

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 9th July 2012 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Apologies. Councillor. S. Davison.

Present: Councillor I.C. Hancock in the Chair. Councillors L. Norris, C. A. Brooks, D. Allsop, A. S. Robson & Clerk Mrs. P. Wilson. County Councillor: None
Public. Harriett Graham. Northumbria Police: None. Courant Reporter: None. Slaley Notes: None. Community Trust: None. Healey Parish Council Chairman, Tom Warde-Aldam, joined the meeting for agenda items 11 and 12.

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

3. Minutes of June Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 797 – 800 + appendix 1, page 801, appendix 2 page 802 & appendix 3, page 803.

Cllr Brooks thought that her section of the LDP Core Strategy had only been sections 14 – 17 and not 13-20 as recorded in minutes. Cllr. Hancock to check. 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) 4a 11/6/12; 4a 14/5/12; 4g 16/4/12 & 18a 12/3/12 Ladycross Stone ER 11 Diamond Jubilee Parish sign on the B6306. Barry Coleman has inspected the inscription and reported it was inscribed with Roman Numerals. To alter it to another type of lettering is not possible. The Councillors requested that more grass be cut immediately in front of the stone.

b) 4e 11/6/12; 10a 14/5/12 Broadband for Rural Areas - Further correspondence to the Community Forum was emailed 28/6/12 with a request for petition cards from the other parishes making up the shortfall. CF. Keith Brooks from Hexhamshire volunteered to leave cards at Slaley Shop. Clerk has been distributing these cards and a completed supply was presented to the meeting. It appears that these are no longer valid.

4b(i) However the latest correspondence from Shotley PC – individual response is so low that it indicates that there is no problem.

4b(ii) Worse was to follow with the email of 6/7/12 from John Cooper via Brian Massey which claimed that demand in the remaining CF parishes was below the minimum 20%. Clerk emailed John Cooper asking why the Slaley/Healey request for a better Broadband service letter to Roger Styring of May 14th and the email from Shotley PC was not considered as representing 100% of the community.

c) **7c 11/6/12;** Jan Chisholm & CC Horncastle transport for rural areas - questionnaires left in Slaley Village Shop - one response was returned from Mrs. Anderson.

d) 8v 11/6/12: Age Northumberland Fiona Horsman. Rural Access Service –Clarification pick up/drop off from doors, working in partnership with ADAPT - respect our issues around funding.

e) 14a (i) 11/6/12. Parish Plan: Action Plan - Dog Fouling Review - a laminated notice was made and attached to the litterbin asking if dog waste could be placed inside the dog waste bin. However Mrs. Ward reported that an identifiable person was still using the bin for bagged dog waste. Clerk to seek clarification on the legal issues of bagged dog waste in a general litterbin. When an answer is provided a personal letter is a possibility.

f) 14a (ii) 11/6/12. Parish Plan: Action Plan - Dog Fouling Review - Clerk requested that the litterbin is emptied including the items stuck to the bottom. A reply from Peter Daley, Senior Refuse Team Leader, reports that if refuse sticks to the sides of the bin operatives cannot be instructed to clean out bins with their hands on H&S grounds. Mrs. Ward was told of this and she herself has washed out the bin.

g) 17b 11/6/12 Grass left lying after cutting at Parks Side bungalows. NCC replied that they had lost the contract to ISOS who had sublet to Vale Contract Services. GMS were interested and on standby to give us a quote, they have since been thanked and the situation explained. Councillors requested that the same request be made to ISOS as was made to NCC.

5. Public Participation.

Mrs H. Graham confirmed that she was willing to coordinate the monthly reporting of usage on our green lanes recently confirmed as BOATs. Names of other concerned parishioners were suggested as people to contact. The reporting suggestions as described in the correspondence of June 12th were discussed and clarified. If help is needed in designing a template for reporting incidents the Parish Clerk offered assistance.

6. Community Trust Report

No meeting since the AGM, however Norman Watson and Mike Darrington have a second meeting with the Brewery regarding Community ownership of the Rose & Crown Inn.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

None

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy

a) Correspondence from someone in the village concerned that the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations were vague until a few weeks before the event when a few individuals were encouraged by the Community Trust to coordinate (and contribute financially) to a Street party. The Councillors agreed to a reply, which covered the Parish Council involvement from July 2011. Then a copy of the original correspondence was circulated which gave a different meaning to members of the PC who had attended part or all of the Jubilee celebrations. A second draft was circulated. It is difficult replying to correspondence so vague each Councillor had a different slant on its meaning.

b) Copy of the Commemoration Hall Accounts for year ending March 31st. Circulate and **attach as appendix 1/ 090712, page 810.**

c) Copy of Slaley School letter to Parents regarding School Meals Provision. Unless a solution can be found school meals will cease from the October half term and all pupils will need to bring a packed lunch.

d) Liaison between the Parish Council, the Community Trust and the wider public including the Commemoration Hall and the School – a document printed out and circulated (hard copy and email) documenting liaison that the PC achieves with the public together with any recent changes to practices. **Attached as appendix 2/090712, page 811.**

e) NCC Richard McKenzie – Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme 2013 –14 by September 28th. **Agenda item for August meeting.**

f) CAN news Summer issue; The Prince's Trust Summer 2012 booklet; Vittalise essential breaks; Clerks & Councils Direct July 2012 (*see comments on Councillor & partner's financial interest on line*). Kompan Catalogue.

Emails

- a) 12/6/12: David Francis Code of Conduct and the exact meaning of 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests' etc.
- b) 12/6/12: North Pennines AONB partnership E-newsletter.
- c) 12/6/12: Northumberland LINK – Healthwatch Roadshows.
- d) 12/6/12: Northumberland LINK e-newsletter.
- e) 14/6/12: Steven Robson. Northumberland Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) can be viewed at www.northumberland.gov.uk/shlaa
- f) 14/6/12: RSN 2012 Rural Insight Survey RSN is 540 survey reports short.
- g) 16/6/12: Rachel Metcalfe Reminder that the review of the bus deadline is July 13th Poster printed off and displayed in PC Notice Board. (Discussed at agenda item 13 below).
- h) 18/6/12: RSN weekly digest for June 18th.
- i) 20/6/12: Helen Billham Feedback/views on GP and dental out-of-hours services in our area.
- j) 25/6/12: NCC EFB No 18.
- k) 25/6/12: The Journal of local planning Now the Localism Act and the NPPF Are Here, What Does it all mean?
- l) 25/6/12: CAN News Summer 2012
- m) 25/6/12: NCC Mike Bird Next Joint County Council/Parish Council Meeting for West area is Tuesday October 9th.
- n) 27/6/12: RSN membership Survey.
- o) 26/6/12 NCC Carolyn O'Brien - Road Closure of the C265 16th July – 18th July – Asked Slaley Notes to mention.
- p) 29/6/12: Whittonstall Action Group June 28th update
- q) 2/7/12 RSN weekly digest July 2
- r) 26/6/12: Rachel Metcalfe 10 pages reminder of all correspondence regarding Review of Financial Support of Bus services. (**agenda item 13 refers**)
- s) 2/7/12: NCC Infonet – Research available on line.
- t) 3/7/12: NCC Mike Bird – West Area Committee Haltwhistle Tuesday July 10th.
- u) 3/7/12: NCC EFB No 19.
- v) 3/7/12: NCC Rachel Metcalfe - Public Transport Newsletter July 2012 and a reminder that changes to the Arriva network will be discussed at the West Area Committee on Tuesday July 10th at Haltwhistle.
- w) 6/7/12: NCC Rachel Metcalfe - Arriva information (3/7/12) was incorrect the alterations do not affect the west area.
- x) 5/7/12: RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin July 2012 (8 pages).
- y) 5/7/12: NCC James Hitching asking how the floods on June 28th had affected our parish – details of establishments that were flooded depth of water reached, how the water entered a building and how quickly the water rose.
- z) 9/7/12: RSN weekly digest for July 9

9. Financial Report.

- a) Cheques to be signed

- Cheque No 469 JT&EF Golightly position & secure Jubilee stone £54.00
No 470 JB Colman & Co cut inscription for Diamond Jubilee Stone £245.00
Proposed by Cllr Brooks and seconded by Cllr Allsop the cheques were signed.
- b) Audit Date: 27th July 2012. Internal Audit successfully carried out by Mg Weatherley. Displayed Notice 11/6/12 – 24/6/12. Records available to public 25/6/2012 – 20/7/2012.
 - c) HM Revenue & Customs Vat repayment £427.10
 - d) Bank Statement – balance at June 29th £8,238.49

10. Current Planning Applications.

- 12/01750/FUL:** Kitchen Extension The Old Granary, Colpitts Grange. No objections
C/10/00255/CCMEIA: Extraction of 2.2 million tonnes of coal and 5000,000 tonnes of fireclay by surface mining methods including provision of coal haul road with restoration to a mixture of agricultural, woodland and nature conservation habitats, open water and an extended rights of way network. Hoods Close Surface Mine, Newlands, Stocksfield. CD provided observations by July 29th. Circulating.
- b) Correspondence between the PC and Planning M&E Officer, Vicky Crofton, regarding permitted development for a new site entrance from an existing field entrance at Low House.

11. Northumberland Local Development Plan Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Document (May 23 – August 15 2012)

(Joined by Cllr T. Warde-Aldam Chairman of Healey PC) Report from the three Councillors to look at this long document. Sections 6-8 Cllr Allsop had no report to hand. Sections 9-12 Cllr Hancock draft circulated by email 2/7/12. The suggested replies were gone through step by step, small alterations were made and a general acceptance was given. Cllr Brooks had drafted replies to questions 68 – 84 from sections 14 – 17 circulated by email 7/7/12. Again these were gone through step by step. A discussion followed on possible answers for the remaining section 17 questions on Landscape Clusters and characters. Cllr Allsop thought an on-line reply would be easy to achieve cutting and pasting from the various sections provided by the Councillors whereas the Clerk favoured a hard copy emailed.

12. 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); (see 8f above comments on Councillor & partner's financial interest on line). Declaration of Acceptance of Office (1 page) - All Councillors please print this page, complete the first section and bring to the July meeting.

(Joined by Cllr T. Warde-Aldam Chairman of Healey PC). On clarification from David Francis, the Declaration of Acceptances does not require a signature until after the May 2013 elections. Regarding acceptance of the model Code the Councillors agreed that they would confirm adoption of the Code when arrangements regarding Members Interests are made known.

13. Review of Financial Support of Bus Service (especially the ADAPT market day bus). Deadline for response is Friday July 13th. Please re-look at emails recorded in the May monthly meeting under agenda item 6d and 6o both relate to correspondence dated April 17th and May 3rd. Also relevant at the June meeting was agenda items 7c & 8v. See also 8g & 8r

above. As Cllr Hancock said in his email of July 2nd Google has examples of PC's subsidising bus services. It was agreed that a simple reply be sent suggested that more liaison is needed between the Consett-Hexham coach and the ADAPT Blanchland – Hexham transport running at approximately the same time on a Tuesday. Could the Consett coach do what ADAPT does on a Tuesday? Could the ADAPT transport run on a different day (for example Friday?). Evidence of passenger destinations could provide a combined PC small subsidy.

14. Update games/play area within school grounds:

Cllr. Hancock has spoken to Mrs Ross who believes they may still be some promised money that has not been received. Cllr Hancock received a reply to his email request to Stewart Murrell, (copied to CL), asking for an update on “the state of play” with regard to the outdoor table tennis table and additional goal area. Mr. Murrell has indicated that he will arrange purchase of additional sport equipment and installation should take place during the school summer holidays.

15. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update

Greg Finch circulated the official press report reporting the success of the HLF first round funding application – see the Slaley web site. A report of the meeting between Steering Group members and the HLF grants officer on June 28th was circulated - **attached as appendix 3/090712, page 812.**

16. Parish Plan: Action Plan – Play Area Review.

- a) Cllr Hancock reported by email 25/6/12 that there had been outbreaks of petty vandalism in the school garden and to the school equipment at weekends over the last three weeks. This was reported to the Neighbourhood Police Team who agreed to institute some drop-in visits during the evenings.
- b) Inspection Sheets 19 – 23 received and forwarded to school. On sheet 22 Week ending 31/5/12 the first upright on the chain walk had a sharp point on the wooden section. This was reported to school that said they would get their grounds team to repair.
- c) Inspection Sheets 24 – 26 received and forwarded to School. On week 26 broken glass was removed from the cycle path.

17. Parish Plan: Action Plan July Update.

Circulated and **attached as appendix 4/090712, page 813.**

See 8d hard copy above The Parish Council agreed to invite members of the Steering Group to reconvene and undertake a second review of the Action Plan. David Allsop has agreed to take the place of Peter McKendrick who has left the parish and of course Moyra Riseborough, has also moved out the parish.

18. August parish walk-about.

It was agreed to visit the Dukesfield Arches. Councillors to meet at Slaley Commemoration Hall for 7 p.m. with a later meeting from 8 p.m.

19. BOATs update.

See agenda item 5.

20. AOB

- a) Mobile Post van unable to attend Slaley on June 27th – broken hand break. On the previous Wednesday the van was one hour late due to illness.
- b) Nigel Sanger reported a break in and tools stolen (June 28th).
- c) Michael Elphick reported (June 28) that the website could be unavailable while he added a banner asking users to accept (or reject) the use of cookies.
- d) Cllr Robson has been in email contact with ME regarding the PC minutes since January 2012. Clerk has some new instructions.
- e) Further email contact between Cllr Robson and ME regarding a Contact slot rather than ME's email address and a request for the PC, TC and Commemoration Hall annual accounts to be shown.
- f) Cllr Robson reported that Cllr D. Allsop was not shown on the web site as a Councillor. It was agreed that the General Information page of the Annual Reports Booklet be given to ME for inclusion somewhere on the web site.

21. Date of August monthly meeting

Monday August 13th Walk about 7 – 8 p.m. General meeting 8.15 p.m. onwards.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45 p.m.