

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council held on Monday November 8th 2021 at 7.30 p.m in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Public Participation.

- (i) Catherine Lincoln wanted to record her thanks to Slaley Parish Council for its work in 2005 in instigating the purchase of land from a local farming family and having Reaston View built for the sole use of families with a local connection. She was the first resident to move out of Reaston View since the houses were allocated.
- (ii) Mrs Lincoln was attending the meeting in her role of a school governor to address some of the comments made in the PC letter of August 10th 2021. The Early Years area, with its' Mud kitchen etc is naturally quite messy during term time, however the PC's comments about an untidy area during a long summer holiday had been noted, consequently the new Headteacher, Mrs A. Hayward, has discussed with the EY staff the need to keep the area more-tidy.
- (iii) The third reason was to discuss the PC's decision not to help with the financial strain put on the school of needing to remove three trees from the playing field. Cllr A.M. Livesey explained that the PC's decision not to help was because the trees were on NCC land and the County Council should pay. The PC Clerk confirmed that the PC had been kept informed of the three quotes from tree surgeons throughout the process. Mrs Lincoln affirmed that NCC would not pay but said that the school must find the funding from its budget. Cllr IC Stevens had explained all this in his email to the full PC of 26/7/21 and again on 3/8/21. Mrs Lincoln understood there would be more trees to come down next year or the year after, the school simply did not have the funding to deal with their removal. Cllr A.M. Livesey told Mrs Lincoln that the PC would discuss helping the school with funding for this tree removal. Mrs Lincoln thanked the PC and left the meeting.

2. Apologies. Councillor S. Carson & J. Storey,

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

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. Agenda 14: Cllr. S. C. Douglas when discussing the grant for Slaley Show.

4. Minutes of October 11th 2021 meeting (circulated pages 1565 – 1568), appendix 1, page 1569, appendix 2, page 1570, appendix 3, page 1571 & appendix 4, page 1572. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr I. C. Stevens. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 11/10/21; 3 13/9/21; 17c 13/9/21; 16c 9/8/21; 16 12/7/21: A Vote is to be taken at the November meeting to allow a Councillor who does voluntary work/is a committee member to be able to vote in any PC decision, relating to the voluntary work/committee providing the necessary declaration is made at number 3 of the agenda and a Dispensation Form has been completed. If a Councillor is unable to attend the November meeting their vote must be cast prior to the meeting and emailed to the PC Clerk.

Vote by email from Cllr J. Storey = voted for the proposal

Vote by email from Cllr S. Carson = voted against the proposal at 10.37, however this vote came in after his immediate resignation at 10.26 therefore it was void.

Vote at the meeting: all four Councillors supported the proposal. Therefore, the proposal is passed.

b) 5d 11/10/21: 18a 13/9/21: New litter bin from Kingfisher positioned 14/10/21 by Cllrs I.C. Stevens & J. Storey

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

a) CEG meeting held on Wednesday November 3rd. The group is looking into creating a new pond in Whitley Chapel. Transport costs of getting Slaley Schoolchildren to the pond at Whitley is being costed for grants. They will see the process from, as it is now, through the creation of the pond, to the finished carbon capturing pond with its information boards.

b) Cllr S.C. Douglas is investigating a parish response to NCC's intention to make Northumberland a net-zero County by 2030. NCC have approved many new green employment businesses up the east coast. What would we like our parish to look like by the end of the decade?

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Update Glen Crossroads – no update
- b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. – no update
- c) Report on Access issues in Slaley Forest from Monday 18/10/21 at 7 p.m. in Whitley Chapel Village Hall – Gaynor Scandle reported an attendance of 86 people with apologies from another 9 people. Email received from Sgt Kate Benson. A Woodland Protection Group online survey to collate responses on how people want to become involved. The police can take forward a list of volunteers to support then and potentially become part of NPs rural crime volunteer team. Cllr A.M. Livesey thanked Jon for attending the meeting and representing the PC
- d) Email from Nicky Jeffrey to Cllr S Carson re local stiles, many are neither dog friendly or easily to clamber over for anyone less agile. Some are rather rickety and often close to barbed wire. Easier access to off-road areas like Juliet's Wood was suggested. Cllr IC Stevens to report on the problems that dog faces cause to farm animals. Clerk to write to Mrs Jeffrey's for an idea of which footpath stiles are unsafe.
- e) Email from Christine Ellison asking for traffic calming south of Slaley Hall Hotel entrance. Clerk to check where this is before reporting further. *Note Clerk checked 9/11/21. The accident happened on the north bound carriageway between the second and third bend after the West Minsteracres junction with the Espershields road on the C265 Kellas road.*

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

Clerk & Councils Direct October issue

Email

- a) 12/10/21: NALC Enews
- b) 12/10/21: Streetworks TTRO Hexham Spook Night 2021
- c) 12/10/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- d) 13/10/21: Streetworks TTRO St. Helen's Lane Corbridge
- e) 13/10/21: Healthwatch AGM & review of the year.
- f) 15/10/21: Streetworks TTRO Sheoherds Dene junction
- g) 18/10/21: Ann Atkinson - position of CEO Northumberland CVA vacancy from March 2022
- h) 19/10/21: Lyndsy Peacock - Northumberland CAB services forwarded to Slaley news & web site
- i) 19/10/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- j) 21/10/21: Vacancy & Secondment Opportunity Prudhoe Town Council
- k) 21/10/21: NALC Enews
- l) 21/10/21: NCC Statement of Licensing policy consultation
- m) 26/10/21: CPRE Northumberland online housing event 1/11/21
- n) 26/10/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- o) 27/10/21: NALC Member Update
- p) 28/10/21: NALC Enews
- q) 1/11/21 North Pennines AONB Annual Forum on line 23/11/21 2 – 4.30 p.m.
- r) 2/11/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- s) 2/11/21: Streetworks TTRO Eilansgate, Hexham.
- t) 2/11/21: Forestry Commission tree planting grants.
- u) 3/11/21: RSN Funding Bulletin
- v) 4/11/21: Streetworks TTRO Gilesgate, Hexham

9. Financial Report.

- a) October payroll paperwork
- b) Invoices received & paid since October meeting
NCC weekly inspections £218.16
Mrs S.C. Douglas printing 20 B&W copies of the A5 Business Directory £34.96
To be paid:
NCC 1 wheeled bin & 1 locking post Invoice no 230395 Clerk emailed Highways and explained two sets ordered and received. The second bin & locking device will be invoice 230868. Both are £190 each.
- c) Vat 126 reclaim for 2020/2021 £521.86
- d) Precept 2022 -23 information received from NCC ready for the December discussion.

10. New Planning Applications.

Reported telephone call to Clerk re planning application 21/032241/FUL Slaley PC objected to loss of light and overshadowing on Elm Cottage. Applicant reported residents of Elm Cottage did not object. Planning site checked and there is no letter of support.

21/03782/FUL: Conversion of outbuilding to guest accommodation, East Ridley Hall, Strothers Bank Slaley. Applicants Mr & Mrs Paul Spencer. **Pending**

21/03241/FUL: Extension of existing garage to provide additional workshop space, store and garage with ancillary self-contained residential annexe accommodation above. Wooley Lodge, Wooley, NE46 1TY. Applicant Geoff Jackson. **Pending**

21/03340/FUL: Extensions to the rear, including removal of existing porch/conservatory. The Coach House, East Woodfoot. Applicants Mr & Mrs Allanson. – **Pending**

21/02633/FUL: Proposed extension of existing farmhouse into adjacent barn. Woodnook Hill Farm, U8080. NE47 0BW. Councillors emailed comments by August 5th. **Pending.**

21/02682/OUT: Resubmission: Outline application for development of up to 3 detached dwellings (all matters reserved) Land west of Rose Cottage, Wooley Road, Hexham, Applicant Mr. A. Garvey. **Pending.**

21/02859/FUL: Proposed Garden Room extension to the rear of the property and removal of a modern porch to the north elevation revealing the original door opening. Church View, Slaley. NE470AD. Mr. Best

21/02860/LBC: Proposed Garden Room (as above) **Pending.**

Decisions from planning

21/02878/FUL: Change of use of land for siting of Shepherds huts and associated development. White House Farm, Slaley NE47 0AN. Applicant Mrs G. Kellett. ***Refused –** inappropriate development in the green belt. * Applicant going to appeal

September 13th minutes agenda item 8t) 10/9/21: Consultation on validation of planning applications on-line consultation by 8/10/21. Consultation document 74-pages. Current Checklists August 2017 88-pages. Cllr AM Livesey has looked at this and recommended the following.

- (i) 13 - household ridge height should be included
- (ii) 29 – household foul drainage should be included
- (iii) 30 – household safe storage for visitor bicycles was ridiculous.

These were agreed and Cllr AM Livesey would complete the consultation. – Cllr AM Livesey received a reply 3/11/21 and the response was read to the meeting.

11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey/ Cllr IC Stevens & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas. Retiring Councillor, A.M. Livesey handed over the Facebook & Twitter Passwords to Cllrs DJ Taylor & IC Stevens. Cllr SC Douglas to check the email address for CC Colin Horncastle on the web site and remove the retired Slaley PC Councillors.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix attached as appendix 1/081121, page 1577

The monthly NEAS check list to be completed by Cllr Storey ready for the Clerk to email. The date on the pads in the Defib is February 2022 and date on replacement pads 2023-11.

b) First Aid Training by NEAS was agreed for Spring 2022

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

- a) Weekly inspection reports received for October and forwarded to school.
- b) Editors of Slaley News informed PC Clerk that there was no room for the Community Agreement in the November issue. Clerk was asked to print 300 copies of a single A5 double sided sheet as an insert for the December January issue. Cllr S Carson's number was removed as a contact and replaced with Cllr IC Stevens mobile.
- c) Repairs to the EY climbing frame have now been cancelled twice because of material shortages.

14. Pay out 21/22 grants as agreed when setting the precept December 2020 (see appendix 2/081121, page 1578)

CAN	0,050.00	Bank transfer
St. Mary the Virgin churchyard	0,050.00	Bank transfer
Great North Air Ambulance	0,200.00	Bank transfer
Tynedale Hospice at Home	0,150.00	Bank transfer
ADAPT	0,050.00	

Ladycross Nature Reserve	0,100.00	Bank transfer
Slaley Show	0,500.00	this was agreed Bank transfer
West Northumberland CAB	0,025.00	
West Northumberland Food Bank	0,100.00	Bank transfer
*Farming charity	<u>0,100.00</u>	<u>it was agreed for Whitley Chapel YFC</u>
	1,325.00	

Considered

- **RABI Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution**
- **Farming Community Network**
- **Farming Help the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust**
- **Addington Fund**
- **Whitley Chapel Young Farmers Club**

Vote Cllr J. Storey voted for FCN by email 1/11/21 as did Cllr IC Stevens

Vote Cllr AM Livesey voted for Northumberland YFC by email 1/11/21

15. Neighbourhood Plan

a) 21/10/2021: NCC Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter October 2021 circulated by email

b) Cllr S.C. Douglas has volunteered to lead on the Slaley NP and has organized a ZOOM meeting at 2 p.m. on Friday November 12th with Sarah Brannigan (Slaley's designated Link Officer).

c) 4/11/21 email from Phil Woodvine offering NP Data collection and analysis

16. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

a) Second Artisan Market on Wednesday October 27th 2 – 6 p.m. included Hexhamshire Honey, Corbridge Apple Juice, Kick Ass Cheese, Twisted Willow Flowers, Castle Hams Pork, Bread & Roses Bakery, Phil Benton Photographs. Slaley Community Shop Gift Bags and Slaley Scene Christmas Cards, A charity stall was stocked by members of the Commemoration Hall Committee. Refreshments 2 – 5 and Fire & Dough Mobile Pizza van 5 – 7.30. The problem with the central heating boiler has finally been repaired and the builder has been given instructions to begin the extension in the spring of 2022.

17. AOB

a) Cllr A.M. Livesey tendered her resignation by email 13/10/21 to take effect after the November meeting. The resignation will be notified to NCC who will advertise the Vacancy on the NCC web site and we can advertise locally. If there is no response at County Hall the Returning Officer will inform the Clerk and a parishioner can be co-opted onto the Council. The Vice Chair will chair the meeting in December when an Emergency AGM will be called to agree a rotation of Councillors as Chairman until such time as the vacancies are filled. Cllr AM Livesey was thanked for her time on the council and she said she had been sick and tired of NCC ignoring the PCs requests for improvements throughout the parish. Cllr AM Livesey's PC Lloyds Bank account, card reader, was handed to the Clerk

b) Cllr S. Carson tendered his resignation by email due to family health problems 8/11/21 to take immediate effect.

c) A resident at Reaston View telephoned the Clerk and said a lady born in Tynemouth had been to look at a three bedroomed property at Reason View she claimed to have been offered the property. Clerk checked the Castle and Coates web site – The local 106 agreement is in place and the advert does remind interested parties that “you must be able to demonstrate a connection to the parish before being considered for this property”. After concern that the PC was overstepping the mark by being involved with the allocation process it was agreed that the PC could place a poster alerting people that the property was for rent detailing the contact details if interested. These posters to be placed at the Shop, the Rose and Crown and the Commemoration Hall.

18. Date of December 2021 meeting: Monday December 13th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9 p.m.