

# Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10 January, 2013

**Present:** Councillors Maddison (Chairman), Graham, White and Hall. Clerk Martin Chilvers. Iain Hedley, (until 7.50pm) Sue Bolam & Parishioners David Renton, Rita Colby and Margaret 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) The Chairman advised that it was the plan to arrange a further meeting in the next few weeks to 'kick off' the Parish Plan in the village and set up the new committee. Iain Hedley advised he would be available to attend a meeting if it was before his departure from NNPA on 4 February. He advised that CAN would be prepared to come and do a presentation that he could arrange if this also took place in next few weeks. Margaret Tait and Rita Colby expressed an interested to be involved in the Parish Plan. The Chairman thanked Iain for all the assistance he had given Elsdon during his time with NNPA and all Councillors wished him well in his new role.
- b) It was agreed that as nothing had been done to resolve the drainage at the cross roads on the village green the Clerk would write again to Terry Garnick. Other damage to the green was highlighted where vehicles have been driven and parked on it including the area outside Rita Colby's house. The Chairman reported that it was an offence to park on the green but admitted that the rules would be very hard to enforce.
- c) It was reported that the fallen tree was still in the burn at Crawford Cottages. David Renton had not heard from NCC and whilst it was acknowledged this was due partly to the Christmas holidays the Clerk was asked to write again seeking an update and timescales when the matter would be resolved.
- d) The Chairman advised that the registration for superfast broadband was progressing well and it was hoped that at least 50% of properties in Elsdon would be signed up before end of January. It was noted that Rothbury had recently received confirmation that they had been successful in applying for funding.
- e) It was agreed that given the chaos and mess created by Morrison Utility Services when undertaking the first part of the underground cabling the community wanted reassurances there would be a better plan implemented when they returned in the spring. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Paul Aldsworth of Morrison asking him to attend a Parish Council meeting to provide details of the next stage. The Clerk reported he had received confirmation that both Duncan Wise of NNPA and Kevin Bartlett of NCC would be able to attend the February meeting to discuss future street lighting.
- f) The Clerk reported he written to Steve Stewart of NCC regarding the matter of the TV signal in Elsdon and Alwinton but had not as yet received a response.

**4. Finance:**

There were no finance matters this month.

**5. Planning:**

There were no planning applications received for discussion this month.

**6. New business:**

- a) The Clerk shared the details he had received from Cllr Bridgett regarding the landslide on the B6344. It appears the damage is extensive and the road would be closed for quite some time.

b) The Clerk shared the communication he had received regarding the localisation of Council Tax benefits.

**7. Any other business:**

- Wind turbines: There was no update provided this month.
- Bonfire remains: David Renton volunteered to rake clear the area of the last bonfire. It was agreed the future Parish Plan needed to include the annual bonfire.
- Fire Hydrants: The Clerk advised he had received details of the locations of the fire hydrants in the village. These would be passed on to the Chairman.
- Geo-physical survey: The Chairman advised that there would be a presentation of the results of the recent survey in the Village Hall in March and a 'dig' was planned for May.

**8. Date, time and place of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on 7 February, 2013 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon