

Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday November 9th 2020 was administered by ZOOM video connection.

1. Public Participation. Helen Copeman from Healey parish wished to make a formal complaint about the Glen crossroads. Helen explained her near misses with cyclists and motorized vehicles this year, she warned that unless something was done there was going to be a fatal accident. Drivers coming to the crossroads from the east (Healey parish) cannot see anything from the north (Slaley village) until the car is over the central white line. Helen also warned that a car insurance will be void if the driver is found to have pulled out to the central white line in front of oncoming traffic. County Councillor Colin Horncastle reported having Neil Snowdon's Line Manager, Robin McCartney, out to the crossroads on Friday morning (November 6th 2020). Mr. McCartney agreed there was a problem and traffic could not be seen. CC Horncastle has to make a written report to Mr. McCartney, who will then discuss safety measures. Cllr S. Carson suggested that all drivers should sound their horns at the crossroads and keep sounding as the crossroads is navigated. Helen Copeman was thanked for her report, asked if all incidents at the crossroads could be reported to the Clerk who had a substantial historical record of incidents and reports.

2. Apologies. Cllr D. J. Taylor

Taking part were: Councillor A.M. Livesey as Chairman. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, J. Storey, & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle.
Public Ian C. Stevens.

3. Vacancy on the Parish Council. Mr. Ian Charles Stevens, Winter House, Slaley was proposed by Cllr S. C Douglas and seconded by Cllr J. Storey. There being no further nominations Cllr Ian Charles Stevens was elected onto Slaley Parish Council. Cllr I C. Stevens 'Acceptance of Office' has been signed + his 'DOI' has been completed and will be forwarded to elections office at NCC.

4. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. Cllr. J. Storey, as the PC representative on the Better Broadband at The Glen Area, will remain able to report as per his dispensation to speak on agenda items 6a

5. Minutes of October 14th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1485 – 1488). Appendix 1, page 1489, appendix 2, page 1490, appendix 3, page 1491 & appendix 4, page 1492. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr J. Storey. All the Councillors present at the meeting agreed that the Clerk should sign the minutes.

6. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 14/10/20; 1 & 5a 14/9/20; 5a 10/8/20; 14a 13/7/20: Improved Broadband around The Glen area – Mr. Colbourne heard back from Openreach they had identified 54 premises with a cost per premises of £3,961.57 this included – 9 timeshare lodges on the U8080, 13 properties in Healey parish, the long retired Slaley Pony Trekking Centre at Reason (PW) and Broomy Hill (SB) off the Riding Mill road. Cllr J. Storey reported that Mr. Collbourne was trying to get Openreach to quote for the 12 interested properties.

b) 8l & 10 m 14/10/20: Planning Training on-line, 19 – 21 hours on October 22nd Cllrs DJ Taylor & I C Stevens took part – emailed documents 23.10.20. Also training for new Chairman on line 27/10/20 Cllr D.J Taylor took part.

c) 9f 12/10/20: Financial assistance during COVID-19 current restrictions – the PC offer acknowledged by Rev. H. Savage. Offer of prescription help by family at Wooley – contact info passed to Rev. Savage

7. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Twelve members of the group met via a ZOOM connection on October 15th. Cllr SC Douglas and DJ Taylor will discuss a trial period of a wheelie bin at Trygill with Slaley PC. (*this deferred to December*) A lot of time was spent discussing Community Orchard space and a sub-committee is intending to Zoom with

Craig Lonsdale of Karbon Homes on 30/11/20. Would the Parish Council consider funding the purchase of fruit trees for Parks Side or any other Small site the Group can find? The Councillors agreed to spend an amount not exceeding £100 – Cllr J Storey recommended grafted trees from Mark Shipperlee of Green Man Enterprises at Wall and specialists in Community orchard trees. Cllr Storey to confirm contact details and forward to Cllr SC Douglas and the Clerk. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 25/11/2020. An offer of 8 oak saplings has been received and these have been offered to the community – school is interested. Cllr S Carson suggested one each end of the village in a farmer's field. Another in the field beyond the Millennium Stone (south of Wooley road junction on the B6306). Oak trees grow to very large trees with a wide silhouette. Therefore, before planting consideration should be given to highway signs and overhead cables. Trees in fields tend to be an inconvenience unless along a boundary line. Large tree roots traditionally knock over stone walls and lift tarmac if planted too close to footpaths.

8. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) 7a 14/10/20; 7c 14/9/20; meeting with Neil Snowdon and a member of both Slaley & Healey PC's – In October the County Councillor was going to organize a site meeting. Email correspondence from J Reeves received, acknowledged and circulated. Telephone call from H Copeman received, recorded and circulated. (*see agenda 1 above for update on crossroads*). Hilary Porteus reported a very close near miss on Thursday 29/10/20 when a black pick up exited onto the crossroads from the east straight into her direction, only quick swerving avoided a collision.
- b) The village speed reduction to 20 mph was also discussed on Friday November 6th between CC Colin Horncastle and Robin McCartney, Neil Snowdon's Line Manager – this also has to be included in a written report.
- c) Cllr S. C. Douglas thanked CC Horncastle for his grant towards Phase One of the Hall improvements and hoped he was feeling generous towards Phase Two!

9. Correspondence.

Hard copies. CPRE Autumn newsletter. War Memorial Trust Bulletin. Clerks & Councils Direct November. Northumberland age UK – received funding for food parcels, care packages & activity packs or trusted tradesperson to support completing a Welfare Benefit claim or PIP assessment.

Emails:

- a) 13/10/20: RSM Rural Bulletin
- b) 13/10/20: Streetworks TTRO Allendale Road, Hexham
- c) 14/10/20: NALC Member Update
- d) 15/10/20: North Pennines News - Stargazing Week
- e) 15/10/20: NALC Member update
- f) 16/10/20: CAN Enews
- g) 16/10/20: Carol Hessey Local council disruption as a result of phishing attacks
- h) 20/10/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- i) 20/10/20: Ann Atkinson VCS Assembly West Northumberland Zoom meeting 3/11/20
- j) 20/10/20: Dr. Richard M. Clarke Research fellow RTO Covid-19 project – recruit members of the public to take part in the long-term effect of those that have suffered from COVID-19 during the pandemic. Suggested this go on website. Cllr SC Douglas created a link.
- k) 20/10/20 Streetworks. TTRO St. Mary's Chare, Hexham.
- l) 20/10/20: NALC rebuilding communities – Cllr I Stevens volunteered to lead on this. Cost of £30 to be reimbursed.
- m) 20/10/20: NHS Northumbria Healthcare Stakeholder update
- n) 21/10/20: NALC Enews
- o) 28/10/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- p) 29/10/20: NALC Member update
- q) 29/10/20: email request by a non-village parishioner suggesting the PC encourage village residents to put Christmas decorations outside their homes. Virtually 100% have a Christmas tree twinkling inside their home, slightly less have a wreath on their door or gate and slightly less again have garden decorations. Does the PC wish to provide additional decoration, if so where, what, when, who purchases, who undertakes the installation and who will dismantle? After discussion it was agreed that the Hall hopes to have a Cribs from Around the World Exhibition and Reverend Savage has plans for a Christmas Journey in the village these

events will give parishioners the opportunity to celebrate Christmas in a different way. The Councillors agreed that decorating private spaces was a personal decision and not something the PC should make comment upon.

- r) 29/10/20: CAN AGM online
- s) 30/10/20: Streetworks TTRO Newcastle Road Corbridge.
- t) 2/11/20: Streetworks TTRO amendment Beaumont / Market Street, Hexham
- u) 2/11/20: NHS Northumbria Healthcare Stakeholder Update Covid-19 update
- v) 2/11/20: Nichola Turnbull Tynedale Local Area Council virtual meeting 10/11/20
- w) 3/11/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- x) 4/11/20: RSN Funding Digest
- y) 4/11/20: Healthwatch Northumberland - Care Homes Forum
- z) 6/11/20: CAN Village Halls & Community Buildings update from ACRE

10. Financial Report.

a) TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary October 2020

b) Invoices received & paid since October meeting

Slaley Commemoration Hall – grant towards Decoration as agreed 8/1/2018 £2,000.00

Northumberland County Council weekly inspections Apl – September as per email 14/10/20 £566.21

Paid on line – authorized by Clerk and approved by Cllr S.C. Douglas

c) Invoices to be paid including **Annual Grants** as agreed December 2019

CAN	0,020.00 by BACS
St. Mary the Virgin churchyard	0,050.00 by BACS
Great North Air Ambulance	0,150.00 by Cheque No 775
Tynedale Hospice at Home	0,100.00 by Cheque No 776
ADAPT	0,020.00 by Cheque No 777
Ladycross Nature Reserve	0,100.00 by BACS
Slaley Show	0,500.00 by BACS
West Northumberland CAB	0,025.00 by Cheque No 778

d) Income & expenditure form as at November 1st provided by Clerk

e) The 12 candidates undertaking First Aid Training 9/11/20 has paid the Parish Council £50 per head. 1 x £50 by BACS. 2 x £50 in cash & 9 x £50 by cheque. = £600 will be paid into PC account.

f) Submitted the claim for the 2019/20 VAT £641.33

g) Making a donation to the West Tyne Food Bank was suggested and Cllr S Carson was asked to find out more about their work and bank details for the payment of a possible donation. *To be discussed in December.*

11. New Planning Applications.

20/03374/FUL: Detached garage at The Granary, Townfoot, Slaley. Applicant Mr & Mrs T. Matthews. **No objections**

20/01925/FUL: Conversion of two small barns on the grounds of Quarry House to 1 No ancillary store and 1 No annexe. Quarry House Slaley, Simon & Vicky Young. **No objections.**

20/03003/FUL: Installation of a summerhouse and a pent roof log lap shed in the rear garden of Cedar Lodge, Slaley NE47 0AD. Applicant Colin Washington **Pending**

Decisions from Planning:

18/01524/LISTED: Alleged breach Solar Panels have been installed to the South face of the converted garage roof of the building Church View, Slaley Applicant Mr. S. Best. 6-week appeal - Upheld

20/01931/FUL: Two storey extension to front. Woodnook Hill Farm, Slaley. **Withdrawn.**

12. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas. PC - Grants & Data Protection Policies, Standing Orders + Code of Conduct, placed onto website by Cllr SC Douglas as per October request agenda item 17. Cllr S C Douglas was complimented on how interesting and topical the web site was. Of special interest was the video recording of Rosaleen showing off the completion of Phase One improvements. Cllr SC Douglas also reported video footage of the November SCH 200 number being drawn at the First Aid Training 9/11/20 – this will appear later this week.

13. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/091120, page 1497

Cllr J. Storey reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected. The monthly NEAS check list was completed by Cllr Storey and the Clerk emailed to NEAS. The First Aid Trainer did not look at the cabinet today as hoped.

14. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Confirmation from the Play Inspection Company of the September 2021 annual inspection
b) October weekly inspections sheets received and forwarded to school – no defects recorded. Cllr I C. Stevens as a School Governor would also like to receive these.

15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

Cllr SC Douglas reported on work currently underway with grant applications for Phase Two.

Thank you letters with video clips are being sent to funders from Phase One.

David Clark, local roofer, has agreed to go onto the Hall roof and make a photographic report of the Lantern and price any work which need to be undertaken. Heritage lottery are interested in the Hall's unique roof lantern and have already indicated a grant application would be successful.

Cllr J.Storey reported how attractive and welcoming the Hall looks in its new improved appearance. The committee should be congratulated on a very good project.

The committee will host its AGM by ZOOM next Wednesday and new people onto the management team would be very welcome.

Cllr I C. Stevens wished to congratulate the Hall on its recent Car Clue Decode Hunt, he said it had been an enjoyable event.

16. Precept

Letter from Alison Elsdon, Service Director, Finance, requesting Precept by 29/1/21

Precept requirement form this will be looked at in December

17. Advertising Policy update What role the PC has with regard to what can and cannot be advertised in the parish.

Cllr DJ Taylor requested at the August meeting. (*this deferred to December*)

18. AOB

Mrs Dorothy Dryden has volunteered to be trained for the Community Speedwatch.

19. Date of December 2020 meeting: Monday December 14th. Will this be in the Hall or via ZOOM? A decision will be made when restrictions after the present lockdown are lifted on December 2nd.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.27.