

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14 January, 2016

Present: Councillors, Colby (Chair), Simmance, White, 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. Guest – Kevin Bartlett (NCC Local Development Officer): - Due to the poor weather Mr Bartlett did not attend the meeting. He hopes to attend in February.

5. Guest – Bob Hodgson (Area Manager, NCC Neighbourhood Services): - Due to the poor weather Mr Hodgson did not attend the meeting. He hopes to attend in February.

6. Matters arising

- a) Broadband in Elsdon: The most recent update from John Cooper (iNorthumberland) was shared. It was noted that there was confusion about what is actually being done and when superfast broadband would be available in the village. It was reported that some BT Openreach engineers have been advising residents a different plan to that which iNorthumberland are communicating. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Mr Cooper for clarification.
- b) Winter's Gibbet: Both the Chair and Cllr Tait confirmed they had spoken to Paul Hewitt at Wallington regarding the missing 'head' on the gibbet. Unfortunately it appears there are no plans to replace it. This was confirmed in an email from Mr Glen Graham. It was agreed that there was no further action that could be taken at this time.
- c) Log wagons using local roads – Following receipt of an email from Sgt Brian Foley it was agreed to invite him to Elsdon to discuss possibilities for reducing speed of log wagons as well as other vehicles travelling through the village.
- d) Collection of garden waste from Elsdon – In the absence of Kevin Bartlett at the meeting and not having heard from Adam Keen (NCC) it was agreed to contact him for an update on progress and options for garden waste.
- e) First Responders in Rede Valley – The Clerk advised that eight people had volunteered to become a First Responder. The current only First Responder, Damien Weston was willing to provide the required training. However North East Ambulance Service has advised that they are not taking any applications for the role or undertaking the DBS checks that are necessary. This is despite there presently only being one First Responder in a remote geographical location and with eight willing new volunteers.

7. Finance:

- a) Reimbursement of stamps to Clerk: It was agreed to refund the Clerk £6.48 for a book of second class stamps.

8. Planning:

- a) There were no planning applications to consider this month.

9. New business:

- a) Ray Wind Farm: - The minutes from the November Ray Wind Community Liaison meeting were discussed. Particular reference was made to the consultation being undertaken by CAN on behalf of Vattenfall. The Clerk

provided an update from an email he had received from Julia Plinston (CAN). Concern was expressed over the potential catchment area for the Ray Wind funding.

10. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Tait highlighted the damage a 4x4 vehicle had made to the village green at the cross-roads beside the Pinfold.
- b) Cllr Tait highlighted that the area of the bonfire on the village green had not as yet been cleared. It was agreed the weather had been far too wet to do this presently but when it dried a message would be put on 'Town Crier' seeking volunteers to help tidy the area.
- c) Cllr Maddison advised that the residents of Burnstones were parking their vehicles too far away from the wall. This meant the gap for passing vehicles was too narrow causing many to drive on the village green that was causing damage. The Clerk was asked to write to the residents.

9 Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 11 February, 2016, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon

Meeting closed at 8.15pm