the remaining 5 delegates paid by direct payment.
- c) Invoices to be paid
NALC annual subscription fee £177.65
Hall payment for the First Aid Training event £100
- d) External audit arrangements received for PKF Littlejohn LLP Audit date is 1/7/22.

10. Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee.

- a) 20/4/22: Brian Massey Platinum Jubilee celebration in Hexham Abbey 27/5/22.
- b) 1/5/22: Cllr I.C. Stevens circulated a group letter asking that the named groups draw members to the events and make royal themed scarecrows.
- c) 4/5/22: Email from Susan Allen re the PC funding display mounts costing £113.90 – Reply that the PC grants are only for £50 each and ask that the application form is completed on the website which will automatically go to the monitoring Councillor. The Chairman asked how these displays mounts will be made available for other parish groups who wish to borrow them.

- d) It was agreed not to proceed with Defibrillators in the parish.
- e) The film to be shown has been changed.
- f) Cllr J. Storey reminded the meeting that the seat south of the Wooley-road, junction needs to be replaced.
- g) A picnic table at Slaley Commemoration Hall would depend upon seat prices (see agenda 5c & 5d)

11. New Planning Applications.

No new Planning applications

22/01133/FUL: Single storey extension. Ashton Byre, Townfoot, Slaley NE47 0BQ. Mark Baldwin.

Pending

Decisions from planning None

12. Social Media Report - Cllr I C Stevens / Cllr D J Taylor & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas.

Facebook – Cllr D J Taylor updated report reply from Mrs Goodwin since 2/4/22 – this is still work in progress.

13. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix attached as appendix 1/090522, page 1630.

a) The monthly NEAS check list was completed by Cllr J. Storey. The date on the pads in the Defib is November 2023 and date on replacement pads 2024-10.

14. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Both basketball nets damaged second week of Easter holidays – photographs received from school 27/4/22. Cllr S C Douglas asked to remind parents that damage to the equipment will result in loss of privileges.

b) Email from school asking about updating the Community Information Board details - these were last updated in October 2020 at a cost of £84.00 it was agreed to try a laminated overprint with Cllr I.C. Stevens name and contact number. (see agenda item 13b, from November 8th 2021 minutes).

15. Parish Council Vacancies

Poem placed on PC notice board. CC Colin Horncastle suggested contacting Allendale PC Clerk to see how Allendale filled its vacant seats. Cllr I.C. Stevens asked for Clerk's email details.

16. Neighbourhood Plan

Update – next steps is to contact the parish businesses.

17. Joint meeting

Monday June 13th in Cllr Glen Sanderson's diary to come out to Slaley. He has asked the Clerk to provide an indication of what the two Councils wish to discuss with him. Both Councils wish to discuss the Glen crossroads. Healey planning issues. (delete the Slaley 20 mph rollout). Environment issues. Solar panels. Emergency Hub etc.

18. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

a) Fourth market held on Wednesday April 27th, had eight inside stalls and Tyne valley ices outside. Cllr D. J. Taylor said the committee were looking to revitalise the market.

b) Builders have been delayed the new start date is Monday May 23rd.

b) Art Exhibition weekend of Friday 13th Saturday and Sunday 14th & 15th.

19. Slaley Parish Wander - Sunday June 12th

Minutes of meeting 12/4/22 attached as appendix2/090522, page 1631.

The private gardens were all checked on Tuesday April 26th and recommendations made i.e. fencing off bee hives **etc.** Next ZOOM meeting is Tuesday May 10th

20. AOB

a) Dorothy Bell telephoned and complained about the long cut grass left lying at Parks Side bungalows. The Councillors agreed that the grass cutting this year at all the sites, including the school field, is leaving lots of long, dead grass, they hope that as the season progresses this will disappear. The Parish Council will monitor the sites.

b) Slaley Hall is hosting the Asian Tour over the Jubilee weekend, there is an expected crowd of over 1000 people each day. Television coverage will take place. The Councillors agreed that it would have been helpful if the Parish Council had been informed of the expected increase in traffic so that residents living locally could take additional care with the Jubilee weekend village activities.

c) Cllr J. Storey asked about the increase in Motorcross activities at School House Farm. This is a Healey parish issue.

21. Date of next meeting

Monday June 13th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.27 p.m.