

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on Monday 14th December 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. **Public Participation.** None.

2. **Apologies.**

Present: Councillor D. Allsop in the Chair. Councillors R.W.H. Hutchinson, E.S. Dart, I. E. Milburn, D. M. Bell & N. Green & Clerk P. Wilson. County Councillor Colin Horncastle. Public: None. Press: None.

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

Clerk for agenda items 9b (ii) & (iii)

4. **Brought forward from November Minutes of October Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1101 – 1104) appendix 1, page 1105 & appendix 2, page 1106).**). The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. I. E. Milburn and seconded by Cllr. N. Green. The minutes were dated and signed. **Minutes of November Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1107 – 1110).** The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. R.W.H. Hutchinson and seconded by Cllr. E.S. Dart. The minutes were dated and signed.

5. **Matters Arising.**

a) Full draft Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Emma Thomas Planning officer emailed confirmation of the Slaley & Healey submission received on November 24th.

b) Councillors E. Milburn and D Bell emailed the clerk and confirmed (thus making the proposals quorate) that (4) they were happy that the October minutes were correct and could be placed on the web site;

(7) that a letter be sent to Guy Opperman MP

(8a) they would not like to look at this and report.

(8ac) that one Councilllor should look at and report

(15a) the PC could forego sight of the accounts and provide a grant towards replacement of gates on the parish war memorial Lych Gate.

15b the letter be sent requesting more signage from the west to Cramlington hospital.

c) **Brought forward from November** a) 11b 12/10/15: generic email address All Councillors were asked by email 14/10/15 to check this. **Asked again to report back in January.**

d) **Brought forward from November** b) 17b 12/10/15: Clerk contacted NALC and asked what the procedure was for taking control of an area and designating it as a village green. David Francis replied and said that Defra guidance would help but said that negotiations between Isos and NCC on the planning permission would need to be checked. However the Parish Council has the power to maintain green areas, whether they are registered village green, or some other type of public open space. (this information circulated to Councillors 16/10/15). December Update: Email reply from Kath Heard, ISOS Housing matter being dealt with by Katherine Glen. Also GMS reply with a quote for cutting the parks side grass every 10 days when the school field is cut. **County Councillor to contact Katherine Glen and a decision will be made in January.**

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e) 1 9/11/15: Welfare of Pigs correspondence there has been no reply to the PC letter. **Clerk was asked to write again and request a reply.**

f) 15a 9/11/15 new gates on the parish war memorial at St. Mary's Lych Gate. Update from Reverend Savage who indicated that Hexhamshire Hardwoods were no longer interested in providing replacement gates. Money raised so far was £1,400.00 however the new quotes which included hinges etc was in the region of £2k. **Clerk to request a firm quote and a copy of the accounts.**

g) 15b 9/11/15: An email to highways requesting more signage to the new Cramlington hospital has been acknowledged.

h) 15 c 9/11/15: Cllr D Allsop & Clerk attended the photo call with the mobile post office van on a very wet Wednesday November 11th

6. **Community Trust Report**

Cllr Allsop reported that there was no update. Funding for printing the Parish News was questioned – printing costs must have risen because the monthly publications has risen from 2 x A4 to 3 x A4 + 1 x A5

7.Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

Brought forward from November: Written reply to Guy Opperman MP from Steve Mason NCC Chief Executive re village drains copied to Slaley PC. Telephone call from Ray Weallans tea time on November 25th to say drain cleaner coming November 26th at 7.30 a.m. Emailed Councillors and school at 17.15 hours. Email at 13.08 (26th) from Cllr D Allsop to report that the drains were currently being cleaned however the workmen came at lunch time from a job at Wylam and did not have time to do the whole village. Cllr Dart reported seeing the workmen at Reaston lane end at 7.30 a.m. on the morning of November 26th. All the southern drains still blocked. Colin Horncastle recommended that the PC request work via Kris Westerbury. It was agreed that a reply indicating that all was not satisfactory and that the officers handling of the situation appeared incompetent. The PC had no indication of the private collapsed drain reported in the letter.

8.Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) The Land's End to John O'Groats Reliability Trial Monday December 7th poster and visit from organizer to Clerk's home. Follow up telephone call from Mike Rowe 0191 4885093 Motor Sports Association of Britain asking if the event was OK through Slaley (see 8f below). Mr Rowe also reported that there will be another long-distance rally on April 15-17 2016 through the parish where the vehicles will also stop at Slaley Hall. Emailed from Mike Rowe received 14/12/15 with many attachments.
- b) Northumbrian Citizens Advice Bureau request for funding.
- c) Northumberland age UK Cancer Advocacy leaflets

Emails:

- a) 10/11/15: NCC Funding bulletin
- b) 11/11/15: RSN RVS rural transport
- c) 11/11/15: Tesco Local Community Grants forwarded on to Ladycross & Minsteracres peace garden.
- d) 12/11/15: Know Northumberland Bulletin 17
- e) 16/11/15: RSN weekly digest
- f) 16/11/15: Car Rally on December 6th from Blanchland to Barley Hill then on to Slaley Hall.
- g) 18/11/15: Channel 4 series asking for anyone with a large country house to get in touch.
- h) 18/11/15: RSN RVS rural broadband.
- i) 24/11/15: RSN weekly digest - Note funding shake-up for rural schools- **Cllr Hutchinson suggested representation through our CC and MP regarding the state of the fabric of Slaley School (email 24/11/15). After discussion with CC Colin Horncastle it was agreed that the new Headteacher for Slaley School be invited to Slaley PC January or February meeting to discuss with the CC what funding is needed for the fabric of the school. The CC would need all requests in writing.**
- j) 24/11/15: Mary Hall Adapt NE – Carers Northumberland.
- k) 24/11/15: Tracy Jennings Funding Bulletin
- l) 30/11/15: Gillian Scott a briefing at County hall on Wednesday December 9th re Devolution Agreement for the North East.
- m) 30/11/15: RSN weekly digest
- n) 2/12/15: RSN ROB rural health conference
- o) 4/12/15: Carrol Hessey – NCC no longer able to provide a Book Bank.
- p) 4/12/15: CAN e:NEWS
- q) 7/12/15: RSN weekly digest,
- r) 8/12/15: NALC E-NEWS Transparency Fund training at Newton & Bywell Thursday 21st
- s) 8/12/a5: RSN seminar in Northallerton.
- t) 8/12/15: Deborah Brown: **Fire and Rescue consultation 23/11/15 – 15/2/16** – The Councillors agreed that Haydon Bridge Fire Station should not close as Slaley did rely upon this station if Hexham was busy elsewhere. **Clerk was asked to look at the consultation and report back.**
- u) 9/12/15: Cllr D. Allsop emailed a link to the new Hexhamshire web site and suggested that Slaley access the grants allocated through the transparency requirements for the Slaley web site. PC Clerk confirmed that the domain registration is the property of the PC and is due for payment in February 2016.

The Web Editor has been requesting a meeting with Cllr Allsop and the Clerk since June see agenda item 1 June 8th minutes. The Councillors felt that the problem with the Slaley web site was the amount of archive material. A meeting between Mr. M. Elphick, Cllr D. Allsop and the Clerk to be arranged.

v) 10/12/15: RSN RVS Fuel Poverty

w) 10/12/15: Northumbria Healthcare Stakeholder Update.

x) 10/12/15: Devolution summary from the meeting.

y) 11/12/15: Forestry Innovation Fund - Conservancy, Yorkshire and North East.

z) Clerk received an email from CAN to say SPAM emails were being sent under the guise of Sue Andrews who retired in July 2015.

aa) 14/12/15: RSN weekly digest.

9. Financial Report.

a) Real Time Information: Thirsk Payroll Employers Summary December. Employees pay slip.

Brought forward from November b) Payment of Grants for 2015/16

(i) see 8d Hard copy 14/9/15 minutes Tynedale Hospice at Home.

(ii) Letter received from Ladycross Nature Reserve with a copy of accounts requesting a grant (circulated)

(iii) Also letter from Parish Wander see 8y 9/11/15 (Healey Parish Council has awarded £250.00 plus the use of the Domesday Bank account)

Cheque No 577: CAN £20.00 Grant April 2015 – March 2016.

Cheque No 578: St. Mary's Churchyard £50.00 Grant April 2015 – March 2016.

Cheque No 579: GNAA £150.00 Grant April 2015 – March 2016.

Cheque No 580: Tynedale Hospice at Home £100.00 Grant April 2015 – March 2016.

Cheque No 581: ADAPT £20.00 Grant April 2015 – March 2016.

Cheque No 582: Ladycross Nature Reserve £100 Grant April 2015 – March 2016.

Cheque No 583: Slaley & Healey Parish Wander £250.00 Grant April 2015 – March 2016.

Cheque No 584: Northumbrian Citizens Advice £25.00 Grant April 2015 – March 2016

c) Cheques to be signed.

Cheque No 572: Thirsk Community care – payroll preparation October – December £39.00

Cheque No 573: P. Wilson salary October - December £909.39

Cheque No 574: HMRC tax £15.60

Cheque No 575: Slaley Commemoration Hall meeting venue & CPR training event £166.00

Cheque No 576: Michael Elphick for web management April 2015 – March 2016 £50.00

Cheques proposed by Cllr E S Dart and seconded by Cllr N.Green the cheques were signed.

d) Interim cheques None

e) Web space rent of £50 received from Healey PC

f) Zen internet notification of direct debit payment December 30th of £57.46

10. Current Planning Applications.

15/02245/FUL: Extension of residential curtilage and erection of 1 no Falcon breeding block. Land west of Foresters Lodge, Slaley. **Pending**

15/01005/FUL: Rejection of planning permission for new bungalow on land west of Bogglebush, 2 Wooley Grange **has gone to the Secretary of State under appeal.**

15/02959/LBC: Listed Building Consent: proposed single storey extensions consisting of open porch, enclosed porch, utility room, larder and kitchen extension. Proposed dormer window in existing garage building and proposed chimney. East Woodfoot House, Wooley Road, NE47 ODF **Pending**

15/02958/FUL: Proposed single storey extensions consisting of open porch, enclosed porch, utility room, larder and kitchen extension. Proposed dormer window in existing garage building and proposed chimney. East Woodfoot House, Wooley Road, NE47 ODF **Pending**

Decisions from Planning:

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

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

13/01131/LBC: Retrospective: Listed Building Consent: Extraction system R&C **Refused**

11. Defibrillator Update

- a) Cllr Allsop has carried out the weekly inspections and the Defib is working as expected.
- b) Email from Cllr Allsop informing the Councillors that David Weatherley has not charged for the work done to connect the Defibrillator to the electricity supply. Therefore the £168 raised through the R&C fundraising is currently with Mrs M. Weatherley. **Clerk to write and thank David Weatherley for this and ask what the weekly electric consumption was likely to be for the connection to the R&C power supply.**

12. Update games/play area within school grounds.

Inspection sheets 38 – 45 received and forwarded to School secretary.

Brought forward from November 13. Consider Precept for 2016/17 draft attached as appendix 1/141215, page 1115.

Additions included £1000 for a possible web site update and £629 for cutting Parks Side grass if that decision is taken.

14. AOB

- a) December 1st - elderly man cleaning Slaley signs and dropped cleaning paper on grass verge reported to Highways & notes editors. Highways were unable to shed any light on this person.
- b) Clerk received an email on November 23rd from a concerned resident at Wooley that this portion of the parish was NOT represented on the Council. Clerk replied immediately and explained about the 2013 elections and the current allocation of councillors. A further reply was received with an explanation to the PCs request for Councillors in 2013, explaining that no personal commitment had been possible at that time. However with the change in personal circumstance the wish to join the Council to represent the Wooley area residents was reaffirmed. Clerk had explained the allocation and election process.
- c) Mobile Post Office no service Monday 30th p.m. because of a funeral and the vehicle into a Newcastle garage for a service. Then again no service at Slaley 8.30 a.m., on Wednesday December 2nd because of an accident on the A1 after picking up the serviced mobile post office from the garage.
- d) Flooding on the C275 (Riding Mill road) reported to Highways November 30th. Still flooded.
- e) Damaged Slaley Parish Council notice board after hurricane Abigail – Repairs? Cllr Bell suggested Matthew Ford. Clerk contacted Matthew by his mobile and Margaret Weatherley about her Grandson, David Stokoe, who is a joiner, for a price – as yet no replies from either person. One hinge is snapped and one torn out of the wooded frame. Clerk had the door at the meeting. Cllr Allsop volunteered to make good the stand and refit the door if it was straightforward.
- f) Cllr David Short (Hexhamshire) requested a letter from the BOATs sub committee for a planning application to upgrade a bridleway on the Hexhamshire Common to a 8000m hard surfaced track for vehicles. A letter was drafted and agreed by the BOATs sub committee, circulated to the Councillors and forwarded to the planning department. **Attached as appendix 2/141215. page 1116.**
- g) Damaged surface on the B6307 (Dilston to Linnels bank top road some quarter mile from the woodland sale board) emailed to Ray Weallans on December 12th and then reported by telephone on December 13th to NCC emergency line. The Clerk understood that work had been done on Monday 14th around lunch time. Cllr Green questioned this and thought that he had driven through the hole on Monday evening but that someone had placed a highway cone in the centre of the road.
- h) Cllr Milburn asked if various posters attached to telegraph poles could be removed – Santa's visit; planning adjacent to churchyard & car rally. Yes they could all be removed.

15. Date of January 2016 monthly meeting & dates for all 2016 meetings

Monday January 11th - **Note this meeting will begin slightly later than normal at 7.45 p.m.**

Cllr Milburn was thanked for the box of chocolates which she shared with the Councillors.

There being no further business the Chairman wished everyone a Happy Christmas and the meeting ended at 9.50 p.m.