

**Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Monday April 11th 2011,  
in Slaley Commemoration Hall.**

**1. Apologies.** None

**Present:** Councillor I.C. Hancock in the Chair. Councillors L. Norris, C. A. Brooks, M. Palmer, S. Davison, A. S. Robson & Clerk P. Wilson. County Councillor: Colin W Horncastle. Public: None. Courant Reporter: Rosalind Saul. Slaley Notes: None. Community Trust: Catherine Lincoln. Northumbria Police: None

**2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.**

County Councillor for agenda item 10.

**3. Minutes of March Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 677 - 681 + appendix 1 page 682, appendix 2 page 683, appendix 3 page 684 & appendix 4 page 685).**

Proposed as a true record by Cllr. L. Norris and seconded by Cllr. C A Brooks. The minutes were approved and signed.

**4. Matters Arising.**

- a) 4c 14/3/11 & 14 14/2/11: Official Minutes from the Community Forum meeting of February 15<sup>th</sup> received by email + feedback from Melanie Hall on Localism Bill & Community Infrastructure Levy + e-mails from Brian Massey re ditches + Community Forum funding withdrawn letter from Jeff Reid emailed from Brian Massey.
- b) 8k & 8l 14/3/11 Emails regarding PAYE for Local Council Clerks – further information and guidance received from Drew Moore of Douglas Tonks (email dated 26/3/11). NALC guidance on email dated 17/3/11. Margaret Williams, Clerk for Broomley & Stocksfield emailed a quote from Lorraine Summers NCC at £32 per person annual charge. Cllr. A Robson has looked into this and reported that we do not need to register because the Clerk does not have another job, does not receive a pension, is not paid above the PAYE threshold, is not paid above the NILEL or provided with employee benefits. This could change and should be reviewed annually.
- c) 12 b 14/3/11: Webfusion account passed to debt collection agency. Cllr Hancock drafted a letter to Trading Standards but before this could be posted a further telephone conversation took place resulting in the receipt of a credit memo. The account was paid, see agenda item 9a below, and hopefully this is the end of a very expensive, time-consuming problem.
- d) 18d 14/3/11: Litter Pick bags and gloves delivered. Litter Pick Risk Assessment handed out to all volunteers. Litter Pick only 3 members of PC one partner and 2 members of public took part. Scarlet Coney won the prize. Collection of the resultant rubbish from Slaley Commemoration Hall has been requested

**5. Public Participation.**

None

**6. Community Trust Report**

None.

**7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor**

- a) Rural Broadband funding has been increased. This will be discussed at West Area meeting 12/4/11.
- b) Rural Bus- April to October 2011 the timing of a single service per weekday is constrained by the provision of the morning and afternoon school runs which are served by the same vehicle. The provision of additional services would require an extra bus with all its associated costs. CC Horncastle volunteered to speak to Adapt to see if their Tuesday service times could be altered slightly to give people more time in Hexham.

## **8. Correspondence.**

### **Hard copy:**

- a) NCC Referendum May 5<sup>th</sup> Notices Polling Stations. **Placed on notice board**
- b) NCC Referendum on the voting system May 5<sup>th</sup> Posters. **Placed on notice board**
- c) CAN News + 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of "The good councillor's guide"
- d) NCC letter Northumberland News will no longer be published. From July a quarterly electronic version will be available. Hard copies will be printed in libraries and customer service centers.
- e) North Pennines AONB Partnership Spring & Summer Magazine + Underground Electricity Cables in Protected Landscapes,
- f) Society of Local Council Clerks - Branch Conferences. Credit Union application for financial support. CE Electric UK – North East Consultation event 31/3/11 Hilton Hotel Gateshead. CPRE Overview Spring 2011.Glasdon catalogue.

### **E-mail:**

- a) 15/3/11: Seahouses Accountancy Service info re PC Clerk's must be employed (not circulated)
- b) 16/3/11: NALC conferences in Bristol, Sheffield & London
- c) 16/3/11: NORTH housing association national awards (4-page attachment).
- d) 16/3/11: Katie Pringle, NHS – Cancer awareness campervan 'Daisy' to tour rural Northumberland (attachments included a photograph of Daisy). Corbridge 12/4/11, Hexham 14/4/11.
- e) 17/3/11: NALC March e-news issue No 8
- f) 22/3/11: Ashley Jones, greenguru group – renewable energy.
- g) 22/3/11: RSN weekly digest 21/3/11
- h) 25/3/11: Public Service Efficiency Update – Sustainable Government – option to remove address from mailing list. **It was agreed to remove the PC address from mailing list.**
- i) 2/4/11: RSN weekly digest 28/3/11
- j) 2/4/11: Caroline Dorling, HTF – Understanding Localism seminar 8/4/11 at Newcastle.
- k) 2/4/11: Catherine Oldham – Community Project – bulk purchase of heating oil – forwarded to Slaley Village Hall Management who are currently researching 'Consortium Bulk Purchase' of all sources. Mr Elphick was answering.
- l) 2/4/11: NALC – Dog Control Orders.
- m) 2/4/11: RSN - Making the most of land & environment – free seminar at York 11/4/11
- n) 2/4/11: Val Knowles - Northumberland Residents Festival April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.
- o) 2/4/11: Lynne Nelson – Health and Social Care Bill – request from Unison to support scrapping the Bill.
- p) 2/4/11: RSF Bulletin No 11
- q) 4/4/11: Gareth Davies – West Area Committee 12/4/11 at Stocksfield

- r) 4/4/11: CAN e-news extra – grassroots grants £59,005 & Community Chest grants.
- s) 5/4/11: RSF Bulletin No 12
- t) 5/4/11 The Journal of Local Planning – significant changes to planning.
- u) 6/4/11: David Gareth – Equality North East – Equality Training at St. James’ park 14/4/11
- v) 8/4/11: RSF Bulletin No 13
- w) 11/4/11: Kath Spires – Affordable Housing in West Northumberland meeting 16/5/11 5 p.m. Venue to be confirmed,
- x) NCC Bin collections are changing. West Area September. Posters etc will follow.

## 9. Financial Report. Including Audit Arrangements

- a) No Cheques to be signed.
- b) Balance Sheet attached as **appendix 1/110411, page 690**. Bank statement agrees
- c) Interim Cheques: 434: VMS rotation of speed sign £114.00  
435 Webfusion closing balance £7.94
- d) Audit: Audit date July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2011  
Display Notice 6 June – 19 June  
Records Available to Public 20 June – 15 July

## 10. Current Planning Applications.

**20110117:** Subdivision of dwelling into 2 with construction of new porch. Installation of photovoltaic solar panels to roof and new separate driveway. Fernwood House, West Woodfoot.

**No objections**

**20100585:** Double garage to south elevation at 52 Slaley Park Pending\* *since September 2010 Clerk requested clarification on this application –No reply yet.*

### Decisions from Planning Authority.

**20101040:** Part retrospective alterations and extensions Moorland View, Lead Road. **Granted**

**20110107:** Demolition of garage & single-storey rear extension. Oaklea, Main Street **Granted**

## 11. Update netted games/play area within school grounds

- a) 1/4/11: e-mail circulated by CL re Groundwork swatch sheet suggesting a meeting on Wed or Thursday afternoon at 1 p.m.
- b) 24/3/11: email from Sovereign offering Free Recreational Quotes & Development Plans.
- c) Catherine Lincoln explained that plans would be drawn up over Easter and circulated for approval. Once approved the planning office would be contacted. C L also reported that there are local concerns regarding the circular bike track where its route is close to residential properties.
- d) Telephone call from Trevor Golightly regarding the location once repaired of the former Wooley bus shelter - has this not been discussed with the school. The general opinion from CL was that a location in the school grounds was not an option. **This needs to be discussed further.** In the short term TG has room to store it at his house.

## 12. Bus Service 870 from Consett – Hexham Update

- a) More replies to questionnaire received from village shop and the Woodhouse family.
- b) Reply from Ian Coe, NCC Passenger Transport Support Manager with copies of emails sent 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb & 25<sup>th</sup> Feb that were not received.

- c) Cllr Hancock drafted a reply to Ian Coe, this was circulated by email and it was agreed that it be sent.
- d) Getabout leaflets received from WRVS were distributed.
- e) Vera Jewitt has telephoned the Clerk and said an extra hour with the daily bus leaving at 14.11 would be better than what is being proposed. She also pointed out that the Tuesday Adapt service had the same time-table as the new bus service which was very little help.

**13. Parish Plan: Action Plan April Update draft circulated by email attached as appendix 2/110411, page 691.**

Draft agreed with no further additions or amendments apart from only six people took part in the Litter Pick this April.

**14. Report from meeting on 30/3/11 by representative on the Commemoration Hall committee. (copy of agreed minutes of February 2<sup>nd</sup> circulated by email)**

- a) The questionnaire inside the April issue of the Community News Sheet will form a large part of the funding application for proposed improvements to the Hall toilet block and storage facilities.

**15. Request Annual Reports for Annual Public Meeting in May** (Chairman's; County Councillor's, BOATs Committee; Representative on the Commemoration Hall Committee & Highways). Requested.

**16. AOB**

- a) Ian Hancock reported that school buses and occasional delivery vans turn in the entrance to Parkside and frequently drive onto grass. **After discussion it was thought that the most damage was done during the winter months. It was agreed to monitor the situation.**
- b) Cllr. Norris reported the cover has once again been knocked off the roadside drain near the Scots pine north of Woodnook Farm on the C265. This covers a very deep hole of some three-feet in depth. Reported Reference No 023530. Highways have placed cones around the hole Cllr Norris believes the cover has been stolen rather than displaced.
- c) A damaged street light opposite Parks Side 21SF needs reporting. 27SF (near Hillcrest) remains lit during daylight hours while 2SF at Townhead is out.
- d) It was reported that new tenants will move into the Rose & Crown before Easter

**17. BOATs update.**

- a) Two telephone calls from Mrs A Dodds, Shield Hall reporting an accident involving off roading motor vehicles and the state of the road. Clerk reported to NCC and Police. Mike Jeffries from County Hall is coming out to see. Talk of kissing gates on footbridge to stop motor cyclists using it.

**20. Date of 2011 AGM, Annual Public Meeting & May monthly meetings.**

Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> (Apologies from Cllr. L. Norris for this meeting)

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9 p.m.