

# Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8 January, 2015

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

**1. Apologies:** There were no apologies.

**2. Declarations of Interest:** There were none raised

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

## **4. Matters arising**

- a) *Elsdon Bridge repairs* – The Clerk advised he had heard nothing more from NCC regarding the repair of the bridges and it was agreed to postpone to next meeting.
- b) *State of local roads* – It was reported that there had been no update from NCC on this matter. Cllr White reported that the road to Eastnook was becoming impassable due to overhanging trees. It was agreed the road to Hepple from Billsmoor was extremely bad and required urgent attention. It was acknowledged however that there had been some work in the road near where Cllr Simmance lives.
- c) *Dark Sky Discovery Site* – The Chair advised the plaque on the Village Hall and the rotating board at the Pinfold had been installed. It was asked as to what is happening in respect of the ‘Star Maker’ training.
- d) *Community Asset transfer* – Cllr Simmance provided an update. He advised Kirsten Francis (NCC) was willing to come and visit the site and will bring a couple of colleagues so different options could be considered. It was agreed Cllr Simmance would arrange a date to meet.
- e) *Protecting grass adjacent to Crawford Crescent (Homes for Northumberland)* – The Clerk advised he had not heard back from Hannah Simpson and it was agreed to discuss the matter at the February meeting.
- f) *Ray Wind farm* – Cllr Simmance reported that there had been four objections including one from Natural England. He advised that he believed the conditions had not as yet gone before the full Council meeting.

## **5. Finance:**

- a) There was agreement to reimburse Cllr Simmance for the expenses of £11.35 in respect of costs relating to the EPIC ‘Winter Olympics’.

## **6. Planning:**

- a) *NNPA Consultation on Validation Checklist* – Following discussion it was agreed no action was required.

## **7. New business:**

- a) *Col MacGregor-Smith (Otterburn Camp activity)* – It was agreed to invite the Colonel to the February meeting.
- b) *Tynedale Visitor Magazine (2015)* – Following discussion the wording was agreed.

## **8. Any other business:**

- a) The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr France for an update on the on the timber routes mentioned at the December meeting.
- b) Cllr Maddison advised new lighting was due to installed at the church with work beginning on 16 February.
- c) It was agreed to Clerk would determine when the new vicar was due to start

**9. Date, time and place of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on 12 February, 2015 starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon  
Meeting closed at 9.15pm