

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on Monday 9th November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

Full Draft Local Plan joined by Healey Parish Council to discuss findings on the Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Drop In Sessions: Hexham, Prospect House, Saturday 24 October 2015 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Corbridge, Parish Hall, Thursday November 12th 2015 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. **Consultation 14th October – 25th November. Emails circulated: 14/10/15: Pre-Submission draft is live. 15/10/15: Hard copy & CD copy of Full Drat Plan received and available - Cllr Milburn CD (Slaley) Cllr Johnston hard copy (Healey).**

(report separate to these minutes)

1. Public Participation.

A member of the public has expressed concern about the welfare of pigs kept as pets at a parish home. The Clerk downloaded Code of Recommendations for the welfare of Pigs from the Defra website.

Page 3: The welfare of Pigs is considered within a framework known as the Five Freedoms. 1. hunger and thirst. 2. discomfort *by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.* **Page 15** meanwhile focuses on Accommodation 6.2 The accommodation used for pigs shall be constructed in such a way as to allow each pig to (b) have a clean, comfortable and adequately drained place in which it can rest; (d) maintain a comfortable temperature; (e) have enough space to allow all the animals to lie down at the same time. 7.1 The dimension of any stall or pen used for holding *individual* pigs is not less than the square of the length of the pig. **Page 16 section 51** gives information on the lying area which should always be kept dry and the dunging area should be drained effectively. *This was discussed with members of Healey Parish Council and was therefore quorate.* After discussion it was agreed that a general letter be sent asking if the welfare regulations had been addressed.

2. Apologies. Cllrs I. E. Milburn & D. M. Bell & N. Green

Present: Councillor D. Allsop in the Chair. Councillors R.W.H. Hutchinson, E.S. Dart & Clerk P. Wilson. Public: None. Press: None. County Councillor None. *Because there were only three Councillors present, the meeting was not quorate and therefore no decisions could be taken.*

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

10c: Slaley PC Clerk as a member of Friends of Ladycross Nature Reserve

4. Minutes of October Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1101 – 1104 appendix 1, page 1105 & appendix 2, page 1106). *The Minutes were unable to be approved - Do missing Councillors agree them?*

5. Matters Arising.

a) 11b 12/10/15: generic email address slaleyparishcouncil@yahoo.com with a slaleypc20155 and a code of 65622 All Councillors were asked by email 14/10/15 to check this. *carry forward to December meeting – early indications are that it is not working..*

b) 17b 12/10/15: Clerk contacted NALC and asked what the procedure was for taking control of an area and designating it as a village green. David Francis replied and said that Defra guidance would help but said that negotiations between Isos and NCC on the planning permission would need to be checked. However the Parish Council has the power to maintain green areas, whether they are registered village green, or some other type of public open space. (this information circulated to Councillors 16/10/15) *carry forward to December meeting - in the interim Clerk to get a price from GMS.*

6. Community Trust Report

Cllr Allsop reported there was no update.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

A request from Mrs Joyce regarding headway with the cleaning of the village drains and gullies was made by email to Cllr Allsop, this was forward to CC Colin Horncastle for his input. Cllr Green informed the Clerk that his wife had emailed the highways help line one Tuesday to report flooding through a blocked roadside drain, the following Saturday a workman arrived and freed the drain, when asked if he was doing all the village he replied No he was off to Riding Mill to attend to another incident. Over hanging braches, restricting sight lines was also reported. Flood work at Holly Bush corner on Monday November 9th indicated that a drainage channel had been carried out on the north bound carriageway while opposite further flooding had not been addressed. **Cllr Hutchinson proposed that a letter of complaint should be sent to our MP, our County Councillor and the West area highways manager. This to be agreed by the absent Councillors before any action is taken**

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy

a) NCC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy Consultation - October 30th – December 11th

Ask missing Councillors if anyone would like to look at this and report back?

b) Campaign to Protect Rural England North East Newsletter Autumn 2015; Clerk and Councils Direct November 2015; NALC hard copy of annual reports. Tynedale Hospice at Home Autumn Newslink; War Memorials Trust Bulletin.

Emails:

a) 13/10/15: Vicki Flint, NCC: Rough Sleeping Count 2015. Replied requested form Councillors by October 22nd. There were no reports received by the Clerk.

b) 13/10/15: Forestry Commission Green grants information & application form.

c) RSN housing spotlight.

d) 14/10/15: Community Action Northumberland NEWS Autumn.

e) 16/10/15: Paul Jones NCC – rural parishes meetings – locally Acomb Village Hall 11th November and Riding Mill Millennium Hall 1st December.

f) 15/10/15: RSN rural broadband.

g) 19/10/15: North Pennines AONB Partnership Autumn Newsletter.

h) 19/10/15: RSN weekly digest

i) 21/10/15: RSN RVS fuel poverty.

j) 21/10/15: Matthew Bewick - Sport Tynedale Annual Awards - Nomination Form 2015.

k) 21/10/15: NALC Training Sessions at Newton & Bywell: Councillor Nov 4th; Clerk Nov 10th; Financial Management Nov 24th.

l) 20/10/15: Carrol Hessey NCC Parking Enforcement Vehicle. LTP has funded a vehicle to enforce school keep clear parking restrictions.

m) 21/10/15: Lauren Langton Invitation to Tynedale Community Bank Launch at Hexham Abbey on November 6th. A further email was circulated by Cllr Allsop on 27/10/15 giving background information.

n) 22/10/15: Adele Young, North East Ambulance Service, asking if she could have the kit sent from the BHF. PC Clerk explained that the bag and all the kit inside went with Mags and the male Ambulance Service man after the Defib training event at Slaley.

o) 22/10/15: Gareth Davies, NCC –launch of the new NCC website – mobile focused as 60% of visitors now use phones and tablet to access the website

p) 22/10/15: Northumbria Healthcare NHS Stakeholder Update October 22nd.

q) 27/10/15: RSN weekly digest.

r) 27/10/15: Tracy Jernnings NCC Funding Bulletin.

s) 27/10/15: Georgia Evans: NDAS Launch Event December 15th at Hexham Mart Offices.

t) 30/10/15: CAN e:NEWS October

u) 31/10/15: Northumbria Healthcare NHS Stakeholder a further Update October 30th.

v) 31/10/15: Andrea Perrett – GRACE – Northumberland Rape Crisis annual review meeting 18/11/15 at Newcastle.

- w) 31/10/15: CAN e:News Extra – Government Funded scheme to install central heating systems into properties that previously haven't had central heating.
- x) 3/11/15: LDO agenda for West Area Committee meeting on Nov 10th at Hexham.
- y) 3/11/15: Letter from Ros Doonan & Pat Wilson re Parish Wander in June 2016 and asking if the event would be supported by SPC and could be included in the PC insurance as a one-off event providing the Risk Assessment is satisfactory and Marshalls will be monitoring the event. Cllrs Bell & Hutchinson previously emailed their acceptance, therefore the necessary quorate was achieved and the Councillors were able to agree.
- z) 3/11/15: RSN weekly digest Nov 2nd.
- aa) 4/11/15: RSN ROB rural healthcare.
- ab) 4/11/15: Dan Carmichael has requested the Clerk and Councillors to meet at Parks Side at 9 a.m. on Wednesday November 11th for a photograph shoot for the Isos Publication celebrating working together to make a hard standing for the mobile post office.
- ac) 5/11/15: Michelle Atkinson 12 week consultation on changes to the fire and rescue service to save £500,000 **Does everyone want to read this or do you want to designate the consultation to ONE Councillor?** carry forward to December meeting unless a Councillor volunteers to read and report back mid meeting.
- ad) 6/11/15: NALC E-NEWS November – includes transparency fund, training events, public toilets devolution and a regional mayor.
- ae) 7/11/15: Forestry Commission England – first confirmed Ramorum disease on Larch in North Yorkshire.
- af) 9/11/15: RSN weekly digest.

10. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll Employers Summary October. Employees pay slip.
- b) Payment of Grants for 2015/16 (see 8d (hard copy) 14/9/15 minutes Tynedale Hospice at home)
- c) Letter received from Ladycross Nature Reserve with a copy of accounts requesting a grant (circulated by email to Councillors). Also letter from Parish Wander (see 8y) carry forward to December meeting
- d) Cheques to be signed. carry forward to December meeting
- e) Interim cheques: None
- f) NCC letter re Local Government Finance Act 1992: Parish Precepts & Council tax 2016-17 with Precept request form to be received at NCC by January 31st.

11. Current Planning Applications.

No New planning applications to be discussed:

Clerk received a telephone call from then owners of the property of planning application 15/02245/FUL informing her that they wished they had known the Parish Council would have been discussing their application as they would have liked to have been at the meeting to argue against any misgivings the Council may have felt.

15/02245/FUL: Extension of residential curtilage and erection of 1 no Falcon breeding block. Land west of Foresters Lodge, Slaley.

15/01005/FUL: Rejection of planning permission for new bungalow on land west of Bogglebush, 2 Wooley Grange **has gone to the Secretary of State under appeal.** The PC did not wish to amend its initial decision of no objections.

15/02959/LBC: Listed Building Consent: proposed single storey extensions consisting of open porch, enclosed porch, utility room, larder and kitchen extension. Proposed dormer window in existing garage building and proposed chimney. East Woodfoot House, Wooley Road, NE47 ODF **Pending**

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14/04288/OUT: Outline planning permission with some matters reserved except for access for construction of single storey agricultural workers dwelling. Flothers Farm. **Pending**

13/01130/FUL: Retrospective: Extraction system on roof at rear of premises. R&C

Pending

13/01131/LBC: Retrospective: Listed Building Consent: Extraction system R&C

Pending

Decisions from Planning:

15/02901/OUT: Construction of one dwelling house (outline) – all matters reserved. Wood End, 7 Wooley Grange, Slaley.

Refused.

12. Defibrillator Update

Cllr Allsop has carried out the weekly inspections and the Defib was working as expected?

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

Clerk has not met up with Slaley School Clerk, things are hectic without an appointed head teacher. Also the meeting with Darren Brooks was not confirmed or rescheduled.

14. Consider Precept for 2016/17

carry forward to December meeting

15. AOB

a) Cllr Bell informed the PC by email prior to the meeting that a comment had been made at a public coffee morning that Slaley PC ought to be subscribing towards the cost of new gates on St. Mary's Lych gate. PC Clerk checked back and Reverend D. Irvine made a request in 2013 (see March 11th 2013 minutes, agenda item 8r. The Councillors asked for a costed plan. There was no further correspondence. Then two years later in March 2nd minutes 2015 Sue Allen wrote with a quote from Hexhamshire Hardwood for £675.00. The Councillors replied asking for three quotes and a copy of the last audited accounts. Again there was no follow up. Slaley PC Clerk held a meeting with Reverend Helen Savage where the past requests were discussed. Reverend Savage suggested that what had gone before have a line drawn under it and we should start again with a clean slate, she also said that there were many improvements needed at St. Mary's and any help would be appreciated. Because Slaley had been without a Vicar the last accounts had not been presented to the public at an Annual Meeting although she understood a copy could be produced from Church House. **The Councillors, subject to agreement of the absent Councillors, felt that in this instance they could forgo sight of the accounts and provide a grant towards replacement gates on the parish war memorial in the meantime the Clerk to write to reverend Savage and explain that the Council was not quorate at its November meeting and therefore unable to comment further. This to be agreed by the absent Councillors before any action is taken.**

b) Cllr Dart suggested writing to Highways and requesting signposting from the west to the new Cramlington Hospital. Someone Cllr Dart knew had needed to receive instructions via their mobile to find the hospital. **This to be agreed by the absent Councillors before any action is taken**

c) Rally on Lead Road to Holly Hill then into forestry after dark on November 5th. Reported to Northumbria Police by two Holly Hill residents. Clerk contacted Alex MacLennan, FC. Who emailed the likely organizers from a poster discovered in Kielder. WPC S Cockburn confirmed that the rally had used public roads and had not breached the speed limit. It was normal practice that letter drops were made to adversely affected houses, but this had obviously not happened at Holly Hill. A telephone call to the Bissett family at Middle Dukesfield confirmed that someone had called in to tell Clare about a rally in October from Slaley Hall to Carlisle. The rally on Thursday November 5th had been a complete surprise the first Clare knew was when she was confronted with a tripod with spot lights at the Lead road junction. Doreen & Clare both thought that the October rally is an annual event. Alex MacLennan and Nonathan Farries from the FC are writing to the organizers and suggesting that a simple email to the PC Clerk in future was recommended

16. Date of December 2015 monthly meeting

Monday December 14th

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.