

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

1. Public Participation.

None

2. Apologies. Councillors N. Green & R.W.H. Hutchinson.

Present: Councillor D. Allsop in the Chair. Councillors E.S. Dart, D. M. Bell & I. E. Milburn & Clerk P. Wilson. Public: None. Press: None. County Councillor not present

3. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record: None

4. Minutes of August Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 1091 – 1095 appendix 1, page 1096). The Minutes were proposed as a true record by Cllr. E. Milburn and seconded by Cllr. D.M. Bell. The minutes were dated and signed.

5. Matters Arising.

a) 5c 10/8/15, 17c 13/7/15: Garden refuse on footpath between east wall of churchyard and Slaley Village shop – letters sent to 1 Church Close, Slaley Village Shop and the organiser of the churchyard cutting rota. An email reply from the churchyard cutters, definitely not their waste, verbal reply from Slaley Village Shop and not its garden waste. Cllr Bell reported that the footpaths has now been strimmed to the field entrance.

b) Village drains and gullies discussion with Ray Wealleans (10/8/15 walk-about) Clerk to email RW and ask when notification is likely to happen that improvements to the village drainage will take place.

6. Community Trust Report

Cllr Allsop gave a verbal report that no new volunteers have come forward to join the trust.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor

Clerk requested to write and ask when we can expect to see CC Horncastle at meetings.

8. Correspondence.

Hard copy

a) Healey Estate Woodland Plan for the next 10 years received from Landfactor. Comments by September 15th. (emailed on August 19th that this would be discussed at September meeting)

b) Heritage Open Days Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th September 2015 – 6 booklets.

c) NCC new charges for disposing of DIY waste are being introduced on September 14th. The Councillors felt that these charges would result in increased fly tipping throughout the countryside.

d) Tynedale Hospice at Home request for funding. Consider this in November with other grants.

e) Clerk & Councils Direct – pages 10 -12 Legal Matters article on Freedom of Information.

f) Broxap adverting leaflet.

Emails:

a) 13/8/15: Philip McCarthy planning protocol training Monday 21st September at Hexham Action Mart 6-8 p.m. – **Cllr R Hutchinson, N Green & S Dart attending from Slaley**

b) 13/8/15: Emma McGleenan University student conducting a research project into PCs asked for number seats and if any vacancies. Clerk replied and received a thank you.

c) 13/8/15: Tracy Jennings Special issue of Virgin Money Foundation – also forwarded to Ross Menzies & Ladycross Nature Reserve.

d) 17/8/15: RSN weekly digest.

e) 19/8/15: RSN ROB

f) 19/8/15: NALC AGM on October 17th

- g) 21/8/15: Iain Hedley – how satisfied are we with NCC consultations? Response by October 16th
Reply that there is no evidence to show that any notice is taken of comments made by small rural parishes.
- h) 22/8/15: James Callanan - lost baseball cap –information circulated to notes and notice boards.
- i) 24/8/15: RSN weekly digest.
- j) 26/8/15: Yorkshire & North East Forestry Commission – Stakeholder Plant Health Update – first confirmed *Phytophthora ramorum* infection on larch in Yorkshire. Copied to Ladycross Nature Reserve.
- k) 26/8/15: RSN spotlight on young people in rural areas.
- l) 27/8/15: CAN e:NEWS August.
- m) 28/8/15: Liz Lovatt invitation to Kirkley Hall on September 27th for the Northumberland Wildlife Trust ‘Our Wildlife’ event.
- n) 1/9/15: RSN weekly digest.
- o) 2/9/15: RSN ROB September.
- p) 2/9/15: Christopher Harland: HLF Information session on Wednesday September 16th at Shiremoor.
- q) 3/9/15: RSN Special Alert Rural Policing Matters’ Campaign.
- r) 3/9/15: Came & Company Autumn newsletter.
- s) 9/9/15: RSN weekly digest
- t) 9/9/15: Nichola Turnbull West Area committee 15/9/15 at Haltwhistle Library.
- u) 9/9/15: **HMRC £3,000 grants for alternative broadband for businesses. Clerk to forward this to Springhouse businesses and Cllr Milburn to mention in the Parish News article.**
- v) 11/9/15: NALC E-news Transparency and audit reform grants are available for smaller local councils.
- w) 11/9/15: RSN TVS fuel poverty.
- x) 12/9/15: Public Conveniences review and consultation.
- y) 14/9/15: NCC Funding e:bulletin.
- z) 14/9/15: Approval of the Protocols 8/9/15 by Cabinet. Comes into force 5/10/15.

9. Freedom of Information

Freedom of Information *Policy See Slaley FoI information on www.slaley.org.uk* Page seven was amended and checked and will be forward to the Slaley web page editor.

Copy of Policy (emailed to Councillors 9/8/15) attached as appendix 1/140915, page 1100

10. Financial Report.

- a) Real Time Information: Thirsk payroll - Employers Summary for August 27th & Employees pay slip.
- b) Cheques to be signed. None.
- c) Interim cheques: None.
- d) The Pensions Regulator - Cllr Allsop nominated as PC contact. This was agreed by John Harron at Thirsk Payroll and the Enrolment Support confirmed that they had updated their records.
- e) NCC second precept payment of £6,381.00 paid into the PC bank account.

11. Current Planning Applications.

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 **no objections**

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 **no objections**

15/02901/OUT: Construction of one dwelling house (outline) – all matters reserved. Wood End, 7 Wooley Grange, Slaley. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council **objected** because the Councillors understood that the site was in the green belt and therefore subject to green belt restrictions and consequently was not supported.

15/02146/VARYC: Planning application variation of condition 2 (approved plans) from application 14/02051/FUL (Construction of new dwelling) Rookhope Cottage. **Pending**

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

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

Pending

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

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Decisions from planning:

15/01490/FUL: Proposed side extension to the west elevation at Townfoot Farm Bungalow, Slaley Village. Applicant Mr. Thomas Scott.

Granted.

15/02062/LBC: Listed Building Consent for removal of existing conservatory; construction of new garden room; partial removal and reconstruction of existing porch; Installation of roof-lights to kitchen. Stanegarth, Slaley. Applicant Mr. & Mrs McKendrick.

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15/02280/FUL: Proposed sun room extension and new garage block at Townfoot House, Slaley. Applicant Justine Moody.

Granted.

15/01554/ADE Amended June 24th: Resubmission: Advertising Consent: 2 no non-illuminated timber gallows style hanging double sided signs in Traditional style Street Sign, Slaley. Applicant Mr. David Allsop.

Granted

12. Defibrillator Update

Cllr Allsop confirmed that he had carried out the weekly inspections and the Defib appears to be working as expected.

13. Update games/play area within school grounds.

Request by email 27/8/15 to Darren Brooks for a quote to do some aspects of the work. Clerk met school governor, Joe Melvine, on the community playing field Sunday morning and discussed the identified wooded pieces of Playdale equipment, Mr. Melvine wondered if the splits could be filled with a resin substance. A reminder sent to Darren Brooks on Sunday 13th, as yet no reply has been received.

14. Parish Plan: Information Board – facilities & services Update.

The Information Board outside the village parish seat has no visible signs of damage when inspected by the Clerk. The “where to buy locally” information is on the parish web site. **Cllr Milburn should mention this in the Slaley News for new-comers to the parish.**

15. Annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control (as per Section 4 of the audit report). The Councillors have reviewed the effectiveness and hopefully confirm that they have confidence in the system of internal control for the Parish Council account.

16. AOB

- a) Fly Tipping of building waste junction of C280/C279 reported to NCC highways 22/8/15
- b) Historic England Angel Awards Monday September 7th. Dukesfield did not achieve the top prize in its category and it lost the most local points to Birmingham by 176 votes.
- c) Graeme King PR officer for Isos Housing emailed the Clerk to arrange a chat about publicity for the mobile post office parking area. Chat to happen later in September.
- d) Clerk request to look at Holly Cottage planning application and check that current works are as agreed.

17. Date of October 2015 monthly meeting

Monday October 12th.

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