

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on  
Monday 14th April 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

**1. Apologies.** Councillor. County Councillor Colin Horncastle.

**Present:** Councillor C.A. Brooks in the Chair. Councillors I.E. Milburn, N. Green, D.M. Bell, D. Allsop & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

Public: Susan Dart & Richard Ferguson. Northumbria Police: None: Courant Reporter: None. Community Trust: None. Slaley Notes: None.

**2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.**

Susan Dart for planning application at the Flothers Farm.

**3. Minutes of March Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 955 – 959 + appendix 1, page 960, appendix 2, page 961, appendix 3, page 962, appendix 4 page 963 & appendix 5 page 964).** 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) 20 10/3/14: A report from the combined PC Bingo fund raising event circulated and attached as **appendix 1/140414, page 970.** Cllr. CA Brooks added her thanks to Cllr Green for his delivery of the event and to the Clerk for her part in organising the event.

b) 17 10/3/14: A draft alternative Risk Assessment from Cllrs Allsop & Milburn. Circulated by email on April 10<sup>th</sup> by Cllr Allsop and attached as **appendix 2/140414, page 971.** It was agreed that a portion of the Assessment should be classed as policies and not risks therefore an update of policies needs to be added to the annual calendar. The Clerk to request clarification from David Francis, NALC, on the question of storing documents in a filing cabinet as being adequate for a small rural parish council.

c) 11 10/3/14: Councillor Vacancy co-option of Mrs Susan Dart. Proposed by Cllr.E. Milburn. Seconded by Cllr. D. Bell. There being no further nominations Susan Dart was duly co-opted onto Slaley Parish Council. Cllr Brooks welcomed Cllr Dart as a member of the Parish Council. The necessary papers were completed.

d) 5 10/3/14: The invitation to the Area Commander of Northumbria Police and Forestry Commission Management to attend a future PC meeting for a discussion with concerned members of the public, has been accepted for our May meeting. Hexhamshire Parish Council became involved after a discussion with Cllr Allsop and they have been kept informed as correspondence has been sent and received. Invitations will be sent out to Springhouse residents, Holly Hill residents, Ladycross owners and FOLNR officials. Derwent Gibson & Hexhamshire PC asking for dated, map referenced incidents and especially incident numbers.

e) 8m 10/3/14: submissions of (RTI), Real Time Information, have successfully been undertaken by Thirsk Payroll.

**5. Public Participation.**

Weekend off road activity has included telephone calls to Northumbria Police Sunday 6/4/14 and 12/13 April. 4x4 vehicles without insurance are reported as having been stopped. Photographs were tabled however these had no map references or dates. Motorcross type motorcycles were recently seen by a Councillor at Shield Hall road entrance of the B6306 on March 30th.

**6. Community Trust Report**

a) The Improved Broadband update was received from ME and as of April 8<sup>th</sup> only 64 people had completed the survey. The laying of the new Fibreoptic cable on Thursday/Friday 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> was discussed – is this the new line?

#### **7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor:**

None

#### **8. Correspondence.**

##### **Hard copy:**

a) Tynedale Hospice at Home - Newslink publication, Gift Aid declaration and collecting box and what's on March – June.

b) David Cameron new tax cut for businesses – new employment allowance off employer NI contributions (NICs) (something else for John Hatton)

Glasdon Products advertising leaflet; Wicksteed advertising leaflet; Sovereign advertising leaflet; CAN News + Spring Conference + HAGs 10% offer etc; Came & Company Newsletter.

##### **Email:**

a) 11/3/14: RSN weekly digest.

b) 12/3/14: RSN RVS – fuel poverty.

c) 13/3/14: Sue Andrews – Community Assets Workshops on 25/3/14 at Community Centre.

d) 15/3/14: CAN e-News Extra.

e) 17/3/14: Mike Bird Presentation to Area Committees: Working with PCs. (Slaley declined).

f) 17/3/14: RSN weekly digest.

g) 17/3/14: Sue Andrews – Accounts and audit training.

h) 18/3/14: Wildlife Trust Training Opportunity Invertebrate ID 27/6/14 Gosforth £25.00.

i) 18/3/14: Katy Barrass – Healthwatch Northumberland (sent to News sheet only)

j) 19/3/14: RSN RVS – Transport.

k) 23/3/14: Richard Hall NCC – public transport newsletter.

l) 20/3/14: Susan Robson PC survey on housing needs of Gypsies. Clerk submitted.

m) 24/3/14: Richard Hall NCC – revised transport newsletter (did not circulate -Slaley not affected).

n) 24/3/14: Kirsty Norman – Hadrian's Wall WHS public consultation April 7-28<sup>th</sup>+ workshops.

o) 24/3/14: RSN weekly digest.

p) 31/3/14: Request from Hexham Traders re Bus Station – Cllr Bell replied by email. **The Clerk to make a PC reply**

q) 1/4/14: RSN weekly digest.

r) 1/4/14: Northumbria Police – missing Corbridge 92 year old.

s) 1/4/14: Jillian Grieves – Northumberland Fire & Rescue – Plan 2014-2017 consultation 31/3/14 – 9/5/14. Cllr Brooks volunteered to read and fill in the questionnaire as there were no other volunteers to do so.

t) 2/4/14: RSN RVS – Broadband

u) 2/4/14: Know Northumberland Bulletin No 11.

v) 3/4/14: EFB No 51.

w) 3/4/14: CAN spring Conference 9/5/14 at Stanington Village Hall.

x) 3/4/14: Kevin Bartlett – planning enforcement office running at 50% capacity asking for help in reporting any danger to the public or unauthorized works to listed buildings.

y) 3/4/14: Richard Inman – invitation to join a rural sounding board.

z) 5/4/14: Frances Wilkinson The Basics of Planning training session 24/4/14 Prospect House 6 – 8 p.m. **Cllr CA Brooks, N Green & Clerk to attend.**

aa) 5/4/14: NALC E-News April.

Ab) 7/4/14: RSN weekly digest.

- Ac) 7/4/14: Richard Hall – school transport – three consultations. The Clerk to make a general comment from the PC on the hardship this will cause to some rural parents and students.
- Ad) 8/4/14: Nicola Turnbull – West Area meeting 15/4/14 at Acomb.
- Ae) 8/4/14: Beverley Herron first of several emails HWB (Health & Wellbeing Board) 4 page newsletter – needs a password to download the remaining correspondence. Clerk asked if any Councillors wished to received further correspondence – **There were no requests from either PC.**
- Af) 9/4/14: RSN ROB April.
- Ag) 10/4/14: BBC One – Northumberland – Anyone fancy swapping their home for a week or two? Information also sent to Slaley Notes editors.
- Ah) 10/4/14: Lynne Nelson – Northumberland Public Service Alliance – Challenging Racism in the workplace 22/4/14 at Stadium of Light.
- Ai) 10/4/14: Mick Miller - Notice of European Parliamentary Election May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 – Notice placed on notice board.
- Aj) \*7/4/14: Patsie Jarman sent directly to Clerk + Cllrs Brooks & Allsop only – Government petition banning automatic number plate recognition systems in NHS hospital car parks. Several Councillors had already completed the petition on-line.

## 9. Financial Report.

- a) Cheques to be signed  
 Cheque No 521 NCC weekly inspection of play & sport equipment Jan-Mach 2014. £164.16  
 522 GMS for cutting grass 6 half payment £504.00  
 Proposed by Cllr. D. Allsop, seconded by Cllr. N Green the cheques were signed
- b) Interim cheques issued  
 Cheque No 520 to Thirsk Payroll for submitting the RTI *see agenda item 4e above* £156.00 the cheque was signed by Cllr.D Bell and Cllr. C Brooks
- c) Bank statement as at March 25<sup>th</sup> £4,742.94
- d) NCC first half of Precept paid into bank 7/4/14 £4,050.00
- e) Audit arrangements. Display Notice 9/6/14 – 22/6/14 + Internal audit. Records available to public 23/6/14 – 18/7/14. Audit Date July 21<sup>st</sup> 2014.

## 10. Current Planning Applications.

- 14/00772/FUL:** Construction of new building for livestock building. Land north-east of Flothers Farm. **No objections**
- 14/00749/FUL:** Demolition of existing single storey conservatory and kitchen along with two storey rear extension and construction of proposed two storey extension to provide kitchen and utility at ground floor and 3<sup>rd</sup> bedroom, en suite, dressing room and new bathroom at first floor level. East Cornerfield, Slaley. **Concerns**
- 13/03822/VARYCO:** Variation to condition 2 (to carry out development in accordance to plans) and 7 (rainwater goods to be painted black painted cast iron or aluminium fixed directly to the walls) of application 13/01297/FUL – land north west of St. Mary’s Church. **No objections.**
- 14/00515/FUL** Proposed first floor extension Spring House Cottage, Slaley. **Support**
- 14/00249/FUL:** Proposed first floor extension over kitchen to create bedroom and en-suite. Rear extension to form utility and the addition of a sun room to the front. Comb Hills Farm (east) Michael Ogle. **Pending**
- 13/03823/VARYCO:** Variation to condition 2 (approved plans) and 7 (rainwater goods) of application 13/01300/FUL – land north west of St. Mary’s Church. **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**

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

**Decisions from planning:**

**13/02715/CCM:** Proposed winning, working and processing of Sandstone at Ladycross Stone Quarry, Slaley. NE47 0BY **Granted**

**14/00375/FUL:** Construction of single storey side garden room extension, construction of two storey side extension and conversion and extension of part of outbuilding to double garage. Hollies Cottage, Riding Mill. **Withdrawn**

**11.Update games/play area within school grounds.**

Inspections sheets for weeks January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 24<sup>th</sup> forwarded to school. The inspector is reporting a small finger trap in the net. Clerk asked him to report what this is to School.

**12.Mobile Post Office Van parking Update**

- a) Still waiting for a quote from E. Coulson.
- b) The new Post Office vehicle seems to be working well.

**13.Revised Northumberland Town and Parish Council Charter. Emailed 25/2/14.**

**Please re- read in light of recent Hexham Courant comments.** Further discussion was made and the practice of some parishes paying for the upkeep of their own parish churchyard and also making a contribution to churchyards in the east of the County was acknowledged. However the Councillors felt there was very little that could be added to the PCs original reply without seeing an Action Plan.

**14.Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update**

- a) An invitation was given to all the Councillors for the Heritage Cook Off on Easter Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> held as part of the Dukesfield Smelters and Carriers Project.

**15. Parish Plan Action Plan April update**

Draft circulated. Additions were made, new copy attached as **appendix 3/140414, page 972.**

**16. Litter Pick is it to be reinstated for 2014?**

It was agreed to look at this in the Autumn - possibly September.

**17. May annual meetings request for annual reports.**

Chairman's annual report. Commemoration Hall representative's report (PW to undertake as Cllr Green was only recently appointed). County Councillor's report to be requested from CC C Horncastle. Because this year we shall have NP & FC at the meeting there will be several members of the public and the need to start with the Annual Parish meeting was explained.

**18.AOB**

- a) Consett – Hexham bus – route used while Dilston bridge closed. Clerk emailed Ian Coe at NCC. Garry McBride replied saying the venture coach was going through Corbridge and the past Egger to Hexham, Some of the other coaches were using the A69 especially at peak times..
- b) Grass cut in rain at Parks side on Monday April 7<sup>th</sup> left an awful mess grass pulled everywhere on the wheels of the mowers.
- c) Further damage to the grass at Parks side has occurred. Gillinghams of Stanley is a new coach company operating as part of the High and Middle school transport. Clerk to write to the LEA and ask to give out a general request for drivers to take more care when reversing at Parks Side.

d) Extensive building work at Glen Cottage was mentioned and it was thought to be a northern extension allowed under permitted development but as the extension would be built into the northern bank side a large amount of earth had to be removed for underpinning of the original north facing foundations.

e) Parking opposite already parked cars on the village street is becoming a problem, especially when people have a drive on which to park their vehicles. A general reminder in Slaley notes and the News Sheet asking people to park sensibly and remember that emergency vehicles have to get down the village without any obstructions. Loss of wing mirrors can be costly to replace. We are an agricultural parish and very soon the first cut silage will take place, this means a steady flow of tractors and silage trailers using the village street – keep your vehicles out of their way safely behind your property wall!

**19.Date of May 2014 meeting includes the Annual Parish Meeting (with a visit from NOP & the FC) and the PC AGM**

Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2014.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.20 p.m.