

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Monday October 14th 2019  
at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

**1. Public Participation.** The owner of Rose Cottage asked why the PC had made comments about recent alterations to the property. The Councillors explained that the work carried out was not a conversion in accordance with the planning permission. The owner reported that she had been told there was no old cottage from 1842 it was a 1960s cottage. This is not thought to be the case; the Cottage appears in the census and on maps even though there may have been changes in the 1960's. The Councillors explained that they have not objected to the new application but simply pointed out that the owner had breached the planning consent.

**2. Apologies.** Councillor D. J. Taylor.

*Present:* Councillor R.W.H. Hutchinson in the Chair. Councillors S. Carson, S. C. Douglas, A. M. Livesey, J. Storey & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle. Public: Owner of Rose Cottage

**Invited speakers Slaley Community Shop Board: David Allsop & Norman Watson**

**3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.** None

**4. Minutes of September 9th 2019 meeting (circulated pages 1399 – 1401). Appendix 1, page 1402.**

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr. A. M. Livesey. The minutes were then signed and dated.

**5. Matters Arising.**

a) 5a 9/9/19; 5a 13/8/19; 8r 8/7/19: Local request for Emergency First Aid Training - Ray Dryden – November Thursday dates fully booked. Looking at February 13<sup>th</sup>; 20<sup>th</sup>; 27<sup>th</sup> or March 5<sup>th</sup>; 12<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>. Emailed these dates to Hall bookings and candidates for any problems.

b) 14 9/9/19: A member of the public reported that the Information Board near the Community Shop is dirty and needs to be cleaned. Cllr Livesey volunteered to clean the board.

c) 15b 9/9/19: Slaley Community Shop management invited to the October meeting to be offered PC support. Invitation accepted by Norman Watson and David Allsop. The current financial shortfall to purchase the site was discussed as was various alternatives to raising the necessary funding. EIS; SITR & Crowd Funding and the risks associated with some. Finding different premises – the R&C did not have sufficient spare room from which to run a retail business. Volunteer base grown from 40 to 60. Repayments to owners on lease agreement and the shop making a profit coupled with rent from the flat made the project viable in the long term. Repair costs a risk; Interest rates a risk. 5% reduction in newspaper sales offset again new stocking levels. Late opening on a Thursday night currently being tried. PC Chairman suggested PC funding through PWLB. The PC to look into this with Stephen Rickitt. Cllr A.M. Livesey to look at PWLB loans.

d) 5c 13/8/19; 5b 8/7/19; 16b 10/6/19: Further letter from Anvil Homes confirming that a donation will be paid directly to the PC for distribution accordingly. A member of the community has asked if the Housing Developers Fund could be given to the Community Shop – the Clerk explained that it was ONLY used to upgrade sport and play equipment in the West Northumberland area.

**6. Community Trust Update.**

Cllr S.C. Douglas to look at reporting procedures.

**7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor**

a) Email to Glen Harrison Highways (7/10/19) re flooding on road to Slaley Hall outside Slaley Park. Also resurfacing required on south section of U8080 between entrance into Slaley Hall and staff accommodation entrance.

b) Email to Glen Harrison Highways (8/10/19) re two potholes on B6306 near Ladycross road and one dangerous washed away area near Townfoot on corner of C275 at utility cover.

- c) Cllr J. Storey emailed (28/9/19) guidelines for the maintenance of road verges.
- d) Copy of September email correspondence between Cllr S. Carson & Highways. The decision was made to keep a log of any incidents at the Glen crossroads junction. Cllr S.C. Douglas made the first report from May 2008 and Cllr P. Cain from October 2018. Clerk to contact the Oakley family for the date of Helen's accident at the crossroads.
- e) Cllr J. Storey reported that the chevrons are still not replaced at the corner between the Glen Crossroads and Holly Cottage from the accident on C265 reported in the August minutes.
- f) Cllr S. Carson reported dirt on the village street from carrying soil on and off the site. Builders have a legal duty to keep the road clean but due to the current heavy rain it will be proving difficult. It was agreed to give the contractor a little slack on this but monitor.

## **8. Correspondence.**

### **Hard copies.**

- a) Northumberland local plan Scoping Documents (see emailed version 8j below); CAN request for continued funding. GNAA request for a grant. Came & Co local council insurance – Intra-group reorganisation affecting Stackhouse Poland Ltd trading as Came and Company – Cllr J. Storey took to read..

### **Emails:**

- a) 10/9/19: Northumbria Healthcare Stakeholder update.
- b) 10/9/19: GNAA September news.
- c) 10/9/19: RSN Rural bulletin
- d) 10/9/19: Jo Wood Mental Health First Aid Training
- e) 12/9/19: PC Lee Davison proposed day of action Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October as part of National Rural Crime Week – potential volunteers police radio.
- f) 14/9/19: PCSO (Patrol) Cameron Hall 5757 – offer to come to meeting.
- g) 16/9/19: West Northumberland VCS Network meeting 26/9/19 at Hexham + Funding Fair in West Northumberland 24/10/19 at Tynedale Farmer Function Suite
- h) 17/9/19: RSM Rural Bulletin
- i) 19/9/19: NALC Enews
- j) 20/9/19: Northumberland local plan Scoping Documents
- k) 24/9/19: RSN Rural Bulletin
- l) 24/9/19: NALC Member Bulletin
- m) 1/10/19: RSN Rural bulletin
- n) 2/10/19: RSN Funding Digest
- o) 2/10/19: NALC Enews
- p) 8/10/19: RSN Rural bulletin
- q) 8/10/19: CAN AGM at Blanchland Village Hall on Monday 4/11/19
- r) 9/10/19: Streetworks TTRO Hexham Spook Night
- s) 9/10/19: NALC Member update
- t) 9/10/19: Simon Bowens Climate Change – 20 point guide for parish councils.
- u) 9/10/19: Northern Powergrid – Creating a sustainable energy future for the North Stakeholder summit
- v) 9/10/19: Ian Hedley Local Services Who's Who and a copy of joint Charter.
- w) 14/10/19: Kathie Keady Annual West Northumberland Sports Awards nominations.

## **9. Financial Report.**

- a) Real Time Information: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary September 2019
- b) Cheques to be signed –
  - Cheque No 742: GMS grass cutting end of season invoice £961.20 \*
  - No 743 : TP jones & Co LLP Payroll preparation July – September £46.80
  - No 744: PKF Littlejohn LLP – external audit £240.00
  - No 745: NCC Playground inspections April to September £412.28
  - No 746: Clerk's salary July, August & September £1,031.14
  - No 747: HMRC July, August & September 9.80

- No 748: Slaley Commemoration Hall meeting venue Apl-Sept £104.00.  
Proposed by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr. A. M. Livesey, the cheques were signed.
- c) External audit report circulated by email 24/9/19. Clerk to Melanie to put on web
  - d) NCC payment of second half Precept £6,381.00
  - e) Bank statement at 18/9/19: £18,919.55
- \* Email from GMS asking about grass cutting situation at South Farm

#### **10. New Planning Applications.**

**Planning application 19/03874/FUL:** Replacement of existing sewage treatment plant. Slaley Hall Hotel, Slaley. Comments by October 17th. There is a lot of documents with this application - Great Crested Newt EDNA Survey (28 pages); Ecological Appraisal (30 pages); Arboricultural Pre-development Report by Elliott Consultancy (18 pages).

**Support**

**19/03646/FUL:** Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and proposed construction of one new build dwelling plus new build double garage and associated access and landscaping. Rose Cottage, Slaley. NE47 0AA

**Pending.**

**19/02208/FUL:** Proposal for reinstatement of original access to property & formation of new parking area. Rose Cottage, Wooley. Applicant C. Ryder. **Objections - pending.** Correspondence from Planning our issues raised have been overruled.

**19/02223/FUL:** Proposed demolition of existing side extension and construction of two storey side extension, front porch. 1 South Park. applicant Stephen Appleby.

**Pending**

#### **Decisions from Planning:**

**19/00776/FUL:** Stone wall (1.5m high 10m long) on eastern boundary and summerhouse (2.8m x 2.8m) in south east corner of garden. Glen Cottage, Lead Road, Slaley NE47 0BN. Applicant S. Murrell. **Granted**

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

**Douglas.** Cllr A.M. Livesey reported lots of community use on Facebook – tractors going missing etc. Cllr S.C. Douglas reported that no advertisers had renewed their advertisements and very few people looked at the site.

#### **12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/141019, page 1406**

Cllr J. Storey reported that he had carried out the weekly inspections and that the Defib was working as expected. The September monthly NEAS check list was completed by Cllr J.Storey and the Clerk emailed to NEAS. Clerk needs to order replacement pads.

#### **13. Update games/play area within school grounds.**

a) School reported a small section broken off one of the new mats thought to have been done by GMS. Reported by email and GMS replied that the grounds staff will be asked to monitor the mats.

#### **14. Slaley Commemoration Hall minutes from July 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 attached as appendix 2/141019, page 1407.** Cllr D.J. Taylor not available to report on meeting held on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup>

#### **15. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan October 2019 Update. Attached as appendix 3/141019, page 1408**

The update was accepted without amendment. It was thought that a further update was needed in the Parish Plan, Action Plan, Spring 2020 was suggested for a meeting of interested parties.

#### **16. AOB**

- a) Clerk produced the meeting dates for 2020 the second Monday in April (13<sup>th</sup>) is Easter Monday so the date was changed to the first Monday of April (6<sup>th</sup>).
- b) Cllr A.M. Livesey recommended the new Pilate class in Slaley Commemoration Hall on a Friday morning, it is run by a qualified physio.

#### **17. Date of November 2019 meeting: Monday November 11<sup>th</sup>.** (Apologies from Cllr A.M. Livesey)

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.15 p.m.