

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 15 June, 2017

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison, Morgan, Graham and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers.

1. Apologies: There were no apologies

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none raised

3. Minutes of the Annual and previous Ordinary meeting: The minutes of these two meetings held in May were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

a) Ray Wind update – The Chair advised the creation of the Community Interest Company (CIC) was getting closer to completion. He highlighted people should look out for invites coming from Vattenfall for the ‘opening’ event at the wind-farm on 8 July. He also reported that there may potentially be a vacancy on the CIC as one member had moved out of the area.

b) Preparations for Elsdon 2017 bonfire & fireworks – It was agreed that as there were two separate groups arranging the fireworks and bonfire there needed to be two separate, but linked risk assessments and checklists. The Clerk was asked to create the separated papers and include responsibilities of the Parish Council and share with the Councillors for comment. It was reported that Bird in Bush would be doing food for the bonfire night and would have their own insurance and risk assessment.

c) New and relocating road signage in Elsdon – The Clerk provided an update following a phone call with Neil Snowdon (NCC). Mr Snowdon was attempting to contact Cllr Bridgett to determine whether he would be able to contribute towards the work identified by Mr Snowdon on his visit to Elsdon. As yet he had received no response but would update when he had some news. It was noted that Cllr Bridget had previously made a contribution towards the redevelopment of the Bird in Bush.

d) Repairs to Starmyres bridges – It was noted that the tarmac had been resurfaced over the bridge but it appeared no repair work had been started beneath the bridge so far.

e) HLF Revitalising Redesdale update – There was discussion regarding the funding paper received from Katherine Williams via Natural England. Work regarding the improvements for the village green was to be discussed at the next EPIC meeting.

f) Northumberland Day review – The Chair referred to the success of the Tea Set in the Village Hall.

5. Finance:

a) Reimbursement of Councillor training costs: Cllrs Simmance and Morgan were each reimbursed £10.00 after they had attended recent training events provided by NALC.

6. Planning:

a) 17NP0035: Change of use of garage to micro brewery at Bird in Bush, Elsdon, NE191AA – Following discussion there was full support for the application by all Councillors

The Clerk referred to a further application that had been received – 17NP0066: Raising the roof of property, incorporating a first floor rear extension at Red Hall, Elsdon, NE19 1BH – The Councillors discussed the details of the application and agreed to support the proposal.

7. New business:

a) Local transport requirements for residents: It was agreed that as Chair, Cllr Simmance would sign the covering letter for the proposed questionnaire. Cllr Morgan would be recorded as a point of contact. It was agreed by all that the 7.05am service from Otterburn should come through Elsdon so those wishing to catch it for Newcastle would need to travel to Raylees to catch the service.

- b) Parish Council standing orders, code of conduct and risk assessment: The Clerk went through the paperwork of the Standing Orders and Risk Assessment papers were signed by the Chair with agreement of all.
- c) Rede River Rocks music festival: The Clerk shared the details of the event.

8. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Morgan highlighted that there was only a very little room remaining on the notice board near the pinfold. It was noted that a new board had been received. It was agreed this new board could be fixed to the end of the bus shelter facing the pub. Cllrs Graham and Renton agreed to fix the notice board.
- b) The Chair made reference to the application for road closure at the Elsdon Fete on August Bank Holiday. He confirmed the details sent in reply to the Clerk's queries.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 13 July, 2017, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm