

Minutes of Slaley Parish Council on
Monday 10th September 2012 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall.

1. Apologies. County Councillor Colin Horncastle

Present: Councillor I.C. Hancock in the Chair. Councillors C. A. Brooks, L. Norris, D. Allsop & A. S. Robson. Clerk Mrs. P. Wilson.

Public: None. Northumbria Police: None. Courant Reporter: Rosalind Saul. Slaley Notes: None. Community Trust: Norman Watson, Michael Darrington, Michael Elphick & Eileen Tuohy.

2. Declaration of Interests and Hospitality Record.

None.

3. Minutes of August Parish Council Meeting (circulated pages 814 – 817 + appendix 1, page 818 & appendix 2 page 819).

The Minutes were proposed a true record by Cllr. D. Allsop and seconded by Cllr. C. A. Brooks. The minutes were dated and signed.

4. Matters Arising.

a) 4d 13/8/12; 13 9/7/12: Review of Financial Support for Bus Services. An article in the Journal 4/9/12 carried a photograph of Barbara Simmons of Peel Flatt Cottage, Slaley. It would appear from the article that George Ellison feels that the people of Blanchland are also willing to pay towards keeping the service. At the moment the people who use the service travel Free. It was agreed that Brian Massey be asked if this could be a Community Forum subject.

b) 5b13/8/12: Dog Fouling Posters received and offered to the Councillors for placement where they think appropriate.

c) 8 13/8/12 Northumberland Local Development Plan: Core Strategy, Issues and Options - acknowledgment of submission. ID number will be allocated.

d) 11 13/8/12: Slaley Hall holiday villa request has been acknowledge by Vicky Crofton.

e) 14d 13/8/12: Northumbria Police have acknowledged correspondence and confirmed that they will look into the go-karts using the public highway.

f) 14f 13/8/12: Repairs to the flood damage at the approach road to the Linnels Bridge have been undertaken.

5. Public Participation.

None.

6. Community Trust Report.

a) Email from Cllr Allsop circulated 5/9/12 and attached as **appendix 1/100912. Page 824.**

b) The Community Trust members informed the Parish Council of their ongoing talks with Marstons Brewery with regard to the Rose & Crown becoming a community owned asset.

c) Councillor Allsop has joined the Community Trust to improve liaison with the Parish Council.

7. Matters for Discussion with County Councillor.

None.

8. Correspondence.

Hard Copy

- a) NCC Mike Bird: Joint meetings NCC & Parish Councillors. West Area Hexham Community Church 9/10/12 at 6 p.m.
- b) Letter & Poster - Invitation to debate on Minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol.
- c) Letter from Healey PC - thanks to Slaley PC for allowing them to share in the LDP discussion and responses.
- d) Society of Local Council Clerks letter, Wicksteed playscapes, Clerk & Councils Direct.

Email:

- a) 15/8/12: EFB No 23
- b) 20/8/12: Tyne Tees: switchover news – advice point Hexham Library Sept 12th & 26th.
- c) 20/8/12: RSN RSN weekly digest
- d) 21/8/12: NCC Glen Sanderson – invitation to debate on minimum Unit Pricing of Alcohol.
- e) 21/8/12: NALC AGM.
- f) 21/8/12: NCC Joan Turnbull: Revised Local Charter (11 pages - printed off a hard copy) Parish key contacts 22 pages with bright pink headed paper (not printed).
- g) 28/8/12: RSN weekly digest.
- h) 28/8/12: CAN e-NEWS.
- i) 29/8/12: Ana Bonasera – Community Buying UnLimited – Rural Dual Fuel.
- j) 29/8/12: Jo-Anne Garrick – Core Strategy feedback workshops – West End Methodist Church Hall October 15th Clerk, Cllr. Gibbs (Healey), Cllrs Hancock & Brooks (Slaley) all hope to attend.
- k) 31/8/12: Daniel Flanagan – Sustainable Communities Act.
- l) 31/8/12: CAN – Meet the Funders event at Hexham Mart 16th October.
- m) 3/9/12: Policy & Research Team: Northumberland NCC: Know Northumberland Bulletin focusing on Community well-being.
- n) 3/9/12: Richard Hall, NCC Public Transport Officer: Adapt service 695 will be retained until Easter 2013, with a revised £8.40 subsidy per passenger per journey this will not continue unless more passengers can be encouraged to use the service. Request Cllr Brooks receive any further information.
- o) 3/9/12: NALC E-NEWS September 2012.
- p) 3/9/12: RSN weekly digest September 3rd
- q) 4/9/12: Mike Bird NCC: Agenda for West Area Committee 11/9/12 at Ponteland.
- r) s) 5/9/12: RSN Rural Opportunities Bulletin.
- t) 5/9/12: NALC Parish training sessions at Hexham on 30/10/12.
- u) 9/9/12: EFB No 24
- v) 9/9/12: Susan MacKirby – drop in sessions at the Hancock Museum on October 4 – 6 to plan improvement to rivers flowing into the Tyne.

9. Financial Report.

- a) Cheque to be signed
Cheque No 472 P. Wilson Six months salary April – September 2012 £1,500.00
Proposed by Cllr. C A Brooks and seconded by Cllr. L. Norris the cheque was signed.
- b) Audit Date: 27th July 2012. Papers currently with external auditor.
- c) Correspondence from Audit Commission confirming the appointment of BDO LLP as external auditor for five years from 2012/13.

10. Current Planning Applications.

12/02059/FUL: Single storey rear extension and alterations to existing kitchen to form new kitchen, dining room and utility. Ashlea, Slaley. No objection to planning however concerns over lack of parking provision are generally not addressed in village extensions. **Pending**

Decisions from planning:

12/01993/FUL: New first floor extension over existing garage, new single storey extension to rear and widened vehicular access. 2 Townhead, Slaley. **Granted.**

12/01725/FUL: Domestic solar photovoltaic system. **Granted.**

12/01750/FUL: Kitchen Extension The Old Granary, Colpitts Grange. **Granted**

11. Code of Conduct Review - Register of Interest Forms

All outstanding forms were handed in to the Clerk.

12. Parish Plan: Steering Group second review of the Action Plan. Due to computer problems and holidays the Councillors were unable to adopt the revised Action Plan with the attached 2 pages of residual and new live issues at the August meeting.

The Councillors adopted the new revised Action Plan together with the additional residual & new issues.

3b Parish Clerk has requested her email address to be included in 'Parent-mail' that should ensure the Parish Council receives regular updates from the school.

6 Neighbourhood Plan it was agreed to request that a NP presenter be asked to a future meeting of the Parish Council or possibly at a Community Forum meeting if other members were interested.

13. Local Transport Plan (LTP) Programme 2013 –14.

Response by September 28th. There have been no further suggestions put forward for road safety improvements on the circulation document other than on our BOATs. The BOATs funding comes from the Rights of Way budget. After discussion it was agreed that additional parking bays at Slaley School should be added.

14. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

Vacancy advertised on Slaley notice board and at County Hall August 15th – September 5th.

Mick Miller confirmed that Slaley is now able to co-opt someone onto the Council. Two people were identified and should be invited to the October meeting.

15. Update games/play area within school grounds.

No update. No further equipment has been fitted during the school summer holidays. Cllr. Hancock to make enquires and find out what has gone wrong.

16. Dukesfield Smelt Mill Arches Project Update

Computer Games and Dukesfield Smelt Mill Site event was held on Saturday 18th August. Members of the HLF are visiting the site on September 11th and 14th. Information will be available at the QEHS Freshers Fair on September 18th. Steering Group met on September 7th with Peter Samson from the AONB team. Three-year programme of Dukesfield themed extra classes at Slaley Show has been forwarded to the Show committee for consideration. As this is a joint venture between Slaley & Hexhamshire PCs Slaley does need to advertise the activities more especially through Slaley Notes.

17. Parish Plan; Action Plan: Review of Information Board, Facilities & Services.

a) The replacement Information Board is showing no sign of damage.

b) The Community Trust is contacting previous advertisers to assess interest in the Where to Buy Locally Leaflet.

18. Annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal audit.

The Councillors felt that the monthly reports and present system is adequate and working well.

19. BOATs update.

a) Correspondence between Brian Massey and Cllr. Hancock during July was overlooked at the August meeting. Therefore it is tabled now. Hexhamshire PC have requested a TRO on BOAT (Shield Hall/ Peth Foot) 35 and request that Slaley PC does the same for No 33. It was agreed that Brian Massey be asked if any reply has been received from David Brookes and what information, if any, has been requested. Slaley could simply support and resubmit the PC's concerns from the earlier consultation.

20. AOB.

a) Flooding into Slaley Police House reported 30/8/12. Highways checked and the minimum 25mm at edge of carriageway was not present. The work will be undertaken in the next three months.

b) Pot hole also reported on the Corbridge road 16/8/12 under a flooded section. This has also been filled.

b) Cllr. Hancock verbally reported Japanese Knotweed growing near The Flothers bridge.

c) Two potholes to be reported - crown of the road immediately south of the junction of the B6306/B6307 and in the dip of the C275 where the Black burn goes under the road, eastbound traffic north of Blackburn Farm.

21. Date of October monthly meeting.

Monday October 8th.