

Rescheduled meeting of Slaley Parish Council on **Thursday** September 22nd 2022 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

The meeting was rescheduled due to the sad death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth 11 on September 8th 2022

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies. CC Colin Horncastle

Present: Councillor I. C. Stevens as Chairman. Councillors S. C. Douglas, J. Storey, D. J. Taylor & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None.

4. Minutes of August 8th 2022 meeting (circulated pages 1649 – 1652), appendix 1, page 1653 & appendix 2, page 1654. The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr S. C. Douglas and seconded by Cllr J. Storey. The minutes were then signed and dated by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5a 8/8/22: Wheelie bins at Dipton Cut and Trygill were not emptied 16/8/22 despite a request from the PC on 2/8/22 for this to happen. A reminder sent 22/8/22 when bins overflowing. Cllr I C Stevens volunteered to take to civic amenity site 23/8/22, however, Cllr S C Douglas saw the bins being emptied by a special NCC vehicle. Cllr I C Stevens to check that they now being emptied on the regular fortnightly landfill collection.

b) 5b 8/8/22; 5b 11/7/22; 5b 13/6/22; 17 9/5/22: Cllr Graham Curry unable to attend the rescheduled September meeting - pencilled in for Slaley PC October meeting, however, many meetings have been rescheduled due to her late Majesty's death so this may not be possible.

c) 5c 8/8/22; 22 11/7/22 Cllr I.C. Stevens to report on his Invitation to Kim McGuiness to come out to Slaley PC and give a talk on Rural Crime. Ms McGuiness has a demanding workload and is unable to attend many offered meetings but has asked that Slaley PC informs her office of rural crime in the area. Cllr D.J. Taylor suggested the PC keep a log of incidents. This record will be forwarded to Ms McGuiness in the New Year.

d) 5d 8/8/22, 8f 11/7/22: On 20/6/22 the Queen's Hall Arts Centre explained the Illuminated Sheep – a visual arts trail across Northumberland to celebrate the arrival of the Lindisfarne Gospels in autumn 2022. Expressions of interest forms completed by midday Wednesday July 13th. Cllr I.C. Stevens volunteered to move this forward. Both the Hall and the Shop were offered as venues with the possibility of the sheep being able to move from one venue to the other. There could be a naming competition and the sheep could preside over a film such as 'Shaun the Sheep' at the Hall. Slaley will get its sheep on Tuesday October 18th. Sheep needs to be back with its flock by December 1st. Interest from St. Mary's Church and Slaley School in taking part. Cllr IC Stevens asked for a fighting fund of £50 initially to cover the expenditure associated with the Illuminated Sheep being in Slaley parish.

e) 17d 8/8/22: Request for Townhead Give Way sign promised for February 2021. GH from highways thought it had been replaced. New date for installation - by Friday 2/9/22. This had not been replaced therefore, Clerk to send an email reminder.

6. Tackling Climate Change at Parish Level.

a) Slaley PC was asked if it would declare a Parish Climate Emergency at the August 9th 2021 meeting, it was discussed again on 13/9/21 without any decision being taken. At the August 2022 meeting Cllr D.J. Taylor again asked if Slaley PC would declare a Parish Climate Emergency. Cllr D J Taylor emailed (22/9/22) a copy of the ARUP Climate Emergency What Next document. Cllr I C Stevens emailed his thoughts at 15.07 today. A discussion followed with Cllr D J Taylor mentioning the toolkit and how the PC can make and promote environmental decisions. It was agreed that Slaley Parish Council would declare a Parish Emergency. Cllr I C Stevens to record in Slaley News. Cllr S C Douglas to mention on the web site and in Slaley Notes. Cllr D J Taylor to inform NCC.

- b) Members of CEG scythed & raked into heaps the material at St. Mary's wildflower meadow on Friday September 2nd.
- c) Slaley, Healey & Hexhamshire CEG intend to organise an event to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Healey PC suggested an Advent Type on-line environmental "to-do list". There is also the offer from David Nixon to present a Murder Mystery or a Panto in verse.
- d) 15/9/22 Climate Action Northumberland September issue – Great Big Green Week 2022 September 24th – October 2nd is the UK's biggest celebration of community action tackling climate change

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) (i) Update Glen Crossroads – Highway improvements Correspondence between Councillors, Andrew Olive & Glen Harrison of Highways, CC Colin Horncastle & Cllr Glen Sanderson leader of NCC. Improvements are now completed.
- (ii) Glen Cottage hedge trimmed Thursday 14/7/22 (reported Healey PC), Friday July 15th Mrs J. Cain was almost side swiped at the crossroads, the trimming has made no difference. This was reported by email to Andy Olive and Glen Sanderson. Andy Olive replied that one of his team would look and see if the request from NCC had been complied too. Second near miss reported on Friday August 12th and third on Wednesday August 31st. Cllr J. Storey reported a meeting there on 5/9/22. A second meeting on September 13th with the hedge owner and Highways officers when a substantial cut was agreed between highways and the owner. Two further near miss reports made August R. Doonan & Wednesday 21/9/22 (day after second cut) Cllr J. Storey- this was reported via email by Cllr J. Storey. Cllr J. Storey to email Highways and ask if officers have inspected the cut hedge and if they have reached the same conclusion in that more growth needs to be removed.
- b) Update on reducing village speed to 20 mph. –. Email update from CC Colin Horncastle received 7/9/22 reported that a meeting to fine tune the design had taken place. New 20 mph flashing signs for outside the school have been secured. Email arrived 16/9/22 from Michael McMonagle, Programmes Officer, with approved drawings for the proposals. School was forward for any comments. – The PC and School were both happy with the proposals. However, the two cars parked in the layby to the right of the large school gate does block vision for school staff - Mrs Hayward asks is there anything that can be done. Clerk to reply to Michael McMonagle, Programmes Officer for Highways Improvements and ask who that layby is owned by LEA of Highways?
- c) Cllr J. Storey emailed 22/7/22 Glen Harrison re gullies on the Lead Road – one still blocked from 5 years ago when it was damaged by Openreach work. Acknowledged by Highways.
- d) Email 22/9/22 from CC Colin Horncastle asking if hedge cut was acceptable.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy:

A4 Northumberland Local Plan 2016 – 2036 + A3 Northumberland Local Plan Policy Maps (Cllr J D Taylor took to read)
 Clerks & Councils Direct September.

Email:

- a) 9/8/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- b) 11/8/22: Gary Sams of Fusion for Business (FFB) – offering help with green energy
- c) 16/8/22: Training Event by Rape Crisis Tyneside & Northumberland & Mindful Therapies.
- d) 16/8/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- e) 18/8/22: Kimberley Waugh, NCC Climate Change Team - free tree giveaway (copied in CEG)
- f) 19/8/22: Northern Powergrid Early Applications for Energy Resilience Grant Funding Application Forms
- g) 23/8/22: RSN Rural Bulletin
- h) 25/8/22: William Wearmouth (office of Guy Opperman MP) The Northern Powergrid Foundation Charity Grant Recipient Application Forms
- i) 26/8/22: Susan Crisp Age UK Northumberland requesting volunteers.
- j) 26/8/22: Forestry Commission August update.
- k) 31/8/22: RSN Rural Bulletin

- l) 31/8/22: Streetworks TTRO Beaumont Street 7.30 p.m. – 3 p.m. resurfacing & rumble strip removal.
 - m) 2/9/22: NALC changes to Operation London Bridge
 - n) 2/9/22: CAN mapping exercise to identify warm spaces open this winter
 - o) 4/9/22: Hexhamshire PC asking for support against the Eastgate closure came to us 1/8/22.
 - p) 6/9/22: RSN Rural bulletin
 - q) 7/9/22: RSN Monthly Funding Bulletin
 - r) 7/9/22: Streetworks Amended TTRO Eastgate, Hexham amended routes
 - s) 7/9/22: Claire Jackson, healthwatch Northumberland invitation to AGM 19/10/22 in Ashington
 - t) 7/9/22: NCC Democratic services request to check parish details and report any changes to Councillors DOI. (Declaration of interests). **Councillor to check their entry on NCC web site**
 - u) 8/9/22: NALC Death of Her Majesty The Queen.
 - v) 8/9/22: Cllr I. C. Stevens - Details Flying flag. Website. Condolence message. Cancel Meeting.
 - w) 9/9/22: NCC Ian Hedley - Operation London Bridge submit local events.
 - x) 9/9/22: NALC The Proclamation of the Accession of His Majesty King Charles III
 - y) 10/9/22: NALC The Accession Proclamation
 - z) 13/9/22; RSN Rural Bulletin
 - aa) 14/9/22: NALC Commemorating The Death of HM The Queen - Hexham Abbey streaming the funeral service.
 - bb) 15/9/22: Iain Hedley Books of Condolence following the Queen's Death should close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday 20/9/22 and delivered to County Hall where they will be bound and stored as Northumberland County's archive
 - cc) 15/9/22; Streetworks TTRO 18/9/22 Hexham Abbey service on Beaumont Street, Hexham
 - dd) 15/9/22: Jacci Burton (gave 144 email addresses) Community Resilience Event Invitation 29/9/22 at Newbiggin Sports and Community Hub 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cllr S.D. Douglas attending
 - ee) 16/9/22: CAN Enews
 - ff) 16/9/22: Paul Glendinning, Northern Powergrid – storm Arwen meeting 26/9/22 6.30-8 p.m. Hexham Mart. Cllr S.D. Douglas attending
 - gg) 16/9/22: William Wearmouth Northern Powergrid/ Guy Opperman Poster – storm Arwen meeting 26/9/22 6.30-8 p.m. Hexham Mart. Cllr S.D. Douglas attending
 - hh) 20/9/22: Iain Hedley, Resources for frontline staff: Keeping people safe, warm and well this winter
 - ii) 21/9/22: RSN Rural Bulletin – Cllr J Storey interested in the Airband Fibre Broadband – not available in our area.
 - jj) 21/9/22: Jacci Burton (gave 144 email addresses) Community Resilience Event Invitation 29/9/22 at Newbiggin Sports and Community Hub final reminder
- * (see 8f, 8h, 8n, 8dd, 8ff, 8gg & 8jj above) Slaley's Councillors S.C. Douglas and DT Taylor have completed a grant application to Northern Powergrid to make Slaley Commemoration Hall a Resilience Hub, this is supported by the MP Guy Opperman. The application is to help residents of Slaley & Healey Parish Councils in the event of future adverse weather AND to offer a warm space this winter as the cost of living escalates. Nigel Fisher of the CCU (Civil Contingency Unit) came out to Slaley on Tuesday September 13th at 2 p.m. to answer questions.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Payroll paperwork September 2022 + quarterly ((July - September) paperwork
 - b) Invoices received & paid since August meeting – NCC Play & Sport weekly inspections £224.71
 - c) Invoices to be paid
- Slaley Commemoration Hall. £5 Hire of Den by Cllr I.C. Stevens for a one-hour meeting Housing Needs Survey.
- Clerk's salary July – September £1156.00
- HMRC tax due from salary July – September £44.00
- TP Jones & CO LLP invoice for payroll preparation July - September £46.80
- d) Email 16/8/22: Option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements –Slaley PC will remain.

e) Bank statement as at 26/8/22: £14,913.75

f) Notification that Second half of precept £6,381.00 paid into bank account.2/9/22

10. New Planning Applications.

22/03125/LBC Listed Building Consent for refurbishment of barn to form fitness room, home office, den, shower room and utility room. Installation of rooflights, stair and formation of new access into main house kitchen. Shield Hall, Slaley. Applicant Mr. G. Hall. **No objections.**

22/02185/FUL: Creation of single storey extension to rear of existing dwelling. Pry House, Slaley NE47 0BL Applicant Mr. Stephen Percy. **Pending**

Decisions from planning

22/02275/FUL: Erection of a garden room to the west elevation. Shield Hall, Slaley, NE46 1TU. Mr. G. Hall. **Granted**

22/02276/LBC: Erection of a garden room to the west elevation. Shield Hall, Slaley, NE46 1TU. Mr. G. Hall. **Granted**

22/01133/FUL: Single storey extension. Ashton Byre, Townfoot, Slaley NE47 0BQ. Mark Baldwin. **Withdrawn**

11. Social Media Report - Cllr I C Stevens / Cllr D J Taylor & Slaley Web Page Report - Councillor S.C. Douglas. During the mourning period for HM Queen Elizabeth 11 the front page of the web site carried the Parish Council condolence message.

12. Defibrillator Update– Monthly check list attached as appendix attached as appendix 1/220922, page 1661.

a) The monthly NEAS check list was completed by Cllr Storey. The date on the pads in the Defib is November 2023 and date on replacement pads 2024-10.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) July weekly Inspections received and forward to school. No defects received. + August 5th.

b) School closed to public for the seven weeks of the school holidays + a further two weeks into the Autumn term.

14. Parish Council Vacancies

Cllr I C Stevens has someone in mind and will discuss the possibility with the young parishioner.

15. Slaley Commemoration Hall Update by Cllr DJ Taylor.

The planning department agreed to the solar panels being inset into the extension roof and DJT is currently applying for grants for battery storage to help cover rising running costs and will be able to store power if the mains electric goes off. Hopefully SCH will be one of the first to benefit from The Northern Powergrid Foundation Charity Grant. (see 8f & 8h above). SCH are looking for joiners to provide decking to the north of the French doors leading out of the new meeting room. Stevens and Storey were asked if there interested – they agreed to take a look and report back.

16. Slaley Parish Plan; Action Plan: Information Board. Facilities & Services Update.

A reminder has been emailed, gone into the Slaley News and website that the entries into the Slaley Business Directory are ready for updating. Many have been reworded and a revised SBD is attached as **appendix 2/220922, page 1662.** An A4 size copy for the SCH leaflet holder. A copy onto the web site and Cllr SC Douglas to produce 10 x A5 copies for Slaley Community Shop. Cllr I C Stevens to look at repairs needed for the PC notice board in the churchyard corner. The PC seat adjacent to the Community Shop to be given a coat of preservative before the winter. The Information board to be checked and cleaned if necessary.

17. AOB

- a) Slaley Councillor Jon Storey reported fly tipping 4/9/22 on Lead Road west of High Fotherley Farm entrance. Reference No: 101007951140. Cllr C Johnston said it had been removed.
- b) Cllr J. Smith reported a blue dumpy bag full of waste on the eastbound carriageway of the Lead Road on the corner between Glen Lodge and the entrance to Healey Mill. Cllr J. Storey reported a fridge on the grass verge at.....
- c) Cllr I C Stevens reported by email 19/8/22, correspondence from Michael Bullock of arc4 details of Slaley 2022 Housing Needs Survey. Cllr I C Stevens was reminded that any housing needs survey should include staff at Slaley Hall hotel and golf course, many of whom live in the Consett/Shotley Bridge area. Although there is staff accommodation at the resort, many staff members prefer to live off-site.
- d) Cllr IC Stevens reported a budget meeting at Slaley First School where the removal of trees needed to be factored into the budget. The School is looking to provide a 'sensory garden' within the grounds and is hoping the PC will look favourably towards this addition which the public will be able to enjoy when the grounds are open for public access.
- e) Cllr S C Douglas & PC Clerk reported a meeting with Angela Watt of NCC Communities Together initiative who has £500 grants for local initiatives which produce a 'community improvement especially helping people out of the present economic difficulties'. There is a scheme in Bellingham in the former fish and chip shop giving residents the chance of FREE garden produce. Out of 'sell by' date (not 'use by' date) bakery and meat products. A fridge for cold goods and metal shelving provides the storage space open 24/7. People are sometimes too proud to admit they are struggling financially and this gives them the chance to help their budget whilst producing less waste. Cllr J. Storey understood this from his bakery business and explained offering out of 'sell by' date bakery products to people for free – he thought there could be some benefit in this idea and would discuss with the Community Shop board.

18. Date for of next meeting

Monday October 10th.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.54 p.m.