

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 13th August 2012 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

The annual walk-about preceded the shortened August monthly meeting, which this year was around the Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches.

1. Apologies. Councillor. I.C. Hancock & S. Davison who also tendered his resignation. A signed resignation letter to be requested from Cllr Davison and the vacancy reported to NCC
Present: Councillor C. A. Brooks in the Chair. Councillors L. Norris, D. Allsop & A. S. Robson.
Clerk Mrs. P. Wilson. County Councillor: None
Public: None. Northumbria Police: None. Courant Reporter: None. Slaley Notes: None.
Community Trust: None.

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.
Cllr C.A. Brooks for planning application 12/01725/FUL.
Clerk for financial aid request at 12d

3. Minutes of July Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 804 – 809 + appendix 1, page 810, appendix 2 page 811, appendix 3, page 812 & appendix 4 page 813).
The Minutes were proposed a true record by Cllr.C. A. Brooks and seconded by Cllr.D. Allsop.
The minutes were dated and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

- a) 4b 9/7/12; 4e 11/6/12; 10a 14/5/12: Email Broadband reply from John Cooper dated 10/7/12 Only 4.5% in Healey & 8.2% in Slaley had completed a card.
- b) 4f 9/7/12; 14a(ii) 11/6/12: NCC Environmental Officer email reply - bagged dog waste, can by law, be placed into a litter-bin.
- c) 4g 9/7/12; 17b 11/6/12: Isos Housing has passed on our request to tender for Parkside grass cutting to Vale Contract Services.
- d) 13 9/7/12: Mike Scott acknowledged our comments on the Review of Financial Support for Bus Services.
- e) PC accounts and Councillor contact details forwarded to ME to place on the web site. Councillors confirmed they are now on the site.

5. Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) NCC Andy Thom/ New Code of Conduct and Standards Regime – an update.
- b) NCC Peter Simpson ‘Don’t Stand For it’ campaign – to reduce dog fouling. Clerk to order a supply of posters for areas around the school, church and elderly bungalows.
- c) Adapt trips to Carlisle 31/7/12 & 6/8/12. Letter copied and given to Slaley Shop.

Emails:

- a) 10/7/12: NCC Milinda Vare – Gypsy Strategy.
- b) 16/7/12; 23/7/12; 30/7/12, 6/8/12 & 13/8/12 RSN weekly digests.
- c) 23/7/12: British Woodlands Survey 2012.

- d) 30/7/12: Millfield PC asking for more details on the drafting issue of the declaration of Interest forms.
- e) 30/7/12: CAN e:news
- f) 30/7/12: North Pennies E-newsletter Annual Review 2011-12.
- g) 3/8/12: David Francis copy of LFP Core Strategy concerns from Glanton PC.
- h) 3/8/12 EFB No 22 & No 21 on 27/7/12.
- i) 3/8/12: Mike Bird Petition about the Dial a Ride to be discussed on 11/9/12 at Ponteland.
- j) 3/8/12: David Francis – NSP an introduction into ARCH and the LDF.
- k) 3/8/12: RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin August.
- l) 3/8/12: David Francis – Northumbria Police & Crime panel – independent co-opted members.
- m) 8/8/12: David Francis – N&N Society copy of concerns to LDF on windfarms.
- n) 13/8/12: CAN BT Broadband Showcase & workshops - Hexham 15/8/12 at 9.30 a.m.
- o) 13/8/12: Whittonstall Action group Update 8/8/12.
- p) 13/8/12: Julie Parkinson: Northumberland Town & Parish Associate Membership with NEPO.

6. Financial Report.

- a) Cheque to be signed
Cheque No 471 NCC Slaley school play equipment inspections weeks 51-52, 2011 & weeks 1 – 26, 2012 £287.28
Proposed by Cllr L. Norris and seconded by Cllr AS Robson the cheque was signed.
- b) Audit Date: 27th July 2012. Papers currently with external auditor.
- c) Correspondence from Lloyds TSB re banking changes.
- d) HM Revenue & Customs confirmed Slaley PC had no employer annual return to make.

7. Current Planning Applications.

- 12/02059/FUL:** Single storey rear extension and alterations to existing kitchen to form new kitchen, dining room and utility. Ashlea, Slaley. No objection to planning however concerns over lack of parking provision are generally not addressed in village extensions.
- 12/01993/FUL:** New first floor extension over existing garage, new single storey extension to rear and widened vehicular access. 2 Townhead, Slaley. Concern over shading to neighbour.
- 12/01725/FUL:** Domestic solar photovoltaic system. No Objections.
- 12/01750/FUL:** Kitchen Extension The Old Granary, Colpitts Grange. Pending
- C/10/00255/CCMEIA:** Hoods Close Surface Mine, Newlands, Stocksfield. Confirmed concerns over increased HGVs on class “C” highway.

8. Northumberland Local Development Plan Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Document (May 23 – August 15 2012). Attached as appendix 1/130812, page 818.

Alterations were made to the draft circulated by email this was unanimously approved. Clerk to email on Tuesday August 14th.

9. Code of Conduct Review as per email from NALC on 28/6/12: Model Code of Conduct (6 pages); Members’ conduct and the registration and disclosure of their interests (England) (10 pages); Declaration of Acceptance of Office (1 page)

- a) A further email from Andy Thom/Gareth Davies was circulated by email on July 30th. Slaley PC is asked to adopt one of the Codes.

- b) The NALC Code was unanimously adopted by the Councillors.
- c) The Register of Interest Forms to be handed in to the Clerk in the following 28 days. Cllr Allsop handed in his completed forms

10. Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme 2013 –14.

Circulating. Response must be submitted by September 28th.

11. Request Slaley Hall Holiday Villa Occupancy details for current year.

Email request for an update was sent on July 13th. It was agreed that a formal request be made.

12. Parish Plan: Steering Group reconvened to undertake second review of the Action Plan. Minutes of Meeting and Review attached as an appendix 2/130812, page 819.

- a) Due to computer problems and holidays the Councillors were unable to adopt the revised Action Plan with the attached 2 pages of residual and new live issues. **Add to September agenda.**
- b) Michael Elphick has put the suggestions to the CT outlined in the revised plan: (i) Where to Buy Locally leaflet asking if the CT can request a small fee towards printing (this was also suggested through Slaley Notes). (ii) Community Dial a Ride – the CT considered that publishing a list would be difficult and one suggestion from the CT was that the Medicine Run volunteers could be asked if they could provide transport to Corbridge on a Thursday. (As organiser of the medicine run rota the Clerk is aware that many of the volunteers collect the medicines on their return home from work, or like her, have one or two Grandchildren in the vehicle). If the CT wishes to pursue this idea they must contact the Medicine Run volunteers themselves for individual responses. The Councillors felt that a rethink was necessary of a non-formal type arrangement where several telephone numbers were available from people who work in Hexham and whom may be able to help.
- c) Email from CT Chairman NW who reported negotiations with Marstons ongoing full report to the PC in September. A full page article in the Newcastle Journal of July 31st said that ‘Slaley PC is giving its initial backing to the move, but is not at this point involved in negotiations’. Cllr Allsop reaffirmed his suggestion that a meeting between two members of the PC and the CT would be beneficial. He intended to suggest this in September.
- d) Email from Little Badgers Manager requesting financial help towards the cost of a business sign. **The Councillors did not consider this a good use of Precept funds. The contact details for Little Badgers have however, been added to the final page of the monthly news sheet.**
- e) Request from Mrs Julie Hay, Slaley School Early Years teacher, asking for a letter of community support for a canopy over the Early Years equipment. A PC and a Steering Group letter has been provided.

13. BOATs update.

- a) NCC Modification No 8 is now part of the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way.
- b) Letter dated 30/7/2012 regarding typographical error in the Courant notice of July 22nd Corrected notice to appear August 3rd.
- c) Colour photograph of 4x4s following Kate Wilson (on horseback) on the West Burnside BOAT.

14. AOB

- a) Red Squirrel Monitoring Training Event 27/9/12 The Travellers Rest, Slaley 6 – 8.30 p.m.
- b) Email D Allsop 8/8/12 re vehicle break-ins at Slaley Hall (see also Hexham Courant article).
- c) Email alert from Northumbria Police to community Group - Rural issues One fish seller warned about overcharging the elderly. Metal thefts. Thefts from motor vehicles. Sheds in Hexham stealing lawnmowers and pedal cycles.
- d) Request for help from Wood Cottage Slaley Hall – children and adults riding go-karts on main highway past private properties. Occupant of Garden Cottage uses a mobility scooter and is becoming increasingly concerned about exiting his premises because of speeding children returning down the bank to ‘All Out Adventure’. Police have been notified but without local support for a court case are unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion. Clerk to contact Northumbria Police and report that vehicles are not road licensed or insured and should be transported by an authorised trailer
- e) Email 13/8/12 from Neil Dawson ditches cleaned out Sandybraes/Pine Hill – PC requested in Feb 2012.
- f) Flood damage and running water at Dipton Cut (Slaley parish south side); South entrance to The Linnels Bridge and on the north west section of the U8081

1. Date of September monthly meeting

Monday September 10th

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.