



**Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of
Slaley Parish Council
Held on Monday 20th July 2026 at 7.00pm
In Slaley Commemoration Hall**

Present

Councillor Anne Livesey (Chair), Councillor Michael Ogle (Vice-Chair), Councillor Alexia Dawson, Councillor Nicole Dean, & Councillor Julie Cole.

In attendance

Parish Clerk - Samantha Dalglish,

Members of Public

Residents – None

1. Welcome and councillor news.

2. Public Participation.

None

3. Apologies for absence

Councillor Mark Osborne & County Councillor Horncastle.

4. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Declarations of Interest can be found at

<https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/mgParishCouncilDetails.aspx?ID=318&LS=3>

5. Planning Applications

None

6. Minutes of previous meetings

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15th June 2026.

Minutes were agreed as true copy

(Proposed – Cllr Cole/Seconded Cllr Dawson)

7. Matters arising – actions log

- The Wooley Grange adoption remains in progress. Councillor Livesey will continue to follow up on the matter.
- Councillor Osborne was not in attendance to address the outstanding actions.
- The Clerk will continue to follow up on all outstanding actions.

8. County Councillor update.

None

9. Agenda Items.

- a. Wooley Grange adoption update (Cllr Livesey)
Mark Mather advised that the matter is currently being discussed at a national level. Councillor Livesey will provide updates as further information is received.
- b. Rural Crime report (Cllr Cole)
Nothing to report.
- c. Grants Policy (Cllr Dawson)
Pushed to September Agenda due to competing priorities.
- d. Advertising Policy (Cllr Dawson)
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- e. Caravan Check with the Forestry Commission (Cllr Osborne)
The caravan has previously been reported. Additional fly-tipping has also been identified in Slaley Forest. Images of the caravan and fly-tipping, together with their location, will be forwarded to the Clerk for further follow-up.

Action: *Cllr Dean to send images and location through to Clerk.
Clerk to report the caravan to the Forestry Commission.
Clerk to report fly-tipping to NCC.*

10. Correspondence

None

11. Finances (led by Parish Clerk)

- Finances accepted as true record.

(Proposed – Cllr Ogle/Seconded – Cllr Dawson)

12. Agenda Items for 21st September meeting agenda

- Wooley Grange adoption update
- Rural Crime report
- Grant Advertising Policy
- Advertising Policy
- Caravan in Forest

13. Private session/ confidential items

None

14. Any Other Business

1. Road surface issues, including potholes, on the A68, which serves as a relief road, school bus route and an important route for the local farming community.

Action: *Councillors to send images and location to clerk.
Clerk will contact Paul Jones and Neil Snowdon at NCC to review road surface.*

2. Blind spots at intersections and the entrance to West Woodfoot are causing visibility issues. The height of the hedges makes it difficult to see oncoming traffic, creating a potential safety hazard.

Action: *Councillors to send images and location to clerk.
Clerk will contact Highways Management to review the vision restrictions.*

3. Advertising signs have appeared throughout the village and surrounding area.

Action: *Clerk will check locations to ascertain if signs are on private land and report those that are not to NCC.*

4. Councillor Dawson noted that playground inspection reports were not being forwarded to her by the Clerk, despite her now being the appointed Councillor representative for the play area.

Action: *The Clerk will forward playground reports to Councillor Dawson.*

15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st September 2026 at 7pm (Commemoration Hall) unless otherwise advised

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.45pm