

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 13th April 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

1. Apologies.

Present: Councillor C.A. Brooks in the Chair. Councillors I.E. Milburn, N. Green, S. Dart. D. Allsop & D.M. Bell. Clerk P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle for part of meeting.
Public: None.

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

3. Minutes of March 2015 Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1055 – 1059, appendix 1, page 1060 & appendix 2, page 1061).

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. D. Allsop and seconded by Cllr. D Bell. The minutes were dated and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

- a) 12 2/3/15: Acknowledgment from Planning Officer, Charlotte Colver, for the Slaley & Healey PC responses to the small settlements consultation.
- b) 13 2/3/15 Planning review. Further emailed correspondence received 12/3/15 from Karen Carins encouraging as many as possible T&PCs attend the NCC meeting on April 1st. Also on 12/3/15 further correspondence from Northumberland & Newcastle Society. Concern over the effectiveness of Neighbourhood Plans. Clerk emailed Robert Philipson from Allendale PC for its take on what is now happening. The reply was that once a Neighbourhood plan passed a referendum then it was a legal document. However small scale development at Allendale, which could be seen differently by a more urban councillor, was Robert's concern.
- c) 19d 2/3/15: Further correspondence from Blanchland Parish Council regarding the proposed new footpath. Blanchland PC and the Lord Crewe Trustees are objecting. The Rambles Association originally put the footpath proposal forward. Vehicles are using the route and damage has been reported to English Nature.

5. Public Participation. None

6. Community Trust Report

Councillor Allsop reported that the Community Trust was raising the issue of having a community meeting inside the Rose & Crown to discuss fund raising at the next SCA Limited board meeting.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor.

County Councillor Horncastle gave further details of the planning review and the implications this will have county-wide. Changes to the work of Area Committee are also under discussion.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) Invitation to the Slaley Parish Council members for the inauguration of Reverend Dr. Helen Savage at Blanchland Abbey on Wednesday April 22nd. Cllrs C. Brooks, S. Dart & Clerk will attend.

b) Came & Co magazine; Rural Housing Alliance Affordable Rural Housing - A practical guide for parish councils booklet; Clerks & Councils Direct March; Local Sexual Abuse posters, leaflets and book markers – these were left in the village hall entrance.

Emails

- a) 3/3/15: Nichola Turnbull – West Area meeting March 10th at Humshaugh.
- b) 4/3/15: RSN ROB March.
- c) 4/3/15: Sue Andrews CAN – North-East Regional Event, Durham CC, March 28th
- d) 4/3/15: Helyn Douglas NCC Future Funding of Subsidised Bus Service – consultation ends March.
- e) 5/3/15: Helyn Douglas – NECA Devolution Local Stakeholder event – March 26th
- f) 6/3/15: Katie Cameron – The National Plant Monitoring Scheme – information and registration details
- g) 9/3/15: RSN weekly digest.
- h) 12/3/15: Sue Howie Northumberland & Newcastle Society response to planning review.
- i) 13/3/15: Ian Hedley, locality development officer ‘Parliament in the Making’ programme.
- j) 13/3/15: NALC E-NEWS March.
- k) 16/3/15: RSN weekly digest 16/3/15
- l) 17/3/15: RSN Rural Economy Spotlight.
- m) 17/3/15: Carolyn Woodhouse – Derwent Cycle Race on April 11th & 12th.
- n) 18/3/15: RSN RVS rural transport.
- o) 24/3/15: RSN weekly digest.
- p) 20/3/15: Paul Clavey: Slaley Forest management Plan for Forestry Commission woodland at Slaley – 24 page plan comments by April 17th. Cllr Brooks commented that she had found no reference to the several BOATs in the forest – Clerk to check.
- q) 25/3/15: Tracy Jennings Funding Bulletin March.
- r) 26/3/15: Sue Andrew, CAN, call for village agents - seems to be a Pilot in North Northumberland.
- s) 26/3/15: Ian Hedley, Letter and briefing notes from Cllr Grant Davey on his proposals to save £27m + £3.4m running costs.
- t) 26/3/15: Mike Bird- guidance on use of Social Media by Members. Councillors must clearly state when replying to anything on social media if they are replying as a Councillor or as a member of the public.
- u) 26/3/15: Amended Cycle Route notice
- v) 30/3/15: RSN weekly digest.
- w) 30/3/15: Ian Hedley, letter from Barry Rowland re Locality development team meeting venues and dates May & June.
- x) 31.3.15: Susan Hedley citizen of Longframlington – Scenic bus services in Northumberland.
- y) 1/4/15: Duncan Lovatt – Footpath No 12 stile replaced and a gate re-hung (reported by Slaley PC in July 2014). Cllr S Dart thought that the landowner’s brother had done the repair!
- z) 1/4/15: David & Heather Pitt The Pennine Journey update.
- aa) 1/4/15: Northumberland Community development network
- ab) 1/4/15: Michael Elphick - iNorthumberland newsletter.
- ac) 4/4/15: Nichola Turnbull – West Area meeting at Bellingham on April 14th.
- ad) 4/4/15 Grant Davey 6 page letter re planning review + 3 pages of proposed revised scheme of delegation.
- ae) 7/4/15: RSN weekly digest.
- af) 8/4/15: NALC E-NEWS April
- ag) 8/4/15: RSN RVS Broadband.
- ah) 13/4/15: RSN weekly digest.

ai) 13/4/15: CAN e:NEWS April.

9. Financial Report including Audit Arrangements

- a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll successfully submitted £283.33 payment on 15/3/15.
- b) Annual reports by Thirsk payroll were checked by Cllr S Dart.
- c) Cheques to be signed:
 - No 551 Coulson Construction hard standing for Post Office parking £7,197.60
 - No 552 Northumberland County Council Play inspections Jan – March 2015 £177.84
 - No 553 Thirsk Community Care Payroll Preparation Jan – March £13.00
 - No 554 Slaley Commemoration hall meeting venue Oct – March £140
 - No 555 Pat Wilson Salary January – March £850.02 +
 - No 555 Pat Wilson Annual expenditure £321.12. = £1,171.14
 - No 556 GMS Grass cutting £280.00 Cycle track £164.00 + Vat £88.80 = £532.80Proposed by Cllr. D. Allsop and seconded by Cllr. E. Milburn the cheques were signed.
- d) Interim cheques: None.
- e) Bank Statement at March 27th £9,507.11 showing the £3,598.80 payment from Isos Housing.
- f) Balance Sheet for March 31st 2015 showing a carried forward of £731.53 **attached as appendix 1/130415, page 1067.**
- g) Precept payment first half NCC payment of £6,381.00 on April 10th.
- h) Audit arrangements – display notice June 8th – 21st (internal audit) Records available June 22 – July 17th. Audit date July 20th.

10. Current Planning Applications.

15/010125/FUL: Proposed kitchen extension to rear. The Old Barn, Slaley, Hexham. **No objections.**

15/01005/FUL: Construction of new bungalow – land west of Bogglebush, 2 Wooley Grange, Slaley. **No objections**

15/00656/FUL: Placement of three interpretation panels close to the Dukesfield Arches to explain their purpose. Dukesfield Mill. **Support**

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

14/02887/FUL: Proposed extension and alteration of existing property including demolition of existing single storey conservatory area/kitchen; demolition of existing two storey extension to rear elevation providing part kitchen area at ground floor level and bathroom at first floor; all to be replaced with new two storey extension providing new kitchen/utility at ground floor with third bedroom, en-suite, dressing room and new bathroom at first floor. - East Cornerfield, Slaley Hexham NE47 0BS. This replaces application 14/00749/FUL. **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 on roof at rear of premises. R&C **Pending**

Decisions from planning:

None

11. Awareness Event update

a) Report of the Emergency Life Support Skills event attached as **appendix 2/130415, page 1068**

b) Further interest in a community owned defibrillator received from Fran Pugh, Doreen & George Hall, Cath Parker. Several people have verbally said they thought it was a good idea but

have not completed the tear off slip. Cllr Allsop suggested that the PC's intentions had been well publicised and that few people had come forward with objections and he proposed that the PC go ahead.

c) Cllr Brooks asked for those in favour of the Parish Council purchasing and maintaining an IPAD Defibrillator. Five councillors (including the Chairman) voted in favour, one abstained.

d) County Councillor reported that his small schemes grants could cover community Defibrillators. Several years ago they had covered Community Responder costs. He was going to check this and get back to the PC Clerk.

e) PC Clerk to contact Adele Young and ask about outsider funders.

f) PC Clerk to go ahead and ask about the Telephone Kiosk as a home for the machine.

12. Update games/play area within school grounds.

School Inspection sheets for period January 1st 2015 – March 12th received and forwarded to Slaley School there were no issues identified.

13. Mobile Post Office Van parking Update.

a) Correspondence was received from a parishioner with observations about the new parking area. A possible draft reply to the various comments was circulated by email by the Clerk.

However the Councillors considered the email and noted its contents.

b) Cllr D Bell had spoken to her neighbours at Parks Side and they had **not** noted regular abuse of the PO parking area. Although someone had parked a vehicle on the footpath outside No 12 and gone off for the day.

c) Report from the residents at Parks Side to PC Clerk - Mr & Mrs Borthwick had seen a village lady using the new area to create a mini roundabout to turn back up the village. Mr & Mrs Urwin has individually seen two vehicles using the footpath to turn again as a mini roundabout.

d) Report from the mobile Post Master. PC Clerk spoke with Martin Nichols who said the new parking was working very well for the mobile post office, he was not aware of any trailing cables with the new arrangement. Martin was asked to inform his sub-postmasters that if they witnessed any driver using the new parking area as a mini roundabout they should record the vehicle details and forwarded them to Slaley PC Clerk.

e) Invoice for Coulson Construction paid in time to avoid any commission charges. Because the Coulson Construction account was to be paid by February 21st and the PC did not have the funds to cover it at that date the PC Clerk settled the payment and has been reimbursed at 9c above. The Clerk was thanked for this service.

f) Payment of £3,598.80 from Isos Housing towards the parking area received by direct payment into the PC bank account on March 27th.

g) Post Office grant of £700 not recorded on bank account. Clerk sent a further reminder by email on April 8th. Ruth Barnes replied by email on April 13th (today) that the money had been authorised last week.

14. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update.

The Storytelling by Candlelight event took place on Saturday April 11th it was a very cold and windy event which the children loved despite their being no real fire, candles that would not stay alight and a chocolate fountain that soon solidified because of the cold wind. Twenty three people sang with guest folk singer Anita James, listened to and made up stories and poems.

15. Parish Plan Action Plan April Update attached as appendix 3/130415, page 1069.

Slight changes were agreed and made to the "who and when" section.

16. Request reports for Annual Parish Meeting in May

Chairman's report from Cllr Brooks, Community Trust report from David Allsop. Commemoration Hall Management Committee report from Cllr Green. Community Play Area report from Clerk. Financial report by Clerk. **Reports by Friday May 1st please.**

17. Parish Plan – Litter Pick

April 2013 minutes, agenda item 14, page 871; it was agreed to discontinue the litter pick as most people had no interest in picking up other people's discarded litter. Then in 2014, agenda item 16, page 968 of April 14th 2014 minutes the new Councillors decided to look at this in the Autumn possibly September. This did not happen. **It was agreed to hold a Litter Pick on Sunday April 26th at 2 p.m. Clerk to print posters and send information to Slaley notes editors.**

18. AOB

- a) Emailed Correspondence 19/3/15: from GLEAM, re Dorset case, emailed to BOATs sub committee.
- b) Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance newsletter number 22.
- c) Mr. Hutchinson of Low House asked if the PC would request that saplings were cut back on the B6306 between Lawn House and Linnel Hill because they were damaging his stone walls. This request was made by email to Ray Wealleans on March 5th.
- d) Two reports were made to the Clerk of what they thought was raw sewerage running down the U8078 for the second year running. This was emailed to Ray Weallans on March 3rd 2015 and Paul Turnbull (one year earlier) on March 4th 2014. Clerk has since spoken with White House farmers and they think it may be the juice from the peas, which they feed to the cattle. Ray Weallans informed the Clerk that he was looking into the report.
- e) A Scottish relative of one of the new residents from Anvil Homes Development came to see the Clerk on Sunday April 12th. He was concerned about the 106 agreement payment of £5,552 for play facilities at Slaley and a further £3,152 for sport in the Slaley or wider area. The clerk was able to explain the new outdoor classroom recently purchased by Slaley School (hold up is that planning permission is needed - Clerk explained to Hayley at school that the PC could make the planning application for Free if it helped). Cllr Allsop further explained that SCA Ltd Chairman, Norman Watson, had been talking in the R&C to patrons who happened to live in the new homes built by Anvil Homes Development at Slaley. Mr Watson had been discussing funds needed for a play area at the rear of the R&C and the possibility of accessing funds held with the Housing Developers Fund. Cllr Allsop asked who the contact for the HDF was. The PC Clerk was able to acknowledge Val Knowles at NCC as the person to contact.
- f) Cllr Bell reported three instances of village speeding during the Easter holidays. An accident involving a local young lady and a horse may or may not have been affected by speeding traffic.
- g) Cllr. Brooks announced her intention to step down from the Parish Council at the AGM in May. Councillors were shocked by this announcement but understood her decision and wished her well.

19. Date of May 2015 monthly meeting, Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Parish Council Meeting. Monday May 11th

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.