

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 11th June 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 CW Horncastle
Public. None. Northumbria Police: None. Courant Reporter: Rosalind Saul. Slaley Notes: None.
Community Trust: None

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

CC Horncastle for agenda item 10.

3. Minutes of May Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 791 – 794 + appendix 1, page 795 & appendix 2, page 796.

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 14/5/12; 4g 16/4/12 & 18a 12/3/12 Ladycross Stone for a Parish sign on the B6306 near the PC seat. Completed in time for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Paid S Kellett £20 for moving the stone. Need to pay Ladycross for dressing one side of the stone ready for engraving, Trevor Golightly for getting the stone into the ground and making safe and Barry Coleman for the agreed inscription “Slaley ER 11 2012”. The Councillors thought it would look better with Roman Numerals. Clerk to contact BC and ask if this is possible.

b) 4c 14/5/12; 11 16/4/12 Games & Play area within school grounds - official opening was NOT during the Diamond Jubilee celebrations as many people were on holiday and unable to attend. Reported by Norman Watson by email on May 17th. To date no new date has been arranged.

c) 6a 14/5/12 Review of Policy and Practice Relating to Outdoor Advertisements on NCC web site. Comments by June 22nd. Councillors who had looked at the Policy on the NCC website reported the following: Permanent, approved signage was preferred visitor attractions, business premises etc ,which would be limited to one from the main road followed by a further two on minor roads. Fly Posting should have planning permission. Jim Bailey of Slaley Show to be advised to look at this policy.

d) 6aa 14/5/12 & 17/4/12: Came & Company Insurance - renewal £279.36. Policy renewed. It was agreed to renew the policy and look at comparative quotes at the end of the current five-year period.

It is actually a three-year contract not five.

e) 10a 14/5/12 Broadband for Rural Areas request to Roger Styring at NCC answered by letter. Community Forum request answered by a telephone call to CG Chairman, Brian Massey, (see his email of June 7th). Individuals are asked to complete request cards and return to either the PC or NCC at Hadrian House - this to be mentioned in Notes and Newsheet.

f) 18e 14/5/12 Further news on the closure of the Rose & Crown was received by email from Cllr Allsop on May 15th & 18th. (See Community Trust report, agenda item 6 below). Cllr Allsop reported that the R&C had reopened with a manager appointed by the brewery although there was no eating facility. The kitchen is temporarily closed as fixtures and fittings owned by the departing tenants have been removed and while a planning dispute over the air extraction system and its suitability in a listed building is sorted out. Members of the CT had mentioned that in the Localism Bill there was the opportunity for communities to force breweries to consider their premises being

run by the community. Councillor Hancock explained that before this could happen a Community Plan would need to be in place.

5. Public Participation.

None.

6. Community Trust Report

Circulated and attached as **appendix 1/110612, page 801.**

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

- a) Dukesfield proposal for an application for a grant from the Small Schemes Fund was approved.
- b) There is a proposal to restructure NCC going into partnership with a commercial organisation. It is estimated to make a saving of £74m. Cllr Allsop reported that Middlesborough had a successful partnership with Mouchel but Redcar and Cleveland's partnership had reverted back to the Council.
- c) Jan Chisholm of NCC Transport is working with CC Horncastle & CC A. Dale to try and get more transport for rural areas. A supply of the questionnaires was provided and several will be left in Slaley Village Shop.

8. Correspondence.

Hard Copy

- a) NCC Proposed Changes to on and off - Street parking Tariffs Structure – Corbridge changed from TX to T3. TX = 30 mins, 1 hour 2 hours & 3 hours – T3 = Medium Stay (same). Hexham has several changes.
- b) Natural Burials – Amble west cemetery. (Place on notice board)
- c) Tynedale Sports Council – invitation to attend the launch meeting of Sport Tynedale (formerly Tynedale Sports Council) on June 18th when the Treasurers Reports will include the annual statement of accounts. Slaley Councillors did not wish to attend.
- d) CPRE North East Newsletter Summer 2012; Northumberland Theatre Company request for financial assistance. Clerk to request audited accounts.

Emails

- a) 21/5/12: RSN weekly digest for May 14 & 21st.
- b) 21/5/12: Whittonstall Action Group - May 7th Update.
- c) 21/5/12: NCC Heritage Open Days 6 – 9 September 2012
- d) 21/5/12: NCC - Northumberland Core Strategy email (see agenda item 11 below)
- e) 23/5/12: Sue Perry – Speedcheck – suggest a Community Speed Check using signs sold by Speedcheck.
- f) 25/5/12: North Pennines AONB Partnership – Annual Forum invitation & nomination form.
- g) 25/5/12: More from NCC on the Core Strategy Issues and Options 25/5/12 – 15/8/12 (see 8d above and 11 below)
- h) 25/5/12: NCC Funding Bulletin No 16.
- i) 28/5/12: RSN weekly digest
- j) 29/5/12: NCC Kay Norris – Copy of a Public Transport petition received by NCC
- k) 29/5/12: NCC LTP Richard McKenzie The request for additional parking at Parks Side has been added to the directory of requests for future consideration.
- l) 1/6/12: NCC Andy Thom – New Standards Regime – an update. Code of Conduct being updated Register of Members' Interests will be renamed Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- m) 31/5/12: Northumbria Police Slaley/Blanchland Update. + photograph of staff.

- n) 6/6/12: West Area Committee Meeting at Wark on Tuesday June 12.
- o) 6/6/12: RSN weekly digest.
- p) 7/6/12: Whittonstall Action Group June 5th Update.
- q) 7/6/12: RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin - June 2012.
- r) 8/6/12: Keep Britain Tidy, Rachel Scarisbrick, Request to inspect our area because of the Olympic Torch Relay.
- s) 8/6/12: David Pitt – A Pennine Journey asking if Slaley PC would be willing to become a supporter? Suggested annual subscription is £2.47 (1p per mile) Asking if there is a PC member who is responsible for the footpaths or a local walking group. Offering a 40 minute illustrated presentation. The PC considered the cost of issuing a cheque to become a supporter was not worthwhile. Clerk to contact two members of the community who are walkers for their interest. Cllr Hancock will also report in Parish Newsletter.
- t) 8/6/12: NCC external Funding Bulletin No 17.
- u) 11/6/12: RSN weekly digest.
- v) 11/6/12: Age Northumberland Fiona Horsman. Rural Access Service – Is the PC interested in having some input? Clerk to make contact for more information. Clarification regarding pick up/drop off places/times. More time need between issuing trip information and the actual date.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Cheques to be signed
There were no cheques
- b) The repayment of the Groundworks NE £600 (less the £100 Vat) **Has** been repaid.
- c) Audit Date: 27th July 2012. Display Notice 11/6/12 – 24/6/12. Records available to public 25/6/2012 – 20/7/2012.
- d) Cllr. D. Allsop to be made a signatory of the PC bank account. The necessary forms were completed and Cllr Allsop will provide his evidence at Lloyds.
- e) Correspondence from Audit commission consultation on appointment of external auditor for 2012/12 and future years. If the PC is happy with the proposed appointment of BDO LLP there is no need to reply. The Councillors confirmed their approval of BDO LLP
- f) Council to approve the accounting statements on Section 1 of the Annual Return. Chairman to sign the approval
- g) Annual Governance Statement was approved by the Council. Chairman to date and sign.

10. Current Planning Applications.

12/00877/FUL Townfoot Farm Bungalow proposed garage extension and utility room to rear.

Granted.

12/00147/FUL Replace an extant permission to extend the time for implementation of 20081147 – construction of two-storey detached dwelling. Tree Tops. **Granted**

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

Hard copy of letter , CD, A4 poster & A4 folded leaflets. Drop-in Sessions at Hexham market on Tuesday June 12, 9am-1pm & Saturday June 23, 9am – 1pm (see also email 8d sent on May 21st)
Three Councillors to look at this long document. Sections 6-8 Cllr Allsop; Sections 9-12 Cllr Hancock and sections 13-20 Cllr Brooks.

12. Update games/play area within school grounds:

There was no update regarding the removal of the willow dragon and the suggested additional equipment. Cllr. Hancock volunteered to contact Mrs Ross and ask if the school had any news.

13. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update

Copy of May 29th minutes attached as **appendix 2/110612, page 802**

14. Parish Plan: Action Plan - Dog Fouling Review

- a) Complaint from Margaret at Slaley Shop about people putting dog bags into the litter bin beside the seat near the telephone kiosk. Whilst not breaking the law this will be most unpleasant for summer visitors. **The PC to try fixing a laminated notice to the bin asking if dog waste could be placed inside the dog waste bin because of the recreational nature of the site and for the enjoyed of all.** Clerk to request that the bin is emptied including the items stuck to the bottom.
- b) Suggestion that children walking their pets that are allowing them to foul the village street was reported. Cllr Hancock to write something in his report for the notes.

15. Parish Plan: Action plan – Heritage Review

Copy attached as **appendix 3/10612, page 803.**

16. BOATs update.

- a) Correspondence from The Planning Inspectorate confirming the Inspector's proposal to modify The Cleugh DMMO Order (No 7) 2010 BOAT No 36. Bridleway status and reduce width to 3 metres.
- b) Correspondence from The Planning Inspectorate confirming the Inspector's decision following on from the Public Inquiry on Wednesday May 8th (Burnside/Blue Gables) DMMO Order (No 8) 2010 BOAT No 37. Decision confirmed as a BOAT. **It was suggested that Mrs H. Graham be contacted and her offer of assistance be mobilised. A diary of usage would be useful together with evidence of damage and danger to other users.**

17. AOB

- a) Correspondence from Hexhamshire PC regarding incorrect recording in the Hexham Courant of planning applications. Cllr Hancock's investigations suggests that the Gazetteer that supplies the parish information is incorrect. **The Hexham Courant reporter confirmed that the newspapers gets its information from NCC.**
- b) The grass left lying at Parks Side bungalows is a disgrace. Clerk to get a price from GMS for a fortnightly cut and to ask NCC if they would reimburse the PC this cost.
- c) Cllr Brooks has been asked where people without a computer can see the PC minutes. The minutes are available at the Clerk's home and can be viewed by appointment. Alternatively the minutes are available at the monthly PC meetings.
- d) A member of the High Clear community has informed Cllr Brooks that a letter of complaint has been sent (to NCC?) about uncut grass verges on the recently confirmed single-track High Clear lane BOAT, speeding traffic and dog fouling.

18. Date of July monthly meeting

Monday July 9th

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.