

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12 November, 2015

Present: Councillors, Colby (Chair), Simmance, White, Maddison and Tait. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Annie Gregory (left 9.40), Simon Etheridge (left 9.40), Cllr Chris France, Andy Dean (CAN) (left 8.40), Tony Kirsop (NCC) (left 8.40)

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. **Guest – Andy Dean (Community Action Northumberland):** The Chair welcomed Andy Dean who provided his background up to the role he has now taken as the new Chief Officer of CAN. He advised that David Francis would continue until he retires fully in March 2016 focusing on NALC. Meantime CAN would continue to work in promoting local issues, empowering local organisations such as village halls and Parish Councils, helping individuals with schemes such as OilCAN, fuel poverty and efficiency, village agents. There was discussion regarding the services that Elsdon has lost over the years and the formation and work of EPIC.

Andy Dean talked of CAN's involvement in the consultation they have been appointed to run for Vattenfall in respect of the potential projects and logistics of the Ray Wind funding when the site becomes operational in 2017.

5. **Guest – Tony Kirsop (NCC) regarding community pub:** The Chair welcomed Tony who provided background to his role. He also provided details of the funding projects he has worked on including the petrol station in Kielder and cinema in Hexham. He additionally provided details of a project for a community pub that he has recently been involved with. He then provided details of the likely process as well as aspects Elsdon would need to consider if it wished to proceed such as minimum and maximum contributions from individuals, voting powers. He advised that up to £10,000 would be required just as set up with no return. He promised to provide further details and attend any meeting if the community wish to proceed.

6 **Matters arising**

- f) **Ray Wind development (Information day & Community Liaison Meeting):** Cllr Simmance and the Clerk provided a summary of the Liaison meeting they had attended on 2 November that include the pipe laying plans to Fourstones. There was discussion covering the Information day held in Kirkwhelpington.
 - a) **Broadband in Elsdon – Update:** The Clerk advised he had not received a response to his request for an update from iNorthumberland and that would continue to chase.
 - b) **Winter's Gibbet:** The Clerk advised he had not as yet received a reply from Paul Hewitt (Countryside Manager, Wallington). It was mentioned he had been away and it was agreed the Clerk would write again.
 - c) **Log wagons using local roads –** There was discussion regarding when potentially police could undertake survey / speed check and the Clerk was asked to contact to make arrangements as well as seek detailed statistics of the result of the speed strips across the road.
 - d) **Harbottle Surgery –** Cllr Simmance provided an update on matters he had received. The Clerk advised he had been approached by the Chair of Alwinton PC asking if any complaints residents had about the surgery could be collated and sent to her.
 - e) **Installation of defibrillator and first aid training –** It was agreed there had been a good attendance for the training sessions. Confirmation was provided who would be the guardians for the Elsdon unit.

- g) Rural Parish Meetings – The Chair advised she would attend the Rothbury meeting on 17 November and Cllr Simmance advised he would attend the meeting in Bellingham on 25 November.

7. Finance:

- a) Payment of materials for footbridge repairs: The invoice for £151.07 plus VAT was agreed.

9. New business:

- a) Collection of garden waste: - The Chair provided details of meeting attended that afternoon with NCC. It was mentioned that NCC wanted to work with the local community to make the collection viable. It was believed approx 40 households would need to participate. The NCC agreed to investigate and would be in touch with proposition.
- b) Northumberland Local Plan Core Strategy: Pre-submission draft consultation: - The Clerk provided paperwork with details allowing Cllrs to review and give feedback.
- c) Consultation on the proposed changes to fire & rescue services: - It was noted that there were no current changes proposed at the Rothbury and Bellingham stations.
- d) Heritage Lottery Fund – landscape Partnership bid in Redesdale: - There was confirmation that the bid had been successful. The first meeting had been arranged for 23 November that the Chair and Clerk would attend.
- e) First Responders in Rede Valley: - It was agreed to share the request for volunteers via the Town Crier.
- f) Wildflowers on the Village Green: - The Chair shared the proposals for the wildflowers. She also highlighted Tesco funding initiative for local community grants. There was an agreement to prepare an application seeking funding towards revitalising the Village Green.

10 Any other business:

- a) Annie Gregory spoke of the sewage works for the Larkes and the management company for the communal sewage processing who have installed a large sign but in the wrong location.
- b) Cllr Tait referred to a local tourist map that did not feature Elsdon and it was agreed the Clerk would contact NCC about the matter.
- c) The Chair highlighted details Cllr Bridgett had posted on his facebook regarding the winter services to be provided by NCC this year.
- d) The Clerk highlighted he had received the details from NCC seeking Elsdon to submit their precept requirements for next year. It was agreed to add to next month's agenda.
- e) Cllr Simmance highlighted the bad flooding on the road from Elsdon to Rothbury and had made a complaint to NCC.

8. Planning:

- a) 15NP0057: Proposed construction of two storey dwelling & detached garage: The School House, Elsdon, NE19 1AA – It was noted that after an extensive search a registration document for the Village Green could not be found. Correspondence was found that confirmed the Parish Council as owners and it was agreed to send this together other paperwork to Mark Warcup. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would not seek a fee from Mr Graham for the easement across the village green apart from the agreement already in place that he would meet the Councils legal costs in respect of the easement.

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

Meeting closed at 10.05pm