

**Minutes of Slaley Parish Council held on Monday September 13th 2021
at 7.30 p.m in Slaley Commemoration Hall.**

1. Public Participation.

2. Apologies: Councillor J. Storey,

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

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

(i) Application for Dispensation form by Cllr DJ Taylor. Proposed by Cllr..... and Seconded by Cllr....

(ii) Application for Dispensation form by Cllr SC Douglas Proposed by Cllr..... and Seconded by Cllr....

(iii) Application for Dispensation form by Cllr IC Stevens Proposed by Cllr..... and Seconded by Cllr....
to enable them to discuss, and take part in votes connected to, Slaley Commemoration Hall.

The two non-SCH Trustees were not happy with the provision made by the Dispensation Form they thought it an unacceptable process – made the PC impartial towards the Commemoration Hall and could be viewed by the community as acting without integrity. The Clerk explained that all members of the PC and SCH were voted in at an election (PC) or an annual AGM (SCH), therefore if the community was unsatisfied with the management of either organisation there would be complaints/reports made to the press, CAN, NALC or the County Council.

Cllr IC Stevens wished to have it recorded that he was frustrated that Slaley PC was going against the legal recommendation in the Localism Act 2011, Section 33 which gave all members leave to discuss and vote on all PC business. There was no option but to leave the issue until Cllr A.M. Livesey made more enquiries and there was a full membership of Councillors at a future meeting.

4. Minutes of August 9th 2021 meeting (circulated pages 1551 – 1554), appendix 1, page 1555 & appendix 2, page 1556. After adding the word ‘dummy’ to the camera description under the school grounds report and agenda item 13c the Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr I. C. Stevens and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 9/8/21, 5a 12/7/21; 5a 14/6/21; 5a 10/5/21; 5b 12/4/21; 5b 15/3/21; 5b 8/2/21; 5b 11/1/21; 5a 14/12/20; 6a 9/11/20; 5a 14/10/20; 1 & 5a 14/9/20; 5a 10/8/20; 14a 13/7/20: Improved Broadband around The Glen area. Email from co-ordinator A. Colbourne to Gillian Cowell – no prospect of proceeding as things stand – if Openreach change their scope it might be worth revisiting.

b) 5b 9/8/21; 5f 12/7/21; 5h 14/6/21; 5d 10/5/21; 16b 12/4/21: Slaley Business Directory – A5 copies at Slaley Community Shop and Slaley Commemoration Hall. A copy on the web site and additional hard copies can be ordered from members of the Parish Council.

c) 5c 9/8/21; 5g 12/7/21; 5j 14/6/21; 16e 16/5/21: Community Sub-committee Top Ten Tips on website – there had been no feedback (*see also agenda item 14*)

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level has been an agenda item since February 2020, 20 months Cllr SC Douglas forward, by email 3/9/21, the link for CEGs Climate Change Action Plan + the link for NCC’s Action Plan 2021 -23

All Councillors were asked to read. (*this relates to 8l*)

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

a) Update Glen Crossroads – Junction improvement scheme is scheduled for November 2021.

b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. – Reducing Slaley village speed to 20mph will be discussed as part of the 2021/22 LTP, during the Tynedale Local Area meeting 14/9/21 (*see 8u above*). The Councillors opted for two new signs, near the school, which would flash the reduced speed limit, when school was in progress. These would be funded by Slaley Parish Council

c) CC C Horncastle also described £12m savings this financial year. Affordable housing NCC’s priority – looking at rural and coastal areas as opposed to urban. Afghanistan refugee housing would need to be where there is a support system in place to help with their day-to-day needs. NCC is one of the Country’s County Councils helping.

d) CC C Horncastle suggested we ask for a visit from Cllr John Riddle who is head of highways for our reply to (8c Cllr Barry Flux, NCC Business Chair, offered a meeting with Glen Sanderson, Leader of NCC or a cabinet member).

8. Correspondence.

Hard copies:

Elan City brochure - special offers for speed signs
Clerk & Councils Direct September issue

Email

- a) 10/8/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 10/8/21: GNAA news
- c) 11/8/21: Cllr Barry Flux, NCC Business Chair, offered a meeting with Glen Sanderson, Leader of NCC or a cabinet member. Members of both PCs replied yes. Clerk offered both PCs as a three-pronged meeting; First Slaley, then both, finally Healey. Separate meetings were also given as a possibility. This was emailed 13/8/21.
- d) 12/8/21: A69 Bridge end update overnight closures.
- e) 13/8/21: CAN Enews.
- f) 16/8/21: Jobs Fair at St. James' Park
- g) 17/8/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- h) 20/8/21: Ian Hedley Transport North East forum 25/8/21
- i) 24/8/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- j) 26/8/21: NALC Member Update
- k) 1/9/21: RSN Rural Bulletin
- l) 1/9/21: Ian Hedley asking if we have declared a Climate Emergency. Tackling Climate Change at Parish level has been on the agenda for 20 months so Slaley did recognise and declared the need for action in February 2020. *See agenda item 6 from minutes of 9/8/21 when there were differences of opinion.* The PC's of Slaley, Healey & Hexhamshire may not have declared A Climate Emergency but members of the three parishes feel sufficiently concerned about it that they formed a committee outside of the PCs and have made great changes within the three parishes. Recycling, tree planting, community orchard, promoting electric vehicles, composting, local market, etc Cllr S Carson asked about the cost of installing an electric charging point. Cllr A.M. Livesey asked if DJT was still the Community Champion, suggested a second parish Litter Pick organised by a different organisation to the PC and asked about Car Sharing. Cllr DJ Taylor said she was the Community Champion and CEG were looking at a second attempt at a parish PV project. Cllr SC Douglas has been working on the Climate Emergency Check list of the Community Emergency planning tool kit.gov.uk and hopes to present under agenda item 6 at the October meeting.
- m) 2/9/21: NALC member Census
- n) 2/9/21: Free Trees from the Climate Change Programme Team at NCC
- o) 3/9/21: CAN Enews included info on Hadrian's Wall celebrations of 2022
- p) 8/9/21: NALC AGM 9/10/21
- q) 8/9/21: NALC Member Update – Operation London Bridge
- r) 8/9/21: RSN Funding Digest.
- s) 9/8/21: NALC Enews
- t) 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.
- u) 13/9/21: Nichola Turnbull -Tynedale Local Area Council meeting 14/9/21 at 4 p.m.

9. Financial Report.

- a) TP Jones & Co LLP. August payroll paperwork
 - b) Invoices received & paid since August meeting
- NCC April – June weekly inspections at £99.40
The Play Inspection Company annual inspection £78.00
Hire of Slaley Commemoration Hall – June, July & August 2021 £55.00
CEG now has its own bank account - transfer the restricted £56.50 to the group.
The payments were proposed by Cllr A.M. Livesey and seconded by Cllr S. C. Douglas.

- c) NCC paid 2nd half of Precept into bank account
- d) Cheque received from Healey PC for hire of web space 20/21 £50 & 21/22 £50 = £100

10. New Planning Applications.

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. **Object to the scale of development and the loss of light and over shadowing this would have on Elm Cottage**

21/03340/FUL: Extensions to the rear, including removal of existing porch/conservatory. The Coach House, East Woodfoot. Applicants Mr & Mrs Allanson. – **No objections**

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.**

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. **Pending.**

Decisions from planning

11. Social Media Report - Councillor A.M. Livesey/ Cllr IC Stevens & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas. Cllr AM Livesey said there was lots of interaction on Facebook and Twitter. Cllr SC Douglas reported 180 hits in August on the web site – she was congratulated on the up-to-date content.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/090821, page 1564

The monthly NEAS check list was completed by Cllr Storey and had been email to NEAS. Date on replacement pads 2023-11.

b) The request at the August meeting for further training by NEAS was made by email 2/9/21 and remains unanswered.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Monthly reports received for August and forwarded to school.

b) Checked the invoice for April - June inspections at £99.40 and NCC considered the invoice correct so it was authorised for payment.

c) Letter sent by email 11/8/21, to Chair of Governors after Inspection of grounds prior to the August meeting. No reply. Cllr IC Stevens asked to contact the Chair of Governors for her response.

d) The Play Inspection Company annual inspection September 1st 2021 – 42-page report circulated by email to Councillors and School Secretary. Cllr IC Stevens & Slaley PC Clerk to make a site visit and look at the recommendations and report back in October.

e) The Play Inspection Company stock valuation for our insurance £41,013.30

f) The Play Inspection Company Repeat order form - next year only.

14. Revisit from June 2021 - Parish Council to set up a Community Sub-committee to take different groups and projects forward as suggested by Stephen Rickitt at the ZOOM meeting of Tuesday March 23rd 2021. Discussed 5j 14/6/21 & 16e 16/5/21: (see also 5c above, 5c 9/8/21, 5g 12/7/21 & 5j 14/6/21)

The idea to be revisited at the September meeting and see what reaction the web site article has generated. Penny Bliss emailed Cllr SC Douglas 14/8/21 asking if the PC can help with volunteers for the various community run organisations – Rose and Crown, Community Shop, Slaley Show, Commemoration Hall. Film Club. Cllr IC Stevens led the discussion about lack of volunteers at the Rose and Crown causing a two-day shut-down, and despite his call for help in the September Slaley News. Likewise, Slaley Community Shop remains on a morning only opening. A general call for volunteers across the board was discussed. Older people are getting older and able to do less, younger people work and have limited free

time to allocate towards regular volunteering. Cllr AM Livesey to put something on Facebook. Cllr's SC Douglas & IS Stevens to discuss an article for the web site and a possible parish leaflet drop.

15. Local Transport Plan Programme Consultation 2022/23

Emailed information 17/7/21

The 2021/22 priorities were:

1. Glen crossroads hedge
2. B6306 x Lead Road crossroads – long grass
3. Entrance into former Hillfield Farm converted buildings from village - hedge.

The 2020/21 priorities were:

1. Glen crossroads hedge
2. B6306 entrance into Colpits Grange - Concealed Entrance - cycle accident
3. B6306 x Lead Road crossroads – long grass

The 2022/23 priorities were agreed as

1. Glen crossroads hedge
2. B6306 x Lead Road crossroads – long grass
3. 20mph hour flashing signs near the village school during school hours

16. Neighbourhood Plan

a) ZOOM meeting with David English & Sarah Brannigan at 11 a.m. on Friday 20th August. Notes attached as **appendix 2/130921, pages 1557-1558.**

b) The Offer to Healey Parish Council in producing a joint Neighbourhood Plan (email of 20/8/21) was discussed on Wednesday September 1st. Healey Councillors after discussing and considering the “in kind” commitment required to produce a Neighbourhood Plan felt their time and energy was “otherwise distracted” with the School House issues and the Rights of Way Improvement scheme.

c) Notes from the meeting and a copy of the Power Point presentation was circulated by email on 21/8/21. As suggested look at Haydon Bridge Neighbourhood Plan on line - they explain their initial Parish Plan followed by a Development Plan and the present draft NP which began in 2019 – a must before taking this further is to see the Haydon Bridge SG ‘Terms of Reference’.

d) Does Slaley Parish Council wish to take a NP forward? Are there three Councillors willing to form a Steering Group with members of the community? Cllrs AM Livesey, DJ Taylor and SC Douglas voted in favour. Cllr S. Carson had reservations about the effectiveness of a NP in light of the new Government planning guidelines being introduced. The PC Chairman will contact technical support for an application form and arrange a public meeting to appoint a Steering Group.

17. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

a) Mobile Pizza van monthly visit 5 – 7.30 on August 25th very well supported. September date is 22/9/21

b) Artisan Market Wednesday October 27th.

c) 16c 9/8/21; 16 12/7/21: When Cllr DJ Taylor re-tabled the request to the PC for financial help and it was reported that from May 19th 2021 three Councillors were also Trustees of the Commemoration Hall. Clerk sought clarification from Stephen Rickitt about conflict of interest and voting. Mr. Rickitt replied with a draft Dispensation form for the three Councillors who are also Hall Trustees. Once these forms are completed the three Councillor/Trustees can vote in the normal way and the Chairman has the casting or seventh vote if the vote is equal. (*See agenda item3 above*)

d) Fund raising for Phase Two is well underway. The VAT element is being looked into.

18. AOB

a) Clerk contacted Kingfisher about the litter bin we ordered on June 17th with a 6-8 week delivery – email reply 10/9/21 – lack of drivers to get raw material to factories and COVID related staff shortages. Due to be dispatched from manufacturer on September 24th.

b) Two wheelie bins ordered for litter at Trygill (March 15th) and Hexham road (north of Wooley junction) May 11th – spoken to Geoff Cairns at Tyne Mills Depot and Cllr IC Stevens is collecting Monday September 13th.

c) The broken lid of the PC owned dog waste bin down High-Clear lane was reported by email to all members of the Council by Cllr IC Stevens 5/8/21. The wife of a Slaley Councillor reported it to NCC 7/9/21 and because the bin

belongs to Slaley PC the report was resent to Slaley PC. Geoff Cairns hopes the lid is repairable and will have a new lid ready for Monday 13th and agree a repair with Cllr IC Stevens.

d) Ed Graham dropped in to Slaley PC's Clerks home Friday 10th details of car rally on Wednesday 15th September between 8.31 and 10.45 p.m. – too late for any press report.

e) Shop AGM 29/9/21, when a proposal to award a £5k grant to Phase Two of the hall improvements will be voted upon.

19. Date of October 2021 meeting: Monday October 11th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.