

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10 May, 2012

Present: Councillors Maddison (Chairman), Graham, Hall and White. Cllr Sue Bolam. Retiring Clerk, Roger Bolam, New Clerk, Martin Chilvers and 12 Parishioners

Apologies: Were received from Cllr Armstrong.

Appointment of Clerk: The Chairman thanked Roger Bolam for his many years of excellent service to the Parish Council and as 'right hand man' to himself as Chairman. The Chairman introduced Martin Chilvers who will be taking over from Roger as the Clerk.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chair: Cllr Maddison was nominated as Chairman by Cllr Graham and seconded by Cllr Hall. Cllr Hall was nominated as Vice-Chair by Cllr White and seconded by Cllr Graham.

Declaration of acceptance of office: The declaration was duly signed and dated.

Appointment of representative on Village Hall management committee: Cllr White was appointed as representative on the committee.

Dates and time of ordinary meetings: It was agreed future meetings would be held on the first Thursday of every month, starting at 7.30pm unless otherwise agreed.

Date of next meeting: It was agreed due the Bank Holiday the next meeting would be held on Thursday 14 June, 2012 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Minutes of May meeting: The minutes of meeting on 10 May, 2012 were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising from the minutes:

Diamond Jubilee: It was decided to ask Katie Hall to make the presentations of the Jubilee mugs to the children of the Parish at the celebrations on 3 June.

Village Hall Toilets: The matter had been previously discussed at the Annual meeting. The facilities remained closed due to the lack of funding being obtained. Both Northumberland National Park Authority (NNPA) and Northumberland County Council (NCC) had been approached but nothing had been received. It was agreed to write again to the authorities highlighting that NNPA advertise Elsdon as a place to visit so they may perhaps like to contribute towards the maintenance of the toilets.

Broadband: The Chairman thanked David Coles on the Broadband survey.

Finance:

NALC: It was agreed to pay the £52.57 annual subscription plus also a £15.00 donation

Allianz Insurance plc: The Parish Council Insurance renewal is due on 1 June, 2012 and a premium of £503.83 had been received for the next 12 months. It was agreed to ask the Clerk to obtain a second quote for comparison.

Annual precept: The retiring Clerk confirmed the first £700 instalment had been received to the bank account.

Diamond Jubilee: It was agreed to make a donation of £50.00 towards the fireworks at the celebrations on 3 June.

Planning:

Woodclose: Confirmation had been received from NCC that this application had been granted permission.

Todlaw House, Rochester: A copy of a section 106 noticed was received.

Correspondence:

NCC: Review of financial support for bus services: A consultation had begun on the bus services in the county that were subsidised for more than £5.00 per passenger.

NCC: Review of policy and practice relating to outdoor advertisements: Confirmation was received that the review was now complete the document could be found on <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Default.aspx?page=13407>

NCC: Advance notification of surface dressing on A696 at Ottercops: Notification received that surface dressing would happen between May and August 2012.

NCC: Leaflets about way to compost garden waste: Were received.

Northumberland Age UK: Survey on allotment waiting lists: Was received

Miscellaneous unsolicited circulars: Were received.

Other business:

Drainage of Village Green: It was agreed to make arrangements for Terry Garrick to visit so to discuss the matter and action to be taken.

Any other business:

There was no other business.