

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 11th May 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

1. Apologies. Councillor S. Dart.

Present: Councillor D. Allsop in the Chair. Councillors I.E. Milburn, N. Green, D.M. Bell & R.W.H. Hutchinson. Clerk P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle for part of meeting. Public: None. Hexham Courant reporter: Rosalind Saul.

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. Cllrs D Allsop & N Green for Rose and Crown advertising sign circulation prior to official planning application notification.

3. Minutes of April 2015 Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1062 – 1066, appendix 1, page 1067, appendix 2, page 1068 & appendix 3, page 1069).

The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. N. Green and seconded by Cllr. D. Bell. The minutes were dated and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

- a) 6 13/4/15: Community Trust held meeting on Monday April 27th at 6 p.m. to determine if a large fundraising event was an accepted idea. The meeting was reported by CT Secretary, David Allsop, on 27/4/15 when he and the CT Chairman were joined by 7 people responsible for groups in the parish with a further 5 giving their apologies. It was agreed to explore further and see if individuals come forward to take lead roles in the CT and in event organization and implementation.
- b) 17 13/4/15: Litter Pick on Sunday April 26th at 2 p.m. Despite Councillors agreeing to the Litter Pick thirteen days before the event, only 1 Councillor (the resigned Councillor CA Brooks) turned up to help the Clerk and two members of the public with the Litter Pick on the afternoon. The Clerk expressed her disappointment about this. Ray Weallans agreed to collect all the litter from the Commemoration Hall within 2 days. Hilary Hamps was presented with a solar powered garden owl light for the most unusual item: a cardboard box of two dozen empty DVD cartons disposed of under the Jubilee seat on the B6306.
- c) 18 13/4/15: The Councillor Vacancy was reported to NCC on Tuesday April 14th and was filled by the co-option of R.W.H. Hutchinson at the earlier Annual Parish Council Meeting this evening.

5. Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) Clerks & Councils Direct (front page a Norfolk PC has installed a defibrillator into a redundant telephone box. Unipart Dorman no further hard copy correspondence - all now will be made by email. Tynedale Hospice at Home - Spring 'Newslink' publication.

Emails:

- aa) Notice of Election. Notice of Poll. Statement as to Persons Nominated. Notice of Polling Stations. Printed out and placed on Parish Council notice board.
- a) 15/4/15: Paul Nichol: Active – Northumberland Tales from Northumberland.
- b) 15/4/15: Gareth Davies: VE Day Celebrations / The Tour of Britain.
- c) 16/4/15: North Pennines AONB Annual Forum 26th June.
- d) 16/4/15: RSN: RVS – fuel poverty.
- e) 20/4/15: RSN weekly digest April 20th.
- f) 20/4/15: Linda Norris a question of vandalism? **Clerk to reply and report that there has been no record of any similar occurrence.**
- g) 22/4/15: RSN Spotlight on the hearty of the village.
- h) 22/4/15: Janet Brown: Letter from Northumberland Citizens Advice Bureau re changes

- i) 22/4/15: Iain Hedley: Updating Action Plan for T&PC Charter.
- j) 23/4/15: ESIF Update on building better opportunities in the North East.
- k) 27/4/15: RSN weekly digest April 27th.
- l) 30/4/15: North Pennines spring newsletter.
- m) 20/4/15: Know Northumberland Bulletin No 15.
- n) 30/4/15: North Pennines Dales Local Action Group recruitment.
- o) 30/4/15: Iain Hedley: Modern Councillor e-learning modules.
- p) 30/4/15: Ian Hedley: Reminder Rural parishes meetings as previously informed on March 27th.
- q) 30/4/15: Tracy Jennings: Funding Bulletin April.
- r) 4/5/15: NCDN newsletter.
- s) 5/5/15: RSN weekly digest May 5th.
- t) 6/5/15: RSN ROB May.
- u) 11/5/15: RSN weekly digest May 11th.

6. Financial Report including Audit Arrangements

- a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll successfully submitted £308.33 payment on 15/4/15.
- b) Correspondence from Thirsk payroll indicating that tax of £5.00 each month should be paid to the HMRC. This can be made quarterly using the white Employers Paying in book.
- c) Cheques to be signed:
No 557: Northumberland Association of Local Councils annual subs £144.22
No 558: Broker Network Ltd Insurance £439.55
Both cheques proposed by Cllr. N. Green and seconded by Cllr. D. Bell the cheques were signed.
- d) Interim cheques: None.
- e) Income Cheque for £700 received from Post Office Limited towards the mobile post office hard standing. This was received and immediately paid into the PC bank account on April 14th.
- f) A request to Lloyds Bank for alteration of signatories has been made.
- g) Audit arrangements – display notice June 8th – 21st (internal audit) Records available June 22 – July 17th. Audit date is July 20th.

7. Current Planning Applications.

Cllr D Allsop circulated new proposals for advertising boards in the parish. There was no planning application number from NCC and the proposal was not discussed.

15/01342/FUL: Proposed front porch, Highfield House, Slaley. **Support in keeping with property.**

15/010125/FUL: Proposed kitchen extension to rear. The Old Barn, Slaley, Hexham. **No objections.**

15/01005/FUL: Construction of new bungalow – land west of Bogglebush, 2 Wooley Grange, Slaley. **No objections**

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

Pending

14/02887/FUL: Proposed extension and alteration of existing property including demolition of existing single storey conservatory area/kitchen; demolition of existing two storey extension to rear elevation providing part kitchen area at ground floor level and bathroom at first floor; all to be replaced with new two storey extension providing new kitchen/utility at ground floor with third bedroom, en-suite, dressing room and new bathroom at first floor. - East Cornerfield, Slaley Hexham NE47 OBS. This replaces application 14/00749/FUL. **Pending.**

13/01130/FUL: Retrospective: Extraction system on roof at rear of premises. R&C

Pending

13/01131/LBC: Retrospective: Listed Building Consent: Extraction system on roof at rear of premises. R&C
Pending

Decisions from planning:

15/00656/FUL: Placement of three interpretation panels close to the Dukesfield Arches to explain their purpose. Dukesfield Mill.
Granted

8. Parish Council Insurance renewal from Came & Company.

The Councillors confirmed that they had read the document and were happy for the renewal invoice to be paid. Therefore cheque No 558 was written and signed (see 6c above)

9. Defibrillator Update.

a) Email from Adele Young giving Clerk the information for a funding application to the BHF with her as the NEAS contact.

b) Application for grant aid towards the Community Defibrillator machine has been made to the British Heart Foundation. It was successful in its first hurdle for acceptance by the North East Ambulance Service. The application must now be approved by our signatories (Adele Young) and then an award decision will be made

c) Mags Bowers, Blanchland's First Responder has offered 4 dates in July for her services in holding "Heart Start Training sessions". It was decided to wait until the outcome of the application before embarking on any training.

d) At the recent Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee meeting on April 15th the committee were asked about how they felt should the Hall be decided as the best situation for a community Defibrillator. Treasurer Margaret Weatherley discussed this with the Hall's insurers; Allied Westminster has no objections to the machine being on the Hall premises.

e) CC Colin Horncastle asked that a reminder be sent for him to question if grants from his small schemes allocation could be spent on community defibrillators.

10. NCC Consultation Street Trading Policy – consultation ends May 22nd.

Information received in hard copy and circulated to Councillors May 3rd recommending that they read the consultation document. This was discussed briefly and it was agreed that no representations be made.

11. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) ROSPA Play Safety Team is offering an annual inspection of the play area during July their cost is £35 + vat. The Clerk instructed to wait for a further quote from the existing provider and make a comparison before booking the annual inspection.

12. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update.

The end of project celebration takes place on Sunday June 7th. The Arches will remain in the care of The Friends of the North Pennines together with Slaley & Hexhamshire parish councils for the remainder of the 25 year lease. The project was highly recommended in the heritage category of the Constructing Excellence North East Awards, missing out to Dunston Staiths. Particular recognition was made of the project's enthusiasm, engagement and sharing of skills and knowledge. The Councillors offered their congratulations to the project members.

13. AOB

a) Request from the residents of South Farm, Slaley for help with cutting the NCC owned roadside grass outside their property. Clerk contacted GMS for a price and the grass cutting team have looked at the area and offered to cut if for free for the time being. Clerk replied and thanked them.

- b) Clerk reported to Ray Weallans that water has been running down the C275 and flooding the gateway into Dipton Foot Farm. Mr. Weallans confirmed receipt and said the matter would be forwarded to Kris Westerby who deals with highway issues.
- c) A substantial building in Winnows Hill plantation just off the B6306 in Healey parish has been highlighted to the Parish Council and retired Chairman visited the site where she was told the building is a farmhouse set for the current Beauwolf TV production. Neither Blanchland or Healey PC have been consulted on a temporary planning application for this. CC C. Horncastle is going to mention this at the next planning meeting.
- d) Blanchland Clerk, Alice Ellison, contacted the Clerk and asked how Slaley & Healey cover their transparency regulations in light of the Transparency Code (see NALC news circulated 8/4/15 agenda item 8af 13/4/15. The approach using Slaley.org.uk was explained and the rental that Healey PC pays to Slaley PC for a section of the web site to cover its responsibilities. Blanchland parish like Healey has a very small population and only meets 4 times each year with a Precept of less than £1k and wonders if it could do something similar. Clerk emailed Michael Elphick with this suggestion and asked that he and Alice speak with one another and see if anything could be agreed. Michael has agreed and will meet Alice sometime in June.
- e) Minutes of Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee of January 28th 2015. Attached as **appendix ?/110515, page** Councillor Green reported that the draft April minutes were not available. However the proceeds from the fund raising of 2014 had covered a replacement water boiler in the kitchen and roof repairs, the committee had decided not to continue with fund raising during 2015 apart from the Bingo and a September 4th illustrated talk by Will Nichols (of red squirrel fame) on his Amazon trip. An unapproved copy of accounts as at 10/5/15 was tabled.
- f) Clerk reported that Slaley School parents had been informed that the Headteacher, Ms Rebecca Jackson is to leave Slaley School at the end of the summer term.
- g) CC Colin Horncastle reported that Wednesday would be the last meeting of the west area planning committee with its 10 members. The replacement committee will have 15 members with a maximum of 4 from the west area. It is thought that more than 90% of all applications will be decided by delegated decisions. The bi-annual 3 area committees are increasing in size to 4 area committees. It is expected that the new area committee will have greater powers, delegated budgets and some officers will report directly to them. Further detail will be available in due course. This proposal is coming out for consultation during June. Finally the future of Blanchland Post Office has also been secured.

14. Date of June 2015 monthly meeting.

Monday June 8th

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.53 p.m.