

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

Present: Councillors, Colby (Chair), Simmance, White, Maddison and Tait. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Annie Gregory, Allan Glen Graham (from 7.30) and Tony Patrick (from 7.30)

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 – All agreed Mark Bolton had done an excellent job on the repairs of the footbridge in Elsdon. The Clerk was asked to write and thank him as well as writing to Harden Quarry would had kindly provided the stone free of charge.
- b) Broadband in Elsdon – Update: It was highlighted from correspondence received from iNorthumberland that it was likely 'superfast broadband would now be provided to Elsdon via over-head cables and should be available from December. It was mentioned how poor the current service was and that it seemed to be getting worse.
- c) Winter's Gibbet: The Clerk advised he had not as yet received a reply from Paul Hewitt (Countryside Manager, Wallington) regarding the replacement of the 'head' on the gibbet and it was agreed he should chase this up.
- d) Log wagons using local roads – Following discussion on the details received regarding the speed strips in the road it was agreed the Clerk should write to Northumbria Police to seek assistance with speed monitoring.
- e) Harbottle Surgery – Cllr Simmance provided an update on matters from details he had received. It was highlighted that Harbottle & Alwinton Parish Council were still perusing the matter regarding the original decision to close the surgery. It was agreed that whilst Elsdon Parish Council did not have the funds to provide financial support it would however send a letter offering other support if required.
- f) Elsdon village fete – Details of the fete 'wash-up' meeting were shared. It was reported that a profit of £1,690.32 was made. £1,000 of this was given to St Cuthbert's Church. £600 would be put into the EPIC fund and the remaining balance given to the Village Hall. The Chair advised she had received a letter of thanks from the PCC that also mentioned the Church had been chosen as one of the six finalists of the 'Inspired Futures Project'
- g) Installation of defibrillator and first aid training – Details of the training sessions were shared.
- h) Ray Wind development – The Clerk shared details from a meeting he attended with NCC and Vattenfall. An Information Day was to be arranged by Vattenfall and details would be shared when known. The Clerk advised that CAN had been appointed to manage the annual funding from Ray Wind Farm. It was agreed to invite Andy Dean to a future meeting.

5. Finance:

- a) Clerk's salary and expenses: These were agreed for the six months to October 2015.
- b) Donation request from Hexham Hospice: Following discussion it was agreed to donate £50.00
- c) BT Openreach wayleave: The Clerk provided details of the £160.00 wayleave that would be provided to the Parish Council for the pole on the village green. It was highlighted that there were other poles that seemed to be still operational and perhaps should have a wayleave attached to them. Also it was highlighted that it was believed there were underground cables across the green belonging to National PowerGrid. The Clerk was asked to investigate.
- d) Payment of materials for footbridge repairs: The Clerk advised the invoice had not as yet been received for the materials initially purchased by NNPA for the work.

6. Planning:

- a) 15NP0057: Proposed construction of two storey dwelling & detached garage: The School House, Elsdon, NE19 1AA – The Clerk advised he and the solicitor recommended to be appointed by the Parish Council for the legal aspect of the easement across the village green, Mark Warcup had left messages for one another but not actually spoken yet. Mr Allan Graham advised that the National Park Planning Department seemed to be unsure if the Parish Council were supporting the application. It was agreed the Clerk would write again confirming matters.

7. New business:

- a) Town & Parish Council Annual Conference review: - The Chair and Cllr Simmance provided feedback following attendance of this event. The Chair having attended the previous year advised this event was rather disappointing in comparison. However she advised she did meet with Richard Powell regarding the garden waste collection and was promised the matter would be investigated.
- b) Bonfire night: - The Clerk confirmed the Parish Insurers had been notified of the event and that he would also notify the Police and Fire Service.
- c) NNPA Management Plan review meeting 13 October: - The event was highlighted.
- d) Anne-Marie Trevelyan – Elsdon visit 30 September: - The Councillors discussed the visit.

8. Any other business:

- a) Remembrance wreath: Whilst it was agreed the Chair would lay the wreath. It would initially be delivered to Cllr Maddison so a personalised centre could be added.
- b) NNPA Sill meeting: The Chair advised she had received an apology from NNPA that Elsdon had not been invited to the meeting which had resulted in an oversight.
- c) Tree pack: It was reported that via EPIC, Carol Lewins had been successful in applying for a pack of 30 tree whips that would be planted near the car park.
- d) Road to Raylees: Cllr White highlighted that trees were obscuring road signs along this road. It was also highlighted that the passing places needed clearing as debris from the ditch clearing had been dumped there.
- e) Community pub: Cllr Maddison provided details he had received regarding the possibility of a community pub in Elsdon.

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

Meeting closed at 9.20pm