

## **Because of the Coronavirus a meeting of Slaley Parish Council on Monday September 14th 2020 was administered by ZOOM video connection.**

### **1. Public Participation. At 7 p.m.**

To discuss better broadband at a pocket of properties around The Glen. Invited residents was represented by Andy Colbourne of Burnside Cottage. Gillian Cowell from iNorthumberland also attended and explained the Community/Voucher Scheme. The Peel Flatt area only has two properties who wish to take it forward and that is insufficient at the present time. David Saunders is concerned about how long the funding will remain available. Gillian volunteered to forward a powerpoint presentation to the group. Gillian is more than happy to have another discussion with the group (without the Parish Council) either by remote or by a face to face with social distancing. Andy was at a disadvantage not being on camera and at times it was difficult to know if he was still present. The funding is available until 31st March 2021 provided there is a commitment to proceed and the claiming of vouchers (spending of the money) is available for a further 12 months until March 2022. Gillian did report that the Scheme is much bigger than the Government realised there is currently 1000 applications each week therefore she feels that the scheme **may be / would need to be** extended because all the applications could not be physically processed by March 2022. Gillian said it was important to **initially apply with all possible interested parties listed** - once processed you can delete parties but you cannot include additional. She stressed that The Glen group do need a **central point of contact /community lead** which was Andy at the meeting. *See agenda item 5a below*

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

**3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.** Cllr J Storey for Public Participation & agenda item 5a. It was thought necessary for Cllr J. Storey to have a dispensation form for the Glen Broadband project.

**4. Minutes of August 10th 2020 meeting (circulated pages 1473 – 1476). Appendix 1, page 1477 & appendix 2, page 1478.** 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) 5a 10/8/20; 14 a 13/7/20. Poor broadband at the area around The Glen and properties around Peel Flatt. Telephone and email reply from Gillian Cowell the Business & Community Engagement Officer at iNorthumberland Programme. The reply was forwarded to 9 properties to take forward if they wished. The application asks for a legal entity to make a contract with Openreach – interested residents may wish to request this of the Parish Council and if so would like to attend the meeting to explain. *See agenda item 1 above.*

b) 5b 10/8/20 Community Speed Gun training – three new names were given to PC Lee Davison by email on 13/8/20. The acknowledgment informed the Clerk that the Speedwatch scheme is undergoing review across organisation before further recruitments or training can take place – this explanation was forwarded to the three named parishioners. On 27/8/20 PC Davison sent out an email to the group informing them he was taking up a temporary Sergeant's post at Bedlington. Cllr DJ Taylor reported being asked for a face to face meeting by a female Inspector from Alnwick.

c) 16d 10/8/20: Water and electricity supply interruption Sunday August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Reply from Northumbrian Water Customer Care Manager. *See also 17b for burst water main on September 8<sup>th</sup>*

### **6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.**

The group is to meet via a ZOOM connection.

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

- a) Damage to the Flothers bridge reported to Clerk by Cllr J. Storey 12/8/20. Clerk reported to Glen Harrison at highways. Acknowledged by Bridges Inspector Mark Harrison.
- b) Cllr A.M. Livesey emailed CC Colin Horncastle on 11/8/20 asking for support for 20mph through village – CC Horncastle replied that he understood a former school Headteacher had not wanted a village speed reduction. *Note: Rebecca Jackson was appointed head April 2014 and left July 2015. Mrs O’Neil and Mrs Hay looked after the headship between them until Debbie Brett was appointed in January 2016*
- c) Accident at Glen Crossroads 27/8/20 between a vehicle and a cyclist. Vehicle driver willing to discuss with Neil Snowdon. Cllr DJ Taylor reported another near miss on September 1<sup>st</sup> between herself travelling north to south and a vehicle pulling out of the Lead road to travel west. Cllr Jon Storey witnessed at 11.10 11/9/20 a car heading towards Slaley Hall almost collided with a car exiting from Healey parish. Also Karl Beckett from Colpitts made a formal complaint about the crossroads and asked the PC to do something to make it safe. Karl drafted a complaint detailing several near misses and one accident which was forwarded to Neil Snowdon 14/9/20. A meeting has been agreed at 12 noon on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>. CC Colin Horncastle will also attend
- d) Cllr S. Carson asked about all the highways budget being spent on the B6306 resurfacing between Wooley and the Linnels when other stretches in his opinion would have benefitted from a resurface.

## **8. Correspondence.**

### **Hard copies.**

Clerk & Councils Direct September issue. The Pensions Regulator- confirmation that TP Jones has completed the re-decoration and that Slaley PC has no employees with pension entitlement.

### **Emails:**

- a) 10/8/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 11/8/20: NALC Enews
- c) 11/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Chains Drive Corbridge.
- d) 11/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Corbridge Road junction to Stagshaw.
- e) 11/8/20: Sport Tynedale request for Grant Aid.+ Letter
- f) 13/8/20: NALC Member update
- g) 13/8/20: GNAA August 2020 newsletter
- h) 18/8/20: NALC Member Update
- i) 18/8/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- j) 18/8/20 John Rock asking for PC support to object to Proposed removal of land at intake Way, Hexham from green belt. Cllr Warde-Aldam (Healey PC Chairman) explained that the Northumberland quota of housing has gone up by 40% since the local plan was first written. These additional houses need to go where the facilities are. It was considered that Slaley PC could have no grounds for an objection although they acknowledged that Eastgate entrance into Hexham town center could become more congested.
- k) 18/8/20: Cllr P. Cain made comment about the above
- l) 19/8/20: Streetworks TTRO Gilesgate, Hexham
- m) 19/8/20: NALC Enews
- n) 25/8/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- o) 27/8/20: NALC Enews
- p) 27/8/20: NALC Member Update
- q) 27/8/20: NALC Member Update – Pay Scales
- r) 2/9/20: RSN Rural Bulletin
- s) 3/9/20: NALC Member Update
- t) 3/9/20: RSN Monthly Bulletin
- u) 4/9/20: CAN Broadband Upgrade Fund (*see agenda 5a*)
- v) 8/9/20: NCC Northumberland Local Plan Phase 2 hearings
- w) 8/9/20: RSN Rural Bulletin

- x) 8/9/20: NCC Elections office – PC elections May 2021 – expectation of a contested elections? Any vacancies expected? Councillors asked on line. All the Councillors said they wished to be nominated for the elections in May 2021 and there was no rumblings of a contested election.
- y) 9/9/20: NALC Enews
- z) 10/9/20: NALC Member Update includes Government update of Sept 9 - continuation of Physical meetings /unsure guidelines for community buildings and village halls.
- aa) 10/9/20 Streetworks, TTRO Dilston to Corbridge
- bb) 10/9/20: Streetworks TTRO Tyne Green, Hexham
- cc) 11/9/20: NCC Iain Hedley Community chest Scheme first round deadline 2/10/20 & second 15/1/2021
- dd) 14/9/20: NALC COVID-19 update
- ee) 14/9/20: Streetworks TTRO Hexham 10 Race.

## 9. Financial Report.

- a: TP Jones & Co LLP. Employers Summary August 2020.
- b Invoices received & paid since August meeting
- Goods for repairing the community shed at Slaley First School (contains the tennis net and posts) £30.31
- goods ordered on line by Clerk P. Wilson – reimbursed to P. Wilson.
- WiFi in Commemoration hall July – September £78.30
- Paid on line – authorized by Clerk and approved by
- c) Income second half of Precept £6,381.00 notification from NCC

## 10. New Planning Applications.

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

**20/01660/FUL:** Proposed first floor balcony. Fore Cottage, Colpitts Grange, Slaley. Applicant James Crowther.  
**Granted**

**20/00227/FUL:** Amended and additional information for Construction of two-storey side extension. Peel Flatt, Slaley NE47 0DL.  
**Granted**

**20/01857/FUL:** Demolition of existing attached timber outbuilding and coal bunker and erection of new detached timber outbuilding. Slaley Village Shop. Applicant Philip Cain.  
**Granted.**

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

Cllr SC Douglas reported 99 users visited the parish web site in August.

## 12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix 1/140920 page 1483

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 completed by Cllr Storey was emailed to NEAS by the Clerk

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

- a) The two community notices on the school building, will be removed and will be reprinted at Topsigns in Hexham. Ian Stevens will remove for the Clerk.
- b) The community storage box was repaired by Mr Ian Stevens over the bank holiday weekend of August 30/31. The Clerk had purchased a roll of roofing felt, some clout nails and a container of Creosote. This cost has been reimbursed see agenda item 9 above. Mr. Stevens was thanked for this work.
- c) Weekly inspections received for July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and forwarded to school Headteacher
- d) Weekly inspections received for August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – the latter showing gate and fencing repaired and out of defect stage. Forwarded to school Headteacher.

e) Email from Slaley School teacher, with photographs re damage and displacement to school equipment, making a mess with apples and moving school furniture. Reported in Notes. Clerk to ask the school if they have considered CCTV.

f) Community agreement annual (normally July) for inclusion in October Slaley News. **See below**

g) Email from A Foster, who is now heading up FOSS she did not know about the Community Shed, and that what was supposed to be inside it. She was going to look at the two gazebos which had been pushed into the shed and dry them out before returning them. Do we consider replacing bats, balls and rackets when the Virus is over? **It was agreed to alter page 3 of the community agreement – during Coronavirus bring own equipment. Copy of Community agreement attached as appendix 2/140920, page 1484.**

h) Amy Dobson of the Play Inspections Company emailed PC on 1/9/20 asking for permission to carry out Community equipment inspection at the school on 2/9/20 – suggested that the school needed to give permission. Clerk understood it was going ahead over a weekend when no schoolchildren were present.

**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.**

Completing the paperwork for the promised grant from the CC's small scheme was offered by Cllr SC Douglas and DJ Taylor.

A new piano donated by Margaret Ward. Rescheduling the remaining work - decorating and varnishing floors will be completed this month. Small successful grant application. Meeting with a representative from Tyne/Wear Museums about refurbishing the Hunting paintings. W.I. resumed in September when Cllr DJ Taylor was the speaker.

Cllr Douglas said bookings were beginning again, however, the rule of 6 which came in on September 14<sup>th</sup> was slightly confusing. A ladies dancing group are interested in booking a Sunday.

#### **16. Local Transport Plan Programme 2021-22**

Our three priorities for the current year were rejected see agenda item 8t from 10/8/20 minutes. The PC is invited to resubmit them. However, a Verint Report suggests improvements to all four sides of Glen crossroads. The request for road marking to indicate entrance to a farm on the footpath in Slaley village. The Councillors agreed to include the glen crossroads again, the crossing of the lead road with the B6306 and traffic calming at Shield Hall corner.

#### **17. AOB**

a) Drawing the winning SCH 200 Club will now take place at the Hall Management Meeting

b) Burst water main Tuesday 8/9/20 outside The Travellers Rest Inn on the B6306. No water from 9.30 a.m. – talk of a 3 p.m. fix. Although some parts of the parish may have had their supply back before then.

c) Telephone call to Clerk from Karl Beckett very concerned and annoyed about the condition of several BOATs leading into and from Slaley Forest. Sent photographs Monday 14.9.20 when the text arrives Clerk will contact David Brookes at County Hall who deals with the BOATs. Cllr J Storey said the BOAT south of Trygill heading west was almost unusable for none motorised vehicles.

**18. Date of October 2020 meeting:** Monday October 12th. Reminder that the Advertising policy will be discussed. Cllr DJ Taylor to email her alternative policy

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.34.