

## Minutes of Healey Parish Council November 29th 2017 in Slaley Commemoration Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**Prior to the beginning of the meeting Michael Elphick of Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee will conduct a ten-minute interview with members of Healey Parish Council & any members of Healey parish would be attending. Please think about - Beneficial changes that could be made to the Hall from decoration to parking? If we were designing a community building today what would make that an attractive venue to hire? What events would make you want to attend the Hall more often?**

**Committee Room** is dated and old fashioned, curtains a bit cheap looking, blinds would be preferable. Portable bar may be a better option then it can be positioned where needed. Cllr Cain has worked the bar and said it worked well. Random wall hangings may be better suited to a collection in the entrance. Large chairs comfortable but cumbersome to handle. Large metal cabinets take up valuable space but where to put? Double doors from committee room to main hall would be beneficial when large crowds are using both rooms – single door causes a bottle neck into bar area.

**Entrance:** outside porch with a door would stop the draft and the inner glass doors could be removed. Electric front door would help with opening and closing. Lending Library started by Cllr C. Johnston and Alison Ridley many years ago and was still considered a good community resource although new shelving is probably needed and could be hidden by shutters if it was moved to a different area of the Hall.

**Main hall:** Lights need to be modernized and changed actors do not want to see the audience when they perform. Current portable staging is good and can be positioned and shaped as necessary. Decoration needs to be modernized. Michael explained the new sound system. Cllr T Warde-Aldam felt that energy saving lighting in the hall was important to look into. Wifi was a mixed blessing – some with wifi can take selfies or pictures of others without permission and post onto social media – causes problems.

**Kitchen:** Sharp edges are a problem for young children. The square central unit should have rounded corners. The dishwasher has no place to put the dripping shelving apart from onto the central unit – causes dripping onto the floor.

**Toilets:** start again with these, they are wasted space, cold damp and unsatisfactory. Build up the whole of the north section to provide adequate storage space for tables and equipment. A quiet room with glass windows on the north-west would be a welcome addition to the facilities both for general use and parties when the bar is busy and the music is deafening and somewhere to talk is needed.

**Parking and/or grassed areas:** Additional parking at each side would be beneficial for larger functions, however some summer functions may like to be able to move outside onto the grass. Is there a possibility of providing parking to the rear of the building? Could land be made available for that?

**Other venues:** Healey Barn has been converted into a wedding venue but can be used for several events currently as a two-day Christmas Fayre by the Red Cross Society.

Michael was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting.

1. **Public Participation.** None

2. **Apologies** Councillor Michael L. Cartlidge. Public: Jeroen Hoogland.

**Present:** Councillor Tom Warde-Aldam in the Chair, Councillors Philip Cain, Janeen Smith, Christine Johnston & Acting Clerk Pat Wilson. Public: None.

3. **Declaration of Interest and Hospitality record.** None

4. **Minutes** of September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting pages 432 – 433. Interim Report No 65 7/9/17 – 9/10/17 pages 434-435. Interim report No 66 10/10/17 – 13/11/17, pages 436 - 437.

Approved by Cllr. P. Cain and seconded by Cllr. J. Smith. The minutes were signed and dated.

## 5. Matters Arising:

- a) 1a/Int 66; 1a Int 65; 5a 6/9/17; 1a/ Int 63; 8a/Int 62: Height of the hedge at Glen Cottage - Hedge has been cut to the satisfaction of County Highways. Slaley Parish Council has minuted that they hoped that the hedge will be suitably maintained at an appropriate height in the future. Healey Councillors strongly endorsed this statement.
- b) Cllr P. Cain has repaired the Healey parish notice board on his workbench and resited it, once upright in the ground again the doors continue to stick.

## 6. Correspondence

### Emails

- a) 14/11/17: NALC method to procure interactive speed indicators that would allow for maintenance.
- b) 15/11/17: Streetworks Haydon Bridge New Year's Eve Celebration.
- c) 15/11/17: Streetworks Hexham Christmas Market.
- d) 15/11/17: NCC Local Services asking if the meeting on 4/12/17 at Acomb Area 4 should go ahead.
- e) 15/11/17: John Maude of Sport Tynedale asking for grant aid.
- f) 16/11/17: NALC future progress in preparing a Local Plan.
- g) 16/11/17: NALC Enews
- h) 16/11/17: NALC Reminder about commercial copyright on PC's websites
- i) 20/11/17: RSN weekly digest.
- j) 22/11/17: NALC Enews
- k) 22/11/17: Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments.
- l) 23/11/17: Streetworks TTRO Princes Street, Corbridge
- m) 27/11/17: RSN weekly digest
- n) 28/11/17: Chris Anderson Neighbourhood Planning Updates
- o) 29/11/17: CAN Enews – Devolution Deal for Northumberland

## 7. Planning Applications

**17/01914/FUL:** Conversion of former cattle building into a residential dwelling. Pit House Fell.

Applicant Mrs Liesa Stephenson. **Refused - gone to Secretary of State under appeal**

**17/01103/FUL:** Construction of a timber agricultural building on land north-west of School House, Starvall, Kiln Pit Hill, Consett. Applicant Phillip Michael Worsley **Pending**

### Decisions by planning authority.

Int/60: Planning Enforcement Notice has been served on the registered owner of the unauthorized motorcross bike track at School House Farm. **No Update**

After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the County Councillor for an update on the two outstanding issues at the school house complex.

## 8. Financial Report.

Letter of Engagement from TP Jones & Co was signed by the Chairman.

Cheques to be signed –

168: Hire of Slaley Commemoration Hall May 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 & September 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 £40.00

169: Slaley PC - Rent of Slaley web site £50

### Grants:

170: CAN	£25.00
171: Air Ambulance	£150.00
172: Slaley First School	£50.00

173: Healey PCC (Church upkeep) £50.00

### **9. Broadband Update**

Cllr C Johnston has been in contact with DANECO when the family contract was up for renewal, it is understood that the equipment has been ordered and work will commence in the foreseeable future.

### **10. Precept for 2018/19**

Balance sheet attached as appendix 1/291117, page 441.

A discussion took place about the new web site and the Councillors were encouraged to use the Healey page for news update.

A discussion also took place about the growing contingency fund which at the end of this financial year should be in the region of £600, it was agreed to continue with this as depending upon the broadband signal more “dishes” may be needed throughout the parish.

Precept using the lower insurance provided by Zurich agreed at £2,084.00

### **11. Domesday Project & Local History Club Report.**

WPC Yvonne Clement gave the last history talk of 2017. Yvonne asked that a cheque be given to GNAA in lieu of her expenses. A cheque for £20 was duly signed by Cllr PJ Cain & Treasurer P. Wilson

### **12. Barley Hill Endowment Fund**

Cllr C. Johnson asked if the BHEF information could be placed on the web site,

### **13. AOB**

- a) Slaley Commemoration Hall is approaching its 100-year centenary and is asking for people to join sub committees in helping to decide what improvements to make, writing a Business Plan, or fund raising. Any Healey parishioner who would like to take part would be most welcome.
- b) Storytelling event at Slaley Commemoration Hall on Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup>. Admission by ticket only. Five-course Buffet supper. Bar. This was discussed and it was felt that the poster was under selling the event. The main attraction would be A Gourmet Taster Buffet with entertainment.
- c) Car Rally Wednesday 29/11/17 along lead Road to Dukesfield at approximately 9.30 p.m.

### **14. Date of 2018 Meetings**

**March – Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>**

**May AGM & Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**September – Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**December Precept – Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>**

**There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.10 p.m.**