

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Slaley Parish  
Held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm  
in Slaley Commemoration Hall**

**This meeting was chaired by Ian Stevens, Chairman of Slaley Parish Council**

**Present:** Councillor Ian Stevens, Councillor Stella Douglas, Councillor Lynda Sale, Councillor Debra Taylor and Parish Clerk Clare Loughlin. Also present a resident of the village.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

County Councillor Colin Horncastle and Councillor Jon Storey.

**2. Agreement of the Minutes of 2022 Annual Meeting of Slaley Parish.**

Proposed as true record by Councillor Stella Douglas and this was seconded by Councillor Debra Taylor. The minutes were agreed, dated and signed.

**3. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman's Report was read out by Councillor Ian Stevens (Chairman).

**Action: Report to be uploaded to the Parish council website.**

**4. County Councillor's Report**

Due to the absence of County Councillor Colin Horncastle there was no report.

**5. Matters Arising**

Resident of village concerned that **the new school warning & speed signs** were not as prominent as they could be and not very visible in comparison to other areas of Northumberland.

**Action: Parish Clerk to approach Northumberland County Council (Highways) to establish the protocol(s) that new safety schemes such as these are designed to.**

A request to revise the timings of the lights with regards to the start and closing of the school day at Slaley First School (including club activities) and to take into account of the return of school children from the middle and high schools, was also made.

**Action: Parish Clerk to approach Slaley First School to verify the time that the automatic lights operate during the day.**

It was also noted that the speed sign, as approached from Townhead, works intermittently. It was agreed to review the cost of repairing this sign taking into account the overall benefit to the road safety of the village.

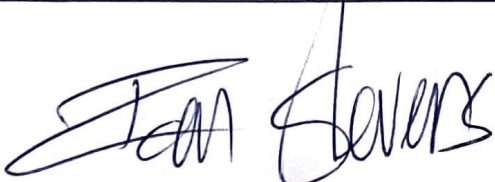
**Action: Parish Clerk to raise this issue at the June 2023 meeting of the Parish Council.**

The main road through Slaley was resurfaced in 2018 and not all the original **road markings** were replaced. Concern was also expressed that the road surface as a whole is falling into disrepair, only five years after it was resurfaced.

**Action: Parish clerk to approach Northumberland County Council (Highways) to establish road resurfacing schedule for the village and the parish.**

Likewise, the recent repatching of the footpaths through the village has fallen into apparent total disrepair and is extremely unsightly.

**Action: Parish Clerk to approach Northumberland County Council (Highways) to establish their proposals for addressing the footpath issue.**

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Speeding traffic through the village was raised as another concern and the Northumbria Police speed Watch Initiative was raised. Councillor Debra Taylor advised this initiative was now being re-introduced and a number of volunteers were being vetted within the Parish.

It was suggested that when the initiative was back up and running in the Parish, the number of speed violations be communicated within the community at large to illustrate that action was being taken to prevent speeding.

*There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm.*

*Jan Stevens 13/05/24.*