

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on Monday 12th October 2015 at 7.30 p.m.
in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Public Participation. None

2. Apologies. None

Present: Councillor D. Allsop in the Chair. Councillors N. Green, R.W.H. Hutchinson, E.S. Dart, D. M. Bell & I. E. Milburn & Clerk P. Wilson. Public: None. Press: None. County Councillor Colin Horncastle from 8.40 p.m.

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record. None

4. Minutes of September Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1097 – 1099 appendix 1, page 1100). The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. I. E. Milburn and seconded by Cllr. D.M. Bell. The minutes were dated and signed.

5. Matters Arising.

- a) 8a (HC) 14/9/15: Healey Estate Woodland ten-year plan. Cllr E.S. Dart asked for clarification on replanting of clear felling. Athole McKillop replied that replanting was a statutory requirement dating back to the Forestry Acts of 1918.
- b) 8a (EM) 14/9/15: Report from Planning Protocol Training which took place on 21st September - Cllrs R W H Hutchinson, N Green & E S Dart attended. The training had been worthwhile and the need for the Councillors to watch for Pre application meetings was important. Emotion has got to go out of PC decisions. The Councillors should report their individual concerns to everyone and then the Clerk will write the final comments to the planning committee.
- c) 8g 14/9/15: Satisfaction with NCC consultations. The joint Slaley & Healey reply was acknowledged by Iain Hedley very simply with "Thanks Pat".
- d) 16d 14/9/15: Building work at Holly Cottage is as the planning application.

6. Community Trust Report

Cllr D Allsop reported that there has been no interest from members of public to come forward and join the CT. The CT still provides funding for the monthly Parish News and organises the oil buying group.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor (delayed until 8.40 p.m.)

The planning decision on 15/02146/VARYCO for Rookhope Cottage caused disagreement. Pre Application Consultation was also discussed. The lack of local enforcement & planning officers was discussed— locally we have Liz Sinnamon & Mark Kettle and fairly new to the west area, Daniel Puttick. Highways problems and the ongoing blocked drains and gulleys, dangerous junctions with no grass cutting were all reported to the County Councillor who asked for a copy of the August meeting with our Highways Manager. Charges for disposal of DIY rubble & top soil at the civic amenity site which could result in additional fly-tipping in rural communities were also discussed.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy

- a) Tynedale Hospice at Home Light up a life 5/12/15 Poster & leaflets
- b) Wicksteed playgrounds advertising leaflet; Glason advertising leaflet; Eco Furniture Picnic Table offer.

Emails:

- a) 16/9/15: Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Drop In Sessions: Hexham, Prospect House, Saturday 24 October 2015 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Corbridge, Parish Hall, Thursday November 12th 2015 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. **Consultation 14th October – 25th November. The Clerk has not received a hard copy of then document yet and Cllr Hutchinson had been unable to print a copy from the NCC web site.**

- b) 16/9/15: RSN weekly digest 15/9/15
- c) 22/9/15: RSN weekly digest 21/9/15
- d) 22/9/15: NCC Paul Jones Town and Parish Liaison Working Group
- e) 22/9/15: Forestry Commission – Tree Health Events.
- f) 22/9/15: RSN RVS rural transport.
- g) 28/9/15: RSN weekly digest – Defra combats fly tipping!
- h) 29/9/15: NCC Rachel Gagliano - Homeless Strategy until 2021.
- i) 1/10/15: NCC Angus Taylor – Canvassers needed to hand deliver documents.
- j) 6/10/15: RSN weekly digest 5/10/15
- k) 6/10/15: NALC AGM October 17th.
- l) 6/10/15: Northumbria Healthcare CE is now NHS Improvement CE.
- m) 7/10/15: RSN, ROB.
- n) 12/10/15: NALC E-NEWS October
- o) 12/10/15: RSN weekly digest 12/10/15

10. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll Employers Summary September. Employees pay slip. Parish Council Tax due to HMRC £15.40
- b) Cheques to be signed.
Cheque No 566 Salary P Wilson April, May & June £909.39
Cheque No 567 HMRC 3 months tax £15.40
Cheque No 568 Thirsk Community Care £39.00 payroll preparation July – September
Cheque No 569 BDO £120.00 – external audit.
Cheque No 570 GMS £532.80 - cutting grass & cycle track second payment for 2015 season.
Cheque No 571 NCC £177.84 - sport and play weekly inspection July – September
Cheques proposed by Cllr E S Dart and seconded by Cllr I E Milburn the cheques were signed.
- c) Interim cheques: None
- d) Audit: Annual Return presented to the council which was approved and accepted by the council. The only matters arising related to Fixed Assets as discussed agenda item 10e August 10th 2015 minutes.
- e) Audit: Notice of Conclusion placed on Commemoration Hall notice board
- f) Bank statement balance as at September 15th £11,984.42
- g) Cllr Allsop asked if all the Councillors could now sign cheques. The Clerk replied that no notification has been received from Lloyds to say that the new signatories were in place.

11. Current Planning Applications.

15/02245/FUL: Extension of residential curtilage and erection of 1 no Falcon breeding block. Land west of Foresters Lodge, Slaley. **Concerns from the local community reported to PC Clerk and a draft reply circulated by email for approval. The draft reply was not considered to be relevant and contain any planning considerations, the Clerk was requested to check certain points with the planning officer and then the Councillors may decide on a PC reply to the application by 14/10/15.**

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.** The PC did not wish to amend its initial decision of no objections.

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**

15/02901/OUT: Construction of one dwelling house (outline) – all matters reserved. Wood End, 7 Wooley Grange, Slaley. **Pending.**

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

Pending

Decisions from Planning:

15/010125/FUL: Proposed kitchen extension to rear. The Old Barn, Slaley, Hexham. **Granted May.**

15/02146/VARYCO: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from application 14/02051/FUL

(Construction of new dwelling). Rookhope Cottage, Slaley. **GRANTED**

b) **Planning Protocols emailed from Bart Milburn 2/10/15:** Guidance on Pre-application information which is not publically available, the recommendation was for a generic email address so that more than one user can gain access to the system. Clerk did slaleyparishcouncil@yahoo.com with a slaleypc20155 and a code of 65622.

12. Defibrillator Update

Cllr Allsop has carried out the weekly inspections and the Defib is working as expected.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

a) Play Inspection Company gave a stock valuation of £35,988.20 (circulated to Councillors 28/9/15)

b) Copy of weekly Inspection reports July – September received and copied to Slaley School. The inspector notified a split piece of timber which had been taped for safety.

c) Copy of the NCC inspection report forward on to the PC from School Secretary, Hayley Wilson, Hayley has asked the Clerk if this could be discussed.

d) Clerk has spoken to Eric Anderson who did the inspection for the School. A School Governor told the PC Clerk that a resin substance could be placed inside the wood splits. Eric Anderson said “No definitely not, because as the wood contacted and expanded the resin would make the timber split somewhere else”.

e) Clerk has spoken to Darren Brooks who did the repair work in 2014 and he has agreed to meet the Clerk possibly on Saturday morning at 8.30 a.m. to look at the most pressing problems.

School Inspection page 8:

PC inspection page 5

School page 7:

PC inspection top page 13

School page 7 (top) Basketball net (**NEED?**)

School page 7 (middle) missing caps

School page 13 (top) bike track

PC inspection page 16

There was confusion about responsibility for some of the equipment on the school field because the agreement was made between the Councillors of 2010/11, the Community Trust, the Headteacher and the Governing Body. **It was suggested that an update of responsibility should be discussed with the new Head-teacher and the Chair of Governors. Clerk to implement.**

14. Parish Plan. Action Plan October Update.

Circulated by email, amended to include concerns over fly-tipping and **attached as appendix 1/101015, page 1105.**

15. Pride of Tynedale Awards.

It seems that this does not happen and should be removed from the annual planner.

16. Slaley Commemoration Hall Management Committee meeting on September 23rd.

Cllr. N. Green reported that there would be no more fund raising this year. The project for 2016 would be the toilet refurbishment. Cllr D Allsop asked when the charges were revised because the R&C had a wedding reservation for April 2017 with the evening event at the Hall where the R&C would do the catering. Cllr N Green & the Clerk both thought that today's prices would stand for a confirmed booking and that Cllr D Allsop should email Keith Robson, the Management Committee Chairman for confirmation. Approved minutes of July 15th circulated by email and **attached as appendix 2/101015, page 1106.**

17. AOB

- a) Slaley PC asked to provide a letter of support for a grant application to Sita for an Eco Composting Toilet at Ladycross Nature Reserve. Letter drafted and circulated for approval then forwarded on for attachment to the application.
- b) Parks Side residents have been asked if they are willing to accept a £1 per week surcharge to have the grass collected after each cut. Cllr D Bell has asked other the residents how they felt about this and all those asked said they were not happy paying an extra £1 each week (£52 each year) to have the grass collected. Cllr D Allsop asked the Clerk to contact NALC and ask what the procedure is for taking control of an area and designating it as a village green.
- c) Gemma Brown has replace Rosalind Saul as the Courant Reporter covering our area.

18. Date of November 2015 monthly meeting

Monday November 9th

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