

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9 May, 2013

Present: Councillors Colby (Chair), Maddison, White, Simmance and Tait. Clerk Martin Chilvers and David Coles (until 9.20pm).

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Minutes of the April meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted as a true record and signed by the Cllr Maddison.

3. Matters arising:

- a) It was agreed the Clerk would write to NCC requesting and update and details as to when the burn erosion was going to be repaired as there had been no progress over the past couple of months.
- b) The outcome of meetings with BT and iNorthumberland were awaited before it is known the next steps that will be taken and timescales for the superfast broadband.
- c) It is believed that the next, and final, stage of the underground cabling, connecting to residents should be undertaken in the latter part of May and shortly after that the new street lights would be erected and connected.
- d) The letter drafted by Cllr Maddison was agreed advising residents of the decision that when the redundant poles were removed due to the underground cabling the TV relay system would end. It was agreed to get copies of the letter and deliver to residents.
- e) Whilst repairs had been undertaken along the B6341 and it was much improved at Overacres there was disappointment expressed at the lack of communication from NCC about road closure.

4. Finance:

- a) Cllrs took away the signing authority bank mandate to complete in time for the next meeting.
- b) Payment of £120 for the room hire at the Village Hall for the Parish Council meetings was agreed.
- c) Payment of £265.27 was agreed in respect of renewal of the Parish Council insurance.
- d) The statement of Accounts and Annual Governance statement 2012-13 were agreed. I

5. Planning:

There were no planning applications this month.

6. New business:

- a) The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was completed by all Cllrs and witnessed by the Clerk.
- b) The Register of Members' Financial and other interests was completed by each Cllr and the Clerk will send to NCC.
- c) It was agreed by Cllrs that future Parish Council meetings would be held on the second Thursday each month. Start time will continue at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The Clerk will notify residents as well as other interested parties.
- d) Parish Election expenses return was completed by all Cllrs and the Clerk will send on the NCC.
- e) Cllr Colby advised that she had decided to stand for a position on the NNPA.

7. Any other business:

- a) Cllrs Colby, Simmance and Tait agreed they would like to attend the new Councillor training and Cllr Colby to attend the new Chair training provided by NALC.

- b) Consideration would be given as to whether Elsdon should attend future cluster meetings and it was agreed the Clerk would look to obtain the most recent minutes.
- c) Cllr Simmance suggested that consideration should be given to creating a 'bonfire' committee, the junction at the pub to improve visibility, improving the site at the Old School and improving communications across the parish.

8. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 11 July, 2013 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon