

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on  
Monday 8th December 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

**1. Apologies.** Councillors D. Allsop & D.M. Bell.

**Present:** Councillor C.A. Brooks in the Chair. Councillors I.E. Milburn, N. Green, S. Dart. & Clerk Mrs P. Wilson.

Public: None. Northumbria Police: None: Courant Reporter: Rosalind Saul. Community Trust: None. Slaley Notes: None.

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

None

**3. Minutes of November Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1027 – 1030, appendix 1, page 1031 & appendix 2, page 1032).**

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

**4. Matters Arising.**

A 4a 10/11/14; 4a 13/10/14, 4a 1/9/14, 4a 11/8/14, 4c 14/7/14, 4d 9/6/14, 12a 12/5/14: Blocked village drains. Ray Weallans forwarded the map of red, amber or green drains / gulleys. Cllr Green has not been able to supply Highways with the Slaley blocked drain co-ordinates.

b) 4b 10/11/14, 4g 13/10/14 & 11 11/8/14: Village Parking. PC Sue Cockburn has been re-asked that the Police monitor parking in Slaley village especially at South Park.

c) 8l 10/11/14 Defibrillators. (i). The clerk contact Richard Powell and asked if the telephone box could be left in the village if and when the telephone is removed. There is a section on the NCC web page for taking over redundant telephone kiosks.

(ii) Clerk wrote to the North East Ambulance Service (November 14<sup>th</sup>) and asked if Slaley qualifies for "First responder training" – also asked North East Ambulance about a Defibrillator and also the cost of a replacement Defibrillator machine if it was to get damaged. Adele Young, Community Resuscitation Officer, offered to attend the January 2015 meeting. Clerk confirmed the date with Ms Young and invited Healey, Hexhamshire, Blanchland, Shotley Low Quarter and Allendale PCs to attend. Cllr S. Dart reported that she understood Margi ? from Blanchland is a First Responder and covers Hexhamshire up to 17 miles from her home.

(iii) Article in Hexham Courant of Slaley Telephone being removed and no response from parishioners. M. Mitchinson replied by email on November 27<sup>th</sup> that although she had never used the telephone it would be sad to lose it.

d) 8 q 10/11/14 Cllr Milburn tried unsuccessfully four times to take part in the requested thirty-minute telephone call about perceptions of the NHS. **Cllr Milburn was thanked and told not to bother any further.**

**5. Public Participation.** None.

**6. Community Trust Report.** None.

**7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor.** None.

**8. Correspondence.**

**Hard copy:**

a) NCC letter to PC Clerks re Winter Services. NCC, 10 page document entitled "Winter Services Policy and Information November 2014"; NCC Highways & Neighbourhood Services Grit/Salt Bin

Location 2014/15 (none at Healey; two for Slaley – Parkside bungalows and School); Highway Services in Winter folded leaflets for the public. **Councillors were unsure if parish had its grit heaps – everyone to check and Clerk to check bins.**

b) Campaign to protect Rural England Newsletter Autumn 2014. SLCC 2015 Regional Road-show

c) Playscheme seminar at Seaton Holme, Peterlee January 29<sup>th</sup>.

d) NCC Mark Ketley – Notification of removal of weekly planning list document on website.

e) Tynedale Hospice at Home Grant Application. Currently only receives 15% of income from statutory sources

#### **Emails:**

a) 12/11/14: Harriet Critchley – exciting news from Health-watch Northumberland.

b) 12/11/14: RSN, RVS Rural transport.

c) 12/11/14: Forestry Commission England – December 4<sup>th</sup> at Richmond – Managing Woods for Woodfuel.

d) 14/11/14: CAN News Autumn 2014.

e) 19/11/14: Tyne Rivers Trust Newsletter Autumn Winter.

f) 19/11/14: RSN weekly digest.

g) 19/11/14: RSN, RVS Broadband.

h) 21/11/14: Beverly Herron – Pharmacy Needs Assessment for Northumberland.

i) 24/11/14: RSN weekly digest

j) 26/11/14: NCDN newsletter.

k) 26/11/14: RSN spotlight on heart of the village.

l) 26/11/14: Ladycross Nature Reserve thanking History Club for allowing a raffle to be held towards winter feed for the wild birds.

m) 26/11/14: Carrol Hessey, NCC, Budget meetings – West 9/12/14 in Haydon Bridge 6 p.m.

n) 26/11/14: Helen Griffiths, Locality Team monthly meetings during 2015

o) 1/12/14: Forestry Commission: Plant awareness meeting at Newcastle on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

p) 1/12/14: Maddy Stuckey of the Wood Heating Company requested parish magazine information. Clerk forwarded contact details for Carolyn Brooks (Slaley) and James Warde-Aldam (Healey).

q) 2/12/14: Nichola Turnbull: West Area meeting 9/12/14 - 6 p.m. at Haydon Bridge.

r) 2/12/14: RSN weekly digest.

s) 3/12/14: RSN ROB

t) 3/12/14: David Francis: Clerk's Salaries.

u) 3/12/14: Cllr Anderton: Presentation of Core Strategy consultation at Wyam Institute on January 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

v) 8/12/14: RSN weekly digest

w) 8/12/14: Christine Hanley vote for Core Music to bring Jamie Cullum's Yamaha grand piano to Hexham.

x) 8/12/14: Public Sector Executive Online: Building new schools and hospitals next to air pollution hotspots should be made illegal. Clerk wondered if building a bus station and a fire station next to a general hospital qualified as a public health crisis?

#### **9. Financial Report.**

a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll successfully submitted £283.33 payment on 14/11/14.

b) Cheques to be signed:

No 547 Gibson & Co £583.00 Lease of land for mobile Post Office parking & land registry  
Proposed by Cllr. N. Green and seconded by Cllr. E. Milburn the cheque was signed.

c) Interim cheques: None.

d) Vat reclaim for £516.63 has been remitted by Bacs

e) Income: £50 Cheque from Healey Parish Council for renting space on web site.

f) Thank you email from Tynedale Hospice at Home for grant. Thank you letter from CAB, GNAA & CAN for grants

## 10. Current Planning Applications.

Cllr Allsop forwarded copies of his planning application for Ashtree House. It has not got an application number as yet. There were no objections to the plans as seen.

**14/02887/FUL:** Mrs J Vaughan: 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 0BS. 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:** None.

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

- Inspection sheets received for October 10<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup> and forwarded to school (28/11/14) with a request on how dangerous the split piece of wood is. **No reply at the date of the meeting.**
- Headteacher at Slaley School confirmed by email (November 12<sup>th</sup>) that school had applied for £12,000 for the outdoor classroom so there would only be one additional item on the weekly inspection list. However there was more than one bid in for the money. Then on November 20<sup>th</sup> it was confirmed that Slaley had been awarded £11,500 to build the outdoor classroom. Ms Jackson asked that the parish Council be thanked for providing the information.

## 12. Mobile Post Office Van parking Update.

a) Update from Gibson & Co: Registration with the HM land registry was acknowledged on October 10<sup>th</sup> – delays are dreadful.

b) Liz Coulson confirmed by email that weather permitting they hope to get the Post Office parking done in January.

c) **Payment of the Coulson Construction Ltd., invoice - Estimate 3133 1/3/14: £5,648.00 Excl. VAT + Estimate No 2334 (Bollards) £350.00 Excl. Vat = £5,998.00 Excl VAT. (Paying this at the end of the PC financial year and before the PO grant and the ISOS half payment will be difficult) We will need to get a PC invoice out to PO Ltd & Isos immediately the invoice is received.**

## 13. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update.

The Steering Group is busy working on the interpretation panels and deciding what text for each site. The next event will be story telling by Lamplight on Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2015.

## 14. Core Strategy Consultation

Email circulated 12/11/14 from Planning Strategy CRM: The Core Strategy will be available to look at on line from November 20th although there could be alterations made to it after the discussion at the Policy Board on November 27th. The consultation will actually begin on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There are meetings at Hexham, hosted by NCC officers, on Thursday 8th January 1 - 7.30 p.m. and Saturday January 24th, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. both held at Prospect House. This letter says each PC will get a hard copy and a CD. The document is also on the PC web site as I have just indicated. Healey Councillors will need to consider who would like the hard copy, who the CD and the remaining must use the web site. **Healey Councillors hope to join Slaley PC at its January meeting**

### History of the 6 year consultations LDF to LDP:

December 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 minutes, page 922: LDP: Core Strategy: Housing, Employment and Green Belt Preferred Options Consultation. January 13<sup>th</sup> 2014 Responses attached as appendix 1 page 937.

March 11<sup>th</sup> 2013 minutes, page 861: LDP: Core Strategy: Preferred Options Consultation.

December 10<sup>th</sup> 2012: Permitted Development Rights Consultation Document attached as appendix 2, page 843.

July 9<sup>th</sup> 2012: LDP: Core Strategy: Issues and Options Consultation (May – August)

August 13 2012: Core Strategy: Issues and Options Consultation appendix 1 page 818 (11 pages on a PDF document).

January 12<sup>th</sup> 2009: Statement of Community Involvement as part of Northumberland LDF Views and Suggestions.

**15. Consider Precept spending for coming year Update circulated and attached as appendix 1/081214, page 1037.**

a) Reply from GMS quote for 2015/16 cut the 4 areas of grass £560 + vat @ 20% (£112) = £672 increase of £43.20 includes cutting the roadside for Slaley Show. Maintain the bike track area £328 + 20% Vat (£65.60) = £393.60 increase of £13.40.

b) The Clerk was asked to try and record the number of hours each week she worked and was awarded an extra £300/year bringing Clerk's salary to £3700/year.

**16. AOB**

a) U8078 road closure January 5 –7th 2015 - forwarded to Slaley Notes and Ladycross Quarry & Springhouse properties. Clerk queried the wording but Highways appear to think the entire length is from the Lead Road junction.

b) Email reply from John Tait thanking the PC for informing him of the closure. The original notice had been sent to bus companies who do not use the road but not to residents who do.

c) Notice from GLEAM about a radio 4 programme about access to the countryside. BBC withdrew the programme that morning.

**17. Date of January 2015 monthly meeting**

Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.