

Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday October 12th 2020 was administered by ZOOM video connection.

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies Councillor S. Carson (problems with WiFi), County Councillor Colin Horncastle.

Taking part were: Councillor A.M. Livesey as Chairman. Councillors S. C. Douglas, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

Public Ian Stevens.

3. 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 5a.

4. Minutes of September 14th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1479 – 1482). Appendix 1, page 1483 & appendix 2, page 1484. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr J. Storey and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. All the Councillors present at the meeting agreed that the Clerk should sign the minutes.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 1 & 5a 14/9/20; 5a 10/8/20; 14a 13/7/20: Improved Broadband around The Glen area – email from Gillian Cowell 15/9/20 with a copy of the Powerpoint slides and the offer for people to get in touch. This was forward to the interested group of people. Cllr Storey reported that 29 properties had been identified and placed on the application, Once processed they may ask if the Parish Council would be the official body for the bid. Andy Colbourne is coordinating the paperwork.

b) 16 14/9/20: Local Transport Programme 2021-22 there was a slight amendment to the suggested areas after correspondence between the Chair and the Clerk. **attached as appendix 1/121020, page 1489.**

c) 17c 14/9/20: Damage on several BOATs – text arrive and Clerk forward to David Brookes at NCC 17/9/20 asking if repair work can be undertaken or the routes closed over the winter. Mr. Brookes will reply once he has assessed the routes.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

The group is to meet via a ZOOM connection. Mrs Sheila Borthwick of 1 Parks Side contacted Karbon Homes to ask if they would consider part of the area for a community orchard, they are willing to talk. Cllr Storey reminded the meeting that the native cherry does not bear fruit.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) 7c 14/9/20; meeting agreed for 12 noon on Friday 18th September between Neil Snowdon and a member of both Slaley & Healey PC's - was cancelled by email on 17/9/20 at 15.42. Circulated to Councillors at 16.00. Cllr PJ Cain (Healey PC) sent an email 20/9/20 13.48 with three photographs showing the junction on the stop line, 2 metre beyond the stop line and from the central line. Email from CC C Charlton 20/9/20 at 22.39 after speaking to the NCC Chief Executive. Cllr Cain asked for confirmation of receipt on 23/9/20 and that email was confirmed on 25/9/20 asking for a plan highlighting the location of the crossroads. Glen Harrison also emailed Cllr Cain saying it was out of his hands. Cllr Cain replied to them both 28/9/20 and said that the former design of the hedge was faulty and did not provide the necessary lines of site and the hedge had now grown beyond the NCC agreed plan. CC C Hornastle reported via Cllr DJ Taylor that he had spoken with Robin ? line manager and it was thought that Neil Snowdon and Robin would come out and look without any local Councillor presence. Cllr PJ Cain (Healey PC) reported a further near miss with a cyclist 11/10/20.

b) Recent heavy rain showed several blocked drains in the parish; Slaley village from Shop to bottom of village north side – water was running down the length of the village like a stream. New drain at Townfoot water gushing up from underground around repair. Lead Road north of Woodnook Farm washing gushing to surface around repairs. Burnside Cottage on Kellas road drain filled with tarmac flooding down into

bridge at Glen Crossroads. Flooding from blocked drain at junction of Barley Lodge road east of Barley Hill/Minsteracres south lodge.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies.

- a) GNAA Update new aircraft – grant application. Quality Hardwood Shelters.

Emails:

- a) 14/9/20: NALC Coronavirus information for parish councils (this includes the re-introduced regular updates)
- b) 15/9/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- c) 15/9/20: NALC Member Update
- d) 15/9/20: Forestry Consultation- Forest Stewardship Council
- e) 18/9/20: CAN New COVID-19 restrictions for our region
- f) 22/9/20: RSM Rural Bulletin
- g) 22/9/20: NALC Enews
- h) 24/9/20: NALC Member Update
- i) 24/9/20: NCC Elections office confirmation of information from request agenda 8x 24/9/20
- j) 25/9/20: CAN Test and Trace and QR Codes
- k) 29/9/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- l) 30/9/20: NALC Enews
- m) 30/9/20: Healthwatch Northumberland Review of the Year and AGM
- n) 30/9/20: Streetworks TTRO Maidens Walk Hexham.
- o) 1/10/20: North East Ambulance service - Training Update. Clerk contacted and asked about aborted March 2020 training. NEAS willing to come out to Slaley providing social distancing in place. Clerk confirmed with delegates and Monday November 9th is booked. Training paid by the PC in October 2019 with cheque No 749. Hire of Hall also paid included in Cheque No 765 on 9/3/2020. Delegates will pay a subsidized £50 each and have been asked to bring their own flask for tea/coffee breaks and a packed lunch & drink for lunch time.
- p) 2/10/20: CAN New COVID-19 restrictions for our region
- q) 5/10/20: Streetworks TTRO Aydon Road, Corbridge
- r) 6/10/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- s) 7/10/20: RSN Funding digest
- t) 7/10/20: NALC Enews
- u) 9/10/20: NALC Member Update

9. Financial Report.

- a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary September 2020 & confirmation of the Auto-enrolment Pension declaration.
- b Invoices received & paid since September meeting
 - TP Jones payroll preparation July – Sept £46.80
 - Clerk salary July – Sept - £1082.79
 - HMRC Clerk’s tax July- Sept £10.20
 - Play Inspection Company annual community inspection £78.00
 - Slaley Commemoration Hall “environmental taps in Phase One agreed 9/12/19” £1,143.24
 - Topsigns Limited – School Signs £84.00
 - Paid on line – authorized by Clerk and approved by Cllr A.M., Livesey & Cllr S.C. Douglas
- c) Invoices to be paid GMS final payment for 2020 growing season £976.20
- d) Bank statement at 29/9/20 £18,940.23
- e) Clerk reminded the Councillors that they had agreed a £2,000 grant towards the internal decoration of the main hall at Slaley Commemoration Hall and that work should be completed this week. The Councillors gave permission for the grant to be paid.

f) COVID-19 current restrictions were discussed (people out of work etc) and it was agreed that the offer of financial help should be made available through Reverend Savage and Olwen Savage who manage the Pyramid of Care for the parish.

10. New Planning Applications.

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 **No objections**

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

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 23/3/20

Pending

Decisions from Planning:

- Cllr DJ Taylor asking about training for planning applications. Ian Stevens recalled seeing training mentioned in one of the correspondence items. Clerk to check and resend. *Note the training is on-line, from 19 – 21 hours on October 22nd recorded on 81 above*

11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas.

Cllr S C Douglas reported up to 100 visits per month on the web site. Chairman gave her thanks to Cllr Douglas.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 2/121020, page 1490

Cllr J. Storey reported he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected. The monthly NEAS check list was email to NEAS.

b) Email from WEL Medical suggesting an upgraded Defib cabinet. It was agreed that the NEAS training person would be asked to have a look at our present cabinet and advise the PC on the best course of action. It was agreed that if the NEAS trainer suggested a replacement cabinet an order would be placed

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) The two community notices on the school building, were removed by Ian Stevens, taken to be reprinted at Topsigns in Hexham. Draft email 1/10/20 and wording agreed. Paid £84.00 by bank transfer authenticated by Cllr SC Douglas. Collected 9/10/20 and delivered to Ian Stevens, who rehung them on Sunday. Chairman thanked Mr. Stevens.

b) The Play Inspections Company annual inspection at the school – 36-page report received by email 17/9/20, circulated to Councillors and School. The stock valuation is £40,407.19

c) The Play Inspection Company offered the September 2021 inspection for the same price if we confirmed now. The Councillors agreed to this. Clerk to confirm.

d) September weekly inspection sheets received and emailed to Headteacher.

14. Vacancy on the Parish Council –Mr. Ian Stevens, Winter House, Slaley remains interested in joining the Council in November 2020.

15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor. Minutes of July 15th attached as appendix 3/121020, page 1491

Commemoration Hall used by Corbridge Health Centre for Flu jabs for Slaley & neighbouring parishes. Internal decoration almost completed. The COVID-19 restrictions in the North-East prompted most clubs to cancelled their Autumn activities. The Hall fundraising committee continues with the SCH 200 Club, a Car Decode Hunt in October and a three-day exhibition of Cribs from Around the Word (inside the Hall) during November 27-29.

16. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan October 2020 update. Attached as an appendix 4/121020, page 1492

Cllr DJ Taylor reported (L (vi) Speeding and Safety) that the community speed guns had in fact resumed although there was no update on the training of new recruits.

17. Advertising Policy update What role the PC has with regard to what can and cannot be advertised in the parish. Cllr D J Taylor requested at the August meeting. The last bullet point was felt to be the most out of date. Clerk explained this had come about with at least two local businesses /events placing flyers/posters onto every available gate, pole and surface throughout the parish, it then rained and the wind blew all, or part, of the posters around people's gardens, on the roadsides, up trees, hanging from barbed wire fences etc and the Parish Council was asked to stop the practice. The Chairman said that everyone must abide by the law regarding marketing leaflets. Cllr S C Douglas and Cllr D J Taylor to reword the meaning of the Policy. It was further agreed that the PC Policies as agreed at the AGM each year should be available on the web site.

Clerk and Cllr S C Douglas to place them onto the PC section of www.slaley.org.uk

18. AOB

- a) Lead road between Scales Cross and High Fotherley carpet dumped on road. Clerk reported 1/10/20
- b) Parish Wander date has been changed to Sunday July 11th 2021. Will the Parish Council allow the organisers to put the Wander on the PC insurance policy as a one-day event as they did in 2016? Clerk was given permission to ask Came and Company.
- c) Lamping was reported on the Wooley road over the last weekend in September, farm gates were rammed.

19. Date of November 2020 meeting: Monday November 9th. This will be administered by ZOOM

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.42.