

**Minutes of Slaley Parish Council, Monday November 8th 2010,  
in Slaley Commemoration Hall.**

**1. Apologies:** Councillor Mrs L. Norris.

**Present:** Councillor I.C. Hancock in the Chair. Councillors Mrs A. S. Robson, Ms M. Palmer & Mrs C. A. Brooks. Clerk Mrs P. Wilson. County Councillor: Colin W Horncastle. Public: None. Courant Reporter: Rosalind Saul. Slaley Notes: Catherine Lincoln. Community Trust: Norman Watson & Catherine Lincoln. Northumbria Police: None. Invited Speaker: Michael Elphick (agenda item 13).

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

Mrs C. A. Brooks for agenda item 6.

**3. Minutes of October Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 642-646, appendix 1 page 647, appendix 2 page 648 and appendix 3 page 649).**

Proposed as a true record by Cllr. CA Brooks and seconded by Cllr. Ann Robson. The minutes were approved and signed.

**4. Matters Arising.**

a) 4a 11/10/10; 4e 6/9/10; 13b 9/8/10; 10 12/7/10; 14 14/6/10 **Wooley Road Bus Shelter.** Cllr Hancock confirmed the PC's decision to instruct Mr Golightly to remove and repair the bus shelter as per option 2.

b) 4d 11/10/10, 12 b & c 6/9/10: Where to Buy Locally leaflet & Business Directory with three new entries. Clerk to circulate by e-mail.

c) 8q 11/10/10: Training for Play Areas & Playing Fields changed to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November at Tynemills Depot, Hexham. 10 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Chairman, Ian Hancock & Clerk will attend morning session only for Play Areas - Allotments will be p.m.

d) 13 11/10/10 Post Christmas Meal at Travellers Rest – Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2011. Advertised through Slaley Notes, by e-mail and a full page (including the booking form) in the Parish News Sheet.

**5. Public Participation.**

None.

**6. Community Trust Report.**

a) Report circulated by e-mail 7/11/10 and attached as **appendix 1/081110, page 655.**

CL reported that a public meeting to discuss the Rose & Crown is organised for Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Parish Council was asked if it wished to be involved with this presentation. Involvement was not something the PC felt they should undertake, however, Cllr Palmer volunteered to represent the PC at the public meeting.

b) Letter from CT in reply to correspondence regarding insurance for the CT. (see October minutes agenda item 6, page 643). E-mail from CL dated 28/9/10 circulated, reply from PC Clerk dated 7/10/10 circulated, JG reply to PC tabled at October meeting, copy of PC letter to CT re insurance dated 18/10/10 circulated.

Councillor Hancock explained that before the Parish Council can take over the insurance of any project there has to be PC involvement from the concept of the idea. Receiving emails informing

the PC what the CT members are doing is not involvement by the PC. The PC will look at future ideas, case by case. The PC did welcome the planters as an addition made by the Community Trust along with their watering, care and replanting. The Community Trust was set up to carry out projects outside the powers of the PC and therefore the CT should manage its own affairs. Insurance is a general issue – public liability – especially when publically discussing the future of the Rose & Crown. If the reason the CT does not want to insure the planters (verbal quote from CAN of £200) then the PC would have to adopt them because the PC can not insure items it does not own. (*Because of our standing orders adopting the planters cannot be discussed again until March 2011*). More clarity is needed. Cllr Hancock thought the Ladycross stone offer was open ended and he suggested that the CT make contact with the quarry direct and report back to the PC. A suggestion was made that the Ladycross sign would be better placed on an approach road into the village/parish. The Parish Council was asked to assess the interest in a new Ladycross sign with the residents of Parks Side bungalows.

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

Community Chest £45,000 remaining for West Northumberland. Joint ventures with Community Groups can assess this funding.

Small Schemes grants could disappear in the latest round of financial cuts.

Excellent meeting at St. Josephs on October 12<sup>th</sup>, early start time was given as reason for non attendance by Slaley Councillors.

State of Area Debate in late February 2011 – breaking the constitution – the debate should be held before setting the Precept in early February.

A survey suggested that 70% of people in Northumberland appreciated the monthly Northumberland News, which is now in its 14 monthly issue. Councillors asked for more information on this survey.

### **8. Correspondence.**

#### **Hard Copies**

a) Community Action Northumberland – Annual Reports 2009-10, 36 page full colour A4 glassy publication.

b) NCC (costing £1.50 to post) envelope containing: Letter from Sheila Johnson, Senior Waste Management Officer asking for the distribution on displays boards, counters etc 1 x poster entitled “Have you stopped Home Composting?”; 10 x A5 double leaflets entitled “Have you stopped Home Composting?”; 10 x A5 leaflets entitled “Cut Out the Junk Mail?”; 2 X A5 leaflets entitled “Switch on to electrical recycling”. 2 x A5, 8 page leaflets entitled “Hazardous household waste dispose of it safely”. 10 copies of a hard cardboard wheel entitled “The What goes where wheel”. The cost efficiency of this was questioned, Cllr Horncastle replied that the unitary authority had inherited different district coloured recycling schemes and was trying to establish a single system. It was suggested that the school might like the wheels.

c) Action for Children envelope containing an introductory letter, an A5 leaflet, a cardboard collecting box, an A4, 8 page “Time for Children” booklet and an A5 return card.

d) Tynedale Hospice at Home request for financial aid + November newsletter.

e) Clerks & Councils Direct November, Records RSS advertising leaflet, Society of Local Council Clerks Letter re “membership is essential for a Clerk to reach their full potential”. CAN news Autumn issue, Rock report Winter 2010, Came & company parish council insurance. CAN AGM 3/11/10 + agenda + 09 minutes, NALC Annual report. 09/10

**Emails:**

- a) 14/10/10: Susi Goncu Shaping Our Services – budget consultation – circulated to CF group – no response.
- b) 15/10/10: Tony Hopper - Voting patterns – Clerk replied.
- c) 15/10/10: NCC (3) Funding Bulletin Numbers 36 & 37; 38 & 39; 40.
- d) 20/10/10: CAN AGM papers.
- e) 23/10/10: Came & Company - Are committees covered? – copied to CT Secretary & Treasurer.
- f) 26/10/10: Catherine Lincoln asked if the PC nominating anyone for Pride in Tynedale Awards? Clerk replied it had never been discussed.
- g) 29/10/10: NCC Statutory Youth Service Reorganisation (7 pages)
- h) 1/11/10: CAN news (8 pages)
- i) 1/11/10: NALC E-news
- j) 1/11/10: Reminder to CAN that we no longer need a hard copy of correspondence.
- k) 4/11/10: David Francis: North East Rural Summit at Slaley Hall 23/11/10 booking form.
- l) 4/11/10: NCC Regeneration Service Funding Bulletin Issues No 41 (16 pages) & 42 (17 pages).
- m) 4/11/10: West Area Committee meeting 9/11/10 info.
- n) 4/11/10: Victoria TPW – Workshops for wellbeing.
- o) 4/11/10: Ivan Annibal – final reminder to complete the rural insight survey.
- p) 5/11/10: Steve Shaw – Sustainable Communities Act: ensuring a strong process for the future benefit of Parish & Town Councils – write to Decentralisation Minister, Greg Clark MP, requesting that the short-listed proposals are dealt with expeditiously.
- q) 5/11/10: HACS – promotional sale of play equipment copy to Catherine Lincoln.
- r) 7/11/10: David Francis: Car Parking public meeting dates and venues. Hexham meeting held on 15/11/10.
- s) 7/11/10: NCC: Community Governance Reviews – number of Councillors or grouping arrangements. Cllr Hancock wondered if members of Healey PC wanted to discuss this.

**9. Financial Report.**

- a) Cheques to be signed  
No 424: Commemoration Hall Hire of room for meetings 7 monthly meetings + 1 special meeting £119.00  
Proposed by Cllr. CA Brooks and seconded by Cllr. M. Palmer - the cheque was signed.
- b) Interim cheques: None
- c) Correspondence from Lloyds TSB re changes to the terms and conditions.

**10. Current Planning Applications.**

- 20100566:** Construction of a micro wind generator - Wooley House                      Pending
- 20100585:** Double garage to south elevation at 52 Slaley Park                      Pending

**Decisions from Planning Authority**

**20100015:** Certificate of lawfulness for proposed timber stables block / store. Moorlands, Lead road. Reply to letter saying the stables would be permitted development and as such would not require formal application.

**20100536:** Advertisement consent for two replacement non-illuminated signs at Springhouse County park and one new non-illuminated sign at the junction of the B6306.

**Granted on the U8078 and refused on the B6306 (see Hexham Courant editorial).**

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

Mark Osborne from Groundwork North East has been invited to the sub-group meeting on 10/11/10. He would charge 12.5% of total cost to oversee the project. The group hope to 'pick his brain' and hear his ideas. Stuart Murrell has volunteered to be project manager. The need for such a role was questioned – Cllr Palmer voiced concern on various issues e.g. a local stone-waller could build a wall easily etc. Goal posts static as opposed to movable suppliers - did they not provide this groundwork FOC? Planning permission would be needed for any ground excavation, small pieces of equipment and sports posts etc would not need planning consent. The two people who attended the first meeting at Slaley School are no longer in the loop and able to help.

**12. Slaley web page. (see agenda 15e 11/10/10 also June 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 minutes, agenda item 18, Parish Plan Action Plan Updates from July 2008 Community Website, January 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 minutes agenda item 9, page 490, when a presentation of costs etc for a new website was made).**

Presentation sent via e-mail. Mr. Elphick suggested that the Councillors view [westnorthumberlandcbc.org.uk](http://westnorthumberlandcbc.org.uk). The Councillors liked the look of the WNCBC site but felt that shortfalls would only become apparent once the site was up and working. It was agreed that a trial of the new site should be up and running for December and the two web sites would remain working in tandem until February when a decision would be made whether or not to renew the old account. An Acceptable use Policy was discussed, anyone breaching this policy could be removed from the site. Michael agreed to stay on as Editor in Chief for a few years at an annual financial settlement to be agreed. Councillor information to be Name, telephone and e-mail only, no photographs or home address. PW to set up a direct debit with the bank. Healey PC to have its own page for the foreseeable future but PW to ask about its own site.

**13. Payment of grants for 2010/11 & awards given by the PC (see agenda item 15f 11/10/10).**

a) Circulated round all the Councillors for comment the request from Commemoration Hall & Community Trust. The CH - 5 Councillors thought that the grant should be at least as last year. One thought there should be no grant. The CT – 6 councillors thought that a ring fenced limited grant for administration costs, one Councillor was concerned that there was almost £2k in the bank. After discussion it was finally agreed that because of a healthy bank balance with both the Commemoration Hall and the Community Trust there would be no grant unless a specific request for help with a specific project was made.

b) Carers Northumberland see 8u (email) 12/4/10, page 598 and 4g 10/5/10, page 604 (Councillors were going to look at web page). **Nothing new was recorded.**

c) Tynedale Hospice at Home agenda item 8f (hard copy) 14/6/10, page 608. £100 grant to be made.

d) Slaley Show see 4f 11/10/10, page 643 (Councillors did not consider information a balance sheet). After several request to the Chairman for an opening and closing balance and none being available the decision was taken not to pay a grant.

e) Old system of deciding on grants was altered see agenda item 13, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2009 minutes, pages 572/3. £2,100 was allocated for grants. A reminder that a balance sheet was required was

made in Slaley notes and News Sheet. None of the previous recipients has produced the necessary response therefore no grants will be made.

f) Wooley Bus Shelter expected expenditure see September minutes Option 2 =£950 + Vat needs to be available this financial year.

g) A grant to Air Ambulance of £150 and CAN of £20 to be given.

#### **14. BOATs update**

a) At the meeting of the 4 Parishes Joint Committee on November 1<sup>st</sup> it was agreed to write to Guy Opperman MP and David Brookes in support of finding a satisfactory conclusion to the Espershields application which has dragged on since August 2003. A letter was also written to David Brookes indicating the lack of BOAT knowledge or feedback from NP after reported incidents.

b) YDGLA November Newsletter.

#### **15. AOB**

a) Street Light outside Townfoot been reported to NCC as an intermittent light.

b) Fly Tipping down Swang Lane, Reaston Hills, two lorry load of tyres tipped between 6 p.m. Sat Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and 8.30 a.m. Sun Nov 7<sup>th</sup>. Reported to NCC who is arranging to have the tyres photographed and removed. If fly tipping continues at this site, as it did at Healey Mill entrance lane off the old lead road, then a locked gate will be fitted to the top of the lane with a style for the public footpath.

c) A Central Tynedale Community forum full colour A4 leaflet was delivered to Cllr Brooks by the Postman. Its delivery was questioned by Cllr. Brooks as none of the other Councillors had received a copy.

#### **16. Date of December monthly meeting.**

Monday December 13<sup>th</sup>.