

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9 July, 2015

Present: Councillors, Colby (Chair), Simmance, White, Maddison and Tait. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Clive Coyne (NNPA until 7.40) Cllrs Sue Bolam and Chris France

1. Apologies: There were no apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none raised

3. Northumberland National Park Management Plan consultation – Clive Coyne: The Chair welcomed Mr Coyne. He provided a background to the previous Management Plan and proposals for the revised plan that will go through to 2020. The draft plan is currently being developed and there will be a consultation period from 11 September to 23 October. He will be attending an open meeting in Elsdon on 13 October to allow feedback from local residents. Mr Coyne advised it was hoped the new plan would be adopted in March 2016. There followed a discussion regarding the future plan and it was proposed by the Councillors the revised one needed to be more 'user friendly', consider those properties within the National Park that still were not on mains electricity. It was agreed whilst aspirations were great an honest assessment of what can be achieved was required. The Chair thanked Mr Coyne for his time.

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

5. Matters arising

- a) Elsdon Bridge repairs – It was agreed the new metal railings on the bridge looked good. It was noted there had been no further progress regarding the stone bridge that still required repairs. It was reported that following a meeting regarding the proposed repairs of footbridge over the burn no special licence would be required providing the water course was not affected. It was agreed to contact Mark Bolton to ask if he can provide a quote and order the materials for the repairs to be made.
- b) State of local roads – It was acknowledged some repairs on the local roads had been made but there were still many areas requiring attention and it was agreed to keep contact with NCC for these to be made.
- c) Community Asset transfer – Following discussion it was agreed to proceed with the application to register the two identified properties. It was reported that people on holiday locally were very disappointed that the pub had closed and everything that could be done should be in order to maintain a pub in the village.
- d) Broadband in Elsdon – Update – The Clerk advised that he had not heard from John Cooper (iNorthumberland) but would chase for update and whether they could attend the village fete.
- e) Defibrillator and first aid training: It was reported the piano recital had been very well attended and raised £450. Whilst there was no update on the progress of a defibrillator ordered there was discussion on the possible installation of a second unit. A location was identified and Cllr Tait confirmed she would speak to the resident concerned.
- f) Winter's Gibbet: The Chair and Cllr Tait advised that they had spoken to the Chief Ranger at Wallington regarding the missing head on the gibbet. It was agreed they would provide the Clerk his name for him to write asking for the 'head' to be added to the repaired gibbet.
- g) Parking at Kielder Water: There was discussion regarding the new Discovery Pass that has been introduced by Kielder Water. It was agreed that whilst this still falls short of the request for free parking passes for Elsdon resident's no further action would be taken.
- h) Quotes for various jobs about the village: It was agreed that the quotes received would be discussed at the next EPIC meeting before any further action is taken.
- i) Garden waste collection: It was calculated that approximately 20 residents (a third of the Elsdon properties) had so far registered their support for a garden waste collection in the village. The names would be passed on to Cllr Bridgett however it is was agreed to raise the matter with MP Anne-Marie Trevelyan.

- j) Log wagons using local roads – It was reported that there was no evidence of the speed monitors that were promised at the last meeting and the Clerk was asked to contact NCC regarding this. There was further discussion regarding the placement of the 30MPH sign on the Otterburn side of the village as well as the sign that was covered by plants on the Hepple side of the village and hidden from drivers.

6. Finance:

- a) There were no finance matters on the agenda.

7. Planning:

- a) 15/01752/FUL: Proposed steel framed lean-to linking into an existing building: Raylees Farm, Raylees Junction, Elsdon – Following review of the paperwork and discussion the application was agreed by the Councillors.
- b) Article 11 covering proposed development of a two storey dwelling with detached garage and creation of access track from U4069 road – The Clerk shared with the Councillors details he had received regarding possible access across village greens. Following discussion it was agreed the matter was complicated and required legal advice. It was agreed by all that any cost associated with this should not be met by the precept and that Mr Graham would need to agree to meet this. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Graham expressing these points.

8. New business:

- a) Local Transport Plan 2016-17 - The Clerk provided details of proposed projects currently included in the plan. It was agreed to give consideration to the matter and discuss in more detail at the August meeting.

9. Any other business:

- a) Cllr France advised that following the NNPA AGM Glen Sanderson had been appointed the new Chair.
- b) Mrs Simmance advised she had attended a patients meeting at Harbottle Surgery and provided a brief summary.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 13 August, 2015 starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon

Meeting closed at 9.15pm