

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8 May, 2014

Present: Councillors Colby (Chair), Maddison, White and Simmance. Clerk Martin Chilvers.

1. Apologies: There were apologies Cllr Tait.

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

3. Matters arising

- a) The Clerk reported he had heard from Gavin Barlow at NCC who advised that the remaining four street lights should be converted to LED by the end of June.
- b) It was reported that a sub-committee had been formed to organise the village fete for August Bank Holiday. The Clerk answered questions regarding Parish Insurance in relation to the fete.
- c) Cllr White reported that some repairs had been made to the damaged bridges however more was required. It was also suggested the Clerk made contact with the Environmental Agency as the burn required dredging to avoid further serious damage to the bridge.
- d) It was acknowledged that some repairs had been made to local roads in recent weeks. However attention was still required in many more including Raylees road, Gibbett road, the road from Billsmoor to Hepple. There are still potholes in the road opposite Cllr Simmance house as well as near Tower Gate. It was agreed the Clerk would write to NCC highlighting these areas.
- e) The Clerk reported the details he had received from Homes for Northumberland. They had apologised about the quality of work to date and promised they would make good the problems caused including decorating the properties.
- f) The matter of the Village Green was discussed within the Annual Meeting and Cllr White will provide a costing for repairs to be made regarding the drainage.
- g) The Clerk provided a summary of the Northumberland Fire and Rescue Plan 2014-17 report.
- h) It was agreed the Clerk would email the EDF Energy Green Rigg Windfarm Community benefit Fund details to the Chair and David Coles. There was discussion about how any application and acceptance of potential funding from such bodies would likely to be divisive within the community.
- i) There was discussion regarding the service notices that had been served at the Blaxter quarry.

4. Finance:

- a) The Clerk provided details of Parish insurance cover and the premium for the next 12 months. It was agreed to pay this premium.

5. Planning:

There were no planning applications this month.

6. New business:

- a) *Proposed closure of road in front of Bird in Bush during village fete (25 August):* It was reported the Fete Committee had asked whether it would be possible for the road could be closed from 10.00am to 6.00pm on 25 August to allow stalls to be set up for the fete. It was agreed the Clerk would make enquires and report back.

7. Any other business: There was no other business reported.

8. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 12 June, 2014 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon
Meeting closed at 9.50pm