

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14 June, 2012

Present: Councillors Maddison (Chairman), Graham, Hall and White. Clerk Martin Chilvers, Parishioners Alison (until 8.00pm) and Richard Simmance and Nicola Tait

1. Apologies: Were received from Cllr Armstrong.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising:

- a) It was agreed that the Councillors would meet at 7.00 at the next meeting to discuss the Clerk's contract.
- b) It was agreed that despite poor weather the Diamond Jubilee celebrations was a success and the afternoon tea was excellent. There was disappointment that more children were not present to collect the celebration mugs.
- c) As there were no fireworks at the Jubilee celebrations it was agreed to postpone the agreed £50.00 donation for these in November.
- d) There have been problems with Northumberland County Council collecting rubbish after bonfires previously so it was agreed to monitor and chase if the rubbish is not collected in the near future.

4. Finance:

- a) The Chairman advised the Parish Council insurance had been taken with Came & Co, underwritten by Arriva. The premium of £271.10 was £230 less than the existing insurers.
- b) 2011-12 audit statement of accounts and annual governance statement were agreed.
- c) The Clerk confirmed that Sally Blacklock had agreed to be the Internal Auditor.
- d) As previously reported the donation towards the fireworks would be postponed until November.
- e) The Clerk reported he had received the annual wayleave cheque from Northern Electric Plc that this year was for £125.06.
- f) The Chairman reported he would look out the paperwork in readiness for the next meeting so additional signatures could be added to the Parish Council bank account.

5. Planning: After discussion and review of paperwork it was agreed there were no objections to the planning application 12/01384/RENE: Proposed Kingspan KW6 domestic wind turbine mounted on 15m mast: Halls Hill, West Woodburn, Northumberland, NE48 2TU.

6. New business:

- a) The Clerk reported he had created an Elsdon Parish Council specific email address that was elsdonpc@hotmail.co.uk
- b) The Clerk reported how he would be able to create an Elsdon Parish Council website similar to that for Otterburn Parish Council via Spanglefish. It was agreed to create this and pay the annual fee of £25 to prevent adverts being featured on the website.
- c) The Chairman reported an idea to create a 'Welcome pack' for new residents to the Parish. It was reported a village information pack was being created by the church and when finished it would be passed on the Parish Council. The Chairman asked the Councillors to consider what could be included in the pack for further discussion at the next meeting.
- d) It was agreed the notice boards in the village were in need of some attention. It is not known who owns the notice board near Crown Farm but if it is to be used by the Parish Council it will need to be bigger. Cllr White agreed he would ask David Scott to quote for both notice boards.

7. Any other business:

- Circular seats: It was agreed that the two seats around the trees required some attention and a branch on one of the trees ideally needed to be removed. Cllr White agreed to speak to David Scott about these matters as well.
- Northumberland Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Document: This consultation was highlighted by Richard Simmance and Nicola Tait. Section 12 of the paper covered 'Commercial scale renewable and low carbon energy' with specific reference to wind farms. The consultation runs until 15 August and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the next meeting with a view to an Elsdon Parish Council response.
- Drainage: It was agreed that work undertaken by County Council on drainage had not been done adequately and there were many areas in the village that required attention. The Chairman referred to an email he had received from Glenn Bush regarding the poor drainage outside his house. It was agreed to contact Terry Garnick asking him to visit so this matter can be resolved.

8. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 5 July, 2012 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon