

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on  
Monday 11th February 2013 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

A presentation on Neighbourhood Planning by David English , Principal Planner Spatial Policy and Delivery Team, began at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors (Slaley) I.C. Hancock, C. A. Brooks, T. Henderson, D. Allsop & A. S. Robson. Clerk Mrs. P. Wilson & County Councillor Colin Horncastle. (Healey) T. Warde-Aldam, (Ovingham) Phil Holden, (Shotley Low Quarter) two Councillors. (NCC Locality Development Officer) Richard Powell. (Courant Reporter) Rosalind Saul. (Community Trust) Michael Elphick.

The 34 slide presentation made by DE was accompanied by a twelve page handout. Questions were asked at the end of the presentation. A display of the Allendale Neighbourhood Development Plan was available to look at together with copies of the 36 page Pre-Submission Draft Plan. At 8.30 that section of the meeting ended and DE was thanked for his presentation.

The reduced monthly business

**1.Apologies.** Councillor L. Norris.

**Present:** Councillor I.C. Hancock in the Chair. Councillors C. A. Brooks, T. Henderson, D. Allsop & A. S. Robson. Clerk Mrs. P. Wilson & County Councillor Colin Horncastle  
**Public:** None. Northumbria Police: None. Courant Reporter: Rosalind Saul. Slaley Notes: None. Community Trust: None.

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

CC Colin Horncastle for agenda item 7.

3.Minutes of January Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 849 – 849 + appendix 1, page 850. The Minutes were proposed a true record by Cllr. CA Brooks and seconded by Cllr. AS Robson. The minutes were dated and signed.

4.Matters Arising.

a) 15 14/1/13 Dipton Cut highway problems. Work has been ongoing now for over 7 working days and yesterday (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February), water was still pouring onto the highway and running down to the new drains. Cllr Henderson had inspected the work and confirmed that water was running north of the water main stopcock. Tree roots have, actually dislodged the drainage pipe below the road on the bend, and water pours from under the road down into the Dipton burn below.

b) 16 14/1/13. Mobile Post Office problems

(i) Reply to Cllr. Hancock from Pat Long at Customer Care mostly informing us of what happened which we already knew.

(ii) Reply dated 23/1/13 from Guy Opperman MP who has contacted Paula Vennells, Chief Executive of the Post Office, and asked her to look into how many back up vehicles are available in the North East/North? Would a back up normally be used in the circumstances described by Cllr Hancock? Why was a back up vehicle not offered in our particular instance? **As yet there has been no reply to our MPs questions.**

(iii) A further breakdown was reported 25/1/13 problem was a faulty aerial.

**5.Correspondence.**

**Hard Copy**

- a) Northumberland Local Development Plan: Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation 6/2/13 – 20/3/13. Clerk to email a copy of the reply as emailed on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2012. Cllr Allsop to report on 5 & 6, Cllr Brooks 8 & 16, Cllr Henderson 11 & 12, Cllr Robson 14 & 15, Cllr Hancock 7, 9 & 13 & Cllr Warde-Aldam 10 & 17. When everyone has their draft ready then email to the Clerk who will then collate and make a draft ready for our March meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- b) GMS hard copy of 2013 prices for cutting grass & school cycle track (see email version dated 13/11/12) in December minutes when setting Precept. Clerk telephoned and accepted the quote for 2013 work.
- c) Glasdon advertising leaflets; The Tarmacadam Paving Co snow clearance service; CPRE North east Newsletter Spring 2013; Zurich Municipal upcoming insurance Supplementary Information (given to Cllr Allsop).

### **Emails**

- a) Community Trust report for February Circulated and **attached as appendix 1 110213**, page 855. Cllr Allsop reported that Marstons have the R&C on the market. The Slaley Co-op will announce the right to bid. The Steering Group web site is still out to tender.
- b) 15/1/13: Iain Rowe Northumberland 2011 census statistical bulletin.
- c) 15/1/13: RSN MPs rally for fairer rural funding.
- d) 17/1/13: Carrol Hessey – letter from Rogers Styring re Parish Council Charter Implementation. Transfer of certain services now delayed until April 2014.
- e) 23/1/13 Kevin Tipple Northumberland Local Development Plan: Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation 6/2/13 – 20/3/13 (**see 5a hard copy above**) Meeting on Thursday March 7<sup>th</sup> at Hexham Action Mart.
- f) 23/1/13: Steve Mason NCC budget to be considered on Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Appendices 27 pages, 5 pages & 2 x 1 page
- g) 23/1/13: RSN weekly digest Jan 21.
- h) 23/1/13: Tamara Gilbert EFB No 34
- i) 23/1/13: Joan Sanderson Workshop feedback from October 2012 attended by Councillor Brooks and Clerk.
- j) 23/1/13: Lesley Woodhouse concerns over Courant piece, which indicated that our previous Youth Club stopped because of NCC pulling the plug on funding. Clerk explained that this was something she had said about the QEHS based girl who helped the Steering Group discuss setting up a Youth Club.
- k) 25/1/13: Michael Long, Town Clerk Haltwhistle, emailed asking for a snapshot of our parish with regard to transfer of services. Clerk replied with a copy to Slaley & Healey PC Chairmen.
- l) 28/1/13: RSN weekly digest Jan 28.
- m) 29/1/13: Nicola Cullens, Northern Upland Chain Nature Partnership first annual forum on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Greta Bridge – two open seats – criteria, nomination form and voting procedure attached.
- n) 29/1/13: Nicola Cullens, Northern Upland Chain Nature Partnership Map.
- o) 30/1/13: Notice of two Black and White English Springer Spaniels 7 month old lost at Minsteracres. *Note: apparently the dogs returned home within 24 hours.*
- p) 4/2/13: RSN weekly digest Feb 4.
- q) 4/2/13: Mike Bird Joint PC/NCC meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> at Stocksfield.
- r) 4/2/13: Mike Bird West Area meeting February 12<sup>th</sup> at Ponteland.
- s) 5/2/13: Jayne Humble - Parish key contact guide.
- t) 5/2/13: Helen Billham – Northumberland LINK e-newsletter.
- u) 5/2/13: Tamara Gilbert – EFB No 35.

- v) 6/2/13: NCC Core Strategy Preferred Options can be viewed on line (see **5a hard copy, & emails 5e & 5i (workshop feedback)**)
- w) 6/12/13: CAN e:NEWS February.
- x) 7/2/13: RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin February.
- y) 10/2/13: WAG February update.
- z) 10/2/13: Elizabeth Wright – Request for publicity in News Sheet for Spinal Injuries Association, Fish & Chip Supper on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Information passed to News Sheet editors.
- aa) 10/2/13: Ann Edwards – RoSPA Annual Play Area Inspections – cover Northumberland in June – Council price is £65.00 per site. **Clerk to check this with Slaley – Slaley PC paid £250 on 16/1/12 to Tyne & Wear Play Inspection.**
- ab) 11/2/13: RSN weekly digest Feb 11.
- ac) 11/2/13: EFB No 36.

#### 6. Financial Report.

- a) No cheques issued
- b) Changes to PAYE recording – HMRC Real Time Information. John Harron of Thirk Payroll offering to undertake all reporting for £16.25 per quarter is staff receive less than £210 per month.

#### 7. Current Planning Applications.

**12/03599/FUL:** Construction of two storey agricultural workers dwelling - land west of Dipton Foot Farm House, Slaley. **Pending**

**12/03467/VARYCO:** Variation of condition 5 of planning permission 20110117 Installation of UPVC windows. Fernwood House, West Woodfoot. **Pending.**

**12/03280/FUL:** Construction of a new two story dwelling with garage in replacement of the existing out buildings adjacent to West Orchard House, Slaley. **Pending.**

**12/02866/FUL:** Conversion of conservatory to kitchen and associated external works. Mallard Cottage. West Woodfoot. **Pending.**

#### **Decisions from planning:**

**12/013190/FUL:** Constructing an agricultural storage building. Mallard Cottage. West Woodfoot. **Granted.**

#### **8. Update games/play area within school grounds:**

- a) Email update from CL stating that Dodwells have been instructed to start work on the goal/wall structure and authorised to purchase table tennis table. SM is very busy possibly Easter for the work. This has been ongoing since April 2012. **Clerk to check with Community Trust on the total funding being held for the project. Check with the school for any funds still held. Check with Val Knowles on any under-spent funding with earmarked for Slaley.**
- b) see 5 aa above - RoSPA Annual Play Area Inspections.

#### **9. January Parish Plan, Action Plan Update. Deferred from January**

Circulated and **attached as appendix 2/110213** page 856. Minor amendments were made.

#### **10. Mobile Youth provision taster session**

- a) Hexhamshire magazine Feb: Important Notice on page 3 and on page 25 the full page advert. Anne Porter wrote a full report On January 11<sup>th</sup> and again on February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> for the Hexhamshire notes.
- b) Slaley News Sheet Feb: Advert on page 5 and report in Parish Council report on page 7. Slaley meanwhile mentioned it on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

c) Minsteracres retreat center is offering its Youth block as the venue for youth activities this could be an alternative to Slaley village.

### **11. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update**

- a) Correspondence from Elaine Gray, Conservation officer, work on the mill will be treated as repair rather than alteration therefore listed building consent is not required.
- b) Secondary grant application status 40% of £25,000 secured

### **12. Representing the Parish Council on the Commemoration Hall Management Committee.**

Approved minutes from 31/10/12 circulated and attached as **appendix. 3/110213** page 857

A verbal report from the meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> 2013:

- a) Recommendation by ACRE is to have a Snow Policy and not clear any parking area. **CC Horncastle thought the County Policy on snow clearing was different. Clerk to request a copy.**
- b) Request for a hand rail on east wall top. Taken advice from CAN who suggest construction of same. PW has raised concerns about a rail being more dangerous for children climbing or using as monkey swing. The Councillors agreed that any handrail should have a filling between the wall top and the handrail.
- c) Murder Mystery event suggested date Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> (bank holiday weekend)
- d) Funding for toilet and storage improvements has not been successful.

### **13. Parish Plan Action Plan: Speeding Annual Review**

The order for the second speed unit was misplaced but has been reordered 25/1/13 with Rueben Morgan. It seems our old unit is flashing indiscriminately.

### **14. AOB**

- a) Slaley notes are not always reporting PC affairs in the Courant despite requests. Hexhamshire does seem to mention activities when asked so it cannot be that the emails are not being received in time. **What action can we take? See mobile youth service agenda item 10. Tonight's PC meeting to discuss Neighbourhood Plans has never been mentioned at all.**
- b) NCC DMMO (No7) 2010 dated 21/1/13 – The Cleugh route confirmed as a Bridleway. Receipt requested from Barbara McCabe. Acknowledged 22/1/13.
- c) NCC DMMO (No7) 2010 dated 5/2/13 – The Cleugh route confirmed as a Bridleway. Receipt requested from Alex Bell. Acknowledged 11/2/13. **Clerk has asked why two needed.**
- d) Internet charge – article in Courant 1/2/13 stating Hexhamshire First School faced with a £3,000 annual bill. Clerk spoken to Greg Finch about this and their complaint has already reduced the bill by several hundred pound. A Hexhamshire Councillor is researching this further and looking into a different provider who can make direct contact with NCC. Clerk has spoken with Slaley School Secretary and they anticipate that the cost will be similar. **Councillors discussed if they should be helping Slaley and encouraging other schools (maybe Whittonstall school) to be involved. –No firm decision was made.**
- e) YDGLA newsletter No 19 declared a further year's subscription holiday. Copied and distributed to BOATs Committee members.

15. Date of March monthly meeting.  
Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 10.05 p.m.