



Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of Slaley Parish Council Held on Monday 18th August 2025 at 7.00pm In Slaley Commemoration Hall

Present

Councillor Anne Livesey, Councillor Julie Cole, Councillor Michael Ogle.

In attendance

Parish Clerk - Samantha Dalglish.

Members of Public

Residents – M Elphick, R Ferguson, M Crowther, and M Osbourne.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Councillor Colin Horncastle, Councillor Nicole Dean

2. Public Participation.

R Ferguson;

- Brought to the council's attention the high fire risk in the forest area and the lack of warning signage to the fire risk from barbeques and open flames, etc.
- Proliferation of illegal advertising signs for Springhouse Boutique Holiday Park.

→ **Action:** *S Dalglish to contact NCC for information about installing warning signs in high risk fire areas.*
S Dalglish to follow up with NCC and Holiday Park owners about advertising signage.

M Elphick;

- Refer to Correspondance of note

M Crowther

- Concerned with extent of Green Belt farm land and changes to Green Belt farm land.

→ **Action:** *S Dalglish to contact investigate exact extent of Green Belt and provide an updated map to clarify.*

3. Short Address by County Councillor Colin Horncastle.

None

4. Declarations of Interests.

None

5. Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 21st July 2025.

- a) Minutes were agreed as true copy (*Proposed – Cllr J Cole/Seconded Cllr M Ogle*)
- b) Review of actions log – See Appendix A
- c) Matters Arising – None

6. Correspondence of significant note.

- From: Tynedale Talking Newspaper – email (dated 29/07/2025) Grant application for £50
 - Response sent 2nd August 2025 explaining current financial restrictions.
- From Forum Cinema Hexham – email (dated 30/07/2025) Grant application for Slaley Film Club for £100
 - Response sent 2nd August 2025 explaining current financial restrictions.
 - M Elphick was not informed of the email response. He enquired after funding for the film club and was informed about the currently financial restrictions.

7. Agenda Items.

a. **Precept application update** (*led by Cllr Livesey & Parish Clerk*)

- No response from NCC.
- Joe Morris has been contacted and has a meeting set with Cllr Livesey at the beginning of October.
- Joe Morris set to visit the Rose & Crown on 20th August.

→ **Action:** *Cllr's J Cole and N Dean will visit with Joe Morris at the Rose & Crown*

b. **Local Transport Plan (LTP) Capital Programme** (*led by Cllr Livesey*)

- Have received information that the LTP is upcoming and to prepare thoughts for inclusion areas.

→ **Action:** *S Dalglish to send LTP as soon as it is received for thoughts & responses.*

c. **NJC Pay Scale Update** (*led by Parish Clerk*)

- Pay increase of 3.2% to be backdated April 2025, puts hourly rate to £15.31

→ **Action:** *None required.*

d. **Wooley Grange Adoption Update** (*led by Cllr Livesey*)

- Cllr Livesey emailed Paul Jones at NCC on 21/07/25 and 4/8/25.
- The issue has been referred to the Highways Development Team at NCC.

→ **Action:** *None required.*

e. **Grass cutting Contract** (led by Parish Clerk)

- Councillors identified area on map that requires coverage under the grass cutting contract.
- The schedule and area covered needs to be confirmed with Procuts to inform the decision whether to renew their grass cutting contract

→ **Action:** *S Dalglish to email Procuts and ask for their schedule and coverage for Slaley.*

f. **Defibrillator Update** (led by Cllr Cole)

- Defibrillator is under the care of Cllr J Cole, with Cllr Ogle added as alternative contact.
- Clerk advised that a defibrillator policy might help to ensure no transfer difficulties in future.

→ **Action:** *S Dalglish to draw up Defibrillator Policy for Cllr's to review.*

g. **Chair's Meeting Update** (led by Cllr Livesey)

- Meeting planned for Tuesday 16th September @ 7pm
- Cllr Livesey is not available that day so Cllr Cole will attend if agreed by the Bywell Council Chair.

→ **Action:** *Cllr Livesey to email Bywell Parish Council Chair to confirm.*

8. **Planning Applications.**

- **Planning Application:** 25/02854/FUL – Conversion of Dutch Barn into Residential Property – response from Parish Council can be considered.
 - Concern was raised that the garden area may violate privacy and set precedence for future infractions on green belt land.

→ **Action:** *S Dalglish to check green belt and gardens policy and send information for an online vote. Vote to be ratified in next meeting.*

9. **Finances (led by Parish Clerk)**

- Finances accepted as true record.

(Proposed – Cllr Livesey/Seconded – Cllr Cole)

10. Any Other Business

Wooley Road Defibrillator

- Two messages received from Tony Lapping at 2B Wooley Grange about Woolery Grange residents buying own defibrillator.
- Defibrillators should be located no more than 3 minutes away.
- Wooley Road residents have agreed to purchase defibrillator privately but register on the public Circuit.
- Location needs to be decided between residents.

Rural Police Officer Visit

- Auriol Bruce has returned to duty and will be attending a future meeting.
- Councillors identified theft, speeding and illegal forest activities as priority areas of concern.

→ **Action:** *Cllr's Ogle and Cole to contact residents to gauge support and decide location for defibrillator.
S Dalglish to email Constable Bruce to determine date of attendance and share councillors' concerns.*

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 15th September at 7pm (Commemoration Hall)

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm