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A meeting of Slaley Parish Council will take place on Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

Agenda for the monthly business

1. **Public Participation.**
2. **Apologies.**
3. **Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.**
4. **Brought forward from November Minutes of October Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1101 – 1104) appendix 1, page 1105 & appendix 2, page 1106). Minutes of November Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1107 – 1110)**

5. Matters Arising.

Councillors E. Milburn and D Bell emailed the clerk and confirmed (thus making the proposals quorate) that

(4) they were happy that the October minutes were correct and could be placed on the web site;

(7) that a letter be sent to Guy Opperman MP

(8a) they would not like to look at this and report.

(8ac) that one Councillor should look at and report

(15a) the PC could forego sight of the accounts and provide a grant towards replacement of gates on the parish war memorial Lych Gate.

15b the letter be sent requesting more signage from the west to Cramlington hospital.

Brought forward from November a) 11b 12/10/15: generic email address All Councillors were asked by email 14/10/15 to check this.

Brought forward from November b) 17b 12/10/15: Clerk contacted NALC and asked what the procedure was for taking control of an area and designating it as a village green. David Francis replied and said that Defra guidance would help but said that negotiations between Isos and NCC on the planning permission would need to be checked. However the Parish Council has the power to maintain green areas, whether they are registered village green, or some other type of public open space. (this information circulated to Councillors 16/10/15). **December Update** Email reply from Kath Heard, ISOS Housing matter being dealt with by Katherine Glen. Also GMS reply with a quote for cutting the parks side grass every 10 days when the school field is cut.

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a) 15a 9/11/15 new gates on the parish war memorial at St. Mary's Lych Gate.

b) 15b 9/11/15 An email to highways requesting more signage to the new Cramlington hospital

c) 15 c 9/11/15: Cllr D Allsop & Clerk attended the photo call with the mobile post office van on a very wet Wednesday November 11th

6. Community Trust Report

Cllr Allsop will give a verbal report

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

Brought forward from November: Written reply from Guy Opperman MP re village drains . Telephone call from Ray Weallans tea time on November 25th to say drain cleaner coming November 26th ay 7. 30 a.m. Emailed to Councillors and school at 17.15 hours. Email at 13.08 from Cllr D Allsop to report that the drains were currently being cleaned however the workmen came at lunch time from a job at Wylam and did not have time to do the whole village.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) The Land's End to John O'Groats Reliability Trial Monday December 7th poster and visit from organizer to Clerk's home. Follow up telephone call from Mike Roe 0191 4885093 Motor Sports Association of Britain asking if the event was OK through Slaley (see 8f below)
- b) Northumbrian Citizens Advice Bureau request for funding.
- c) Northumberland age UK Cancer Advocacy leaflets

Emails:

- a) 10/11/15: NCC Funding bulletin
- b) 11/11/15: RSN RVS rural transport
- c) 11/11/15: Tesco Local Community Grants forwarded on to Ladycross & Minsteracres peace garden.
- d) 12/11/15: Know Northumberland Bulletin 17
- e) 16/11/15: RSN weekly digest
- f) 16/11/15: Car Rally on December 6th from Blanchland to Barley Hill then on to Slaley hall.
- g) 18/11/15: Channel 4 series asking for anyone with a large country house to get in touch.
- h) 18/11/15: RSN RVS rural broadband.
- i) 24/11/15: RSN weekly digest - Note funding shake-up for rural schools- **Cllr Hutchinson suggested representation through our CC and MP regarding the state of the fabric of Slaley School (email 24/11/15).**
- j) 24/11/15: Mary Hall Adapt NE – Carers Northumberland.
- k) 24/11/15: Tracy Jennings Funding Bulletin
- l) 30/11/15: Gillian Scott a briefing at County hall on Wednesday December 9th re Devolution Agreement for the North East.
- m) 30/11/15: RSN weekly digest
- n) 2/12/15: RSN ROB rural health conference
- o) 4/12/15: Carrol Hessey – NCC no longer able to provide a Book Bank.
- p) 4/12/15: CAN e:NEWS
- q) 7/12/15: RSN weekly digest,
- r) 8/12/15: NALC E-NEWS Transparency Fund training at Newton & Bywell Thursday 21st
- s) 8/12/a5: RSN seminar in Northallerton.

10. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll Employers Summary November. Employees pay slip.
- Brought forward from November** b) Payment of Grants for 2015/16
 - (i) see 8d Hard copy 14/9/15 minutes Tynedale Hospice at Home.
 - (ii) Letter received from Ladycross Nature Reserve with a copy of accounts requesting a grant (circulated)
- c) Cheques to be signed.
- d) Interim cheques
- e) Web space rent of £50 received from Healey PC

11. Current Planning Applications.

No New planning applications to be discussed:

Decisions from Planning:

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

12. Defibrillator Update

Cllr Allsop will have carried out the weekly inspections and hopefully the Defib will be working as expected?

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

Inspection sheets 38 – 45 received and forwarded to School secretary.

Brought forward from November 14. Consider Precept for 2016/17

15. AOB

- a) December 1st - elderly man cleaning Slaley signs and dropped cleaning paper on grass verge reported to Highways & notes editors.
- b) Clerk received an email on November 23rd from a concerned resident at Wooley that this portion of the parish was NOT represented on the Council. Clerk replied immediately and explained about the 2013 elections and the current allocation of councilors. A further reply was received and the PCs request for Councillors in 2013 had been acknowledged, but no personal commitment had been possible at that time. However with the change in personal circumstance the wish to join the Council to represent the Wooley area residents was reaffirmed.
- c) Mobile Post Office no service Monday 30th p.m. because of a funeral and the vehicle into a Newcastle garage for a service. Then again no service at Slaley 8.30 a.m., on Wednesday December 2nd, because of an accident on the A1 after picking up the serviced mobile post office from the garage.
- d) Flooding on the C275 (Riding Mill road) reported to Highways November 30th.
- e) Damaged Slaley Parish Council notice board after hurricane Desmond – Repairs? Cllr Bell suggested Matthew Ford who made a village gate and repaired Cllr Bell's back garden fence
- f) Request for a back up letter from the BOATs sub committee for a request to upgrade a bridleway on the Hexhamshire Common to a hard surfaced track for vehicles was made by Cllr David Short. A letter was drafted and agreed by the BOATs sub committee, circulated to the Councillors and forwarded to the planning department.

16. Date of January 2016 monthly meeting & dates for all 2016 meetings