

# Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 14 September, 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 previous Ordinary meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

## **4. Matters arising**

- a) Ray Wind update – The Chair provided an update following attendance to a recent meeting. He confirmed that the Community Interest Company had now received its certificate of incorporation. However as yet the Grant Agreement had not been completed and was still with the two parties legal representatives. He highlighted that there was a vacancy on the CIC and that the CIC was also looking for a local resident with legal and finance expertise / experience who would be willing to volunteer their time and be co-opted on the CIC.
- b) Preparations for Elsdon 2017 bonfire & fireworks – Following discussion it was agreed the Clerk would make the identified changes and share with Councillors for comment and sign-off before sharing with relevant parties involved with the event. There had been a request to apply for road closure on the road that runs past the Bird in Bush and the Clerk was asked to complete this.
- c) New and relocating road signage in Elsdon – The Clerk referred to an email received from Neil Snowdon (NCC) with amendments to the plans for Elsdon. It was agreed he would share this with the Councillors for comment before returning to Mr Snowdon.
- d) Review Tour of Britain 4 September – It was believed that the Tour had been well supported within Elsdon and on the King of the Mountains section near Winters Gibbet.
- e) Elsdon School building – It was agreed that there appeared to be no news regarding the sale of the location. There was mention of the skip that was on the village green. It was confirmed that there had been no request to the Parish Council to locate the skip on the green. Cllr Graham advised it had not been used for several weeks and agreed to call the skip firm to request its removal.
- f) Local Transport Plan Programme 2018-19 – The proposals discussed at the previous meeting were agreed as the priorities for the LTP. Additionally the Clerk was asked to add to the request that green signs were placed at not only the Raylees junction (both directions along A696) but also at the A696 junction with the B6341.

## **5. Finance:**

- a) There were no items this month.

## **6. Planning:**

- a) 17NP0079/LBC: Strengthening and maintenance of bridge comprising the introduction of a reinforced concrete saddle and repointing of joints: Elsdon Mill Bridge, Elsdon – This matter was discussed at the previous meeting.

## **7. New business:**

- a) Friday morning taxi service to Bellingham (815 service): The Clerk provided details of the service that was replacing the bus. This service would now include Elsdon on its route. People wishing to use the service needed to initially register themselves and then call the taxi on Thursday before the Friday pick-up.
- b) Closure of the Gibbet road – There was discussion regarding the reason for the road closure and belief that it was due to open that day. On a separate note the work near Blaxter quarry was highlighted. It was confirmed

that there had been no notification from NCC regarding the work but Cllr Renton agreed to speak with Mr Dodd who was working at the location.

c) Public consultation regarding Ponteland Primary and High Schools: The Clerk provided details.

d) Annual Town and Parish Council Conference: The Clerk provided details of the event.

e) Save Rothbury Hospital Campaign Group public meetings on 16 & 20 September: The Clerk shared the details of the meetings.

**8. Any other business:**

a) Cllr Morgan highlighted that from October doctor surgeries would be providing an evening service Monday to Friday and selected surgeries would also be providing a service on Saturday.

b) Cllr Maddison questioned whether with additional properties on the road to the Tower a request should be made for further street lighting. Cllr Graham believed this would not be necessary.

c) The Chair made reference to Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP's usual 'tour'. The Clerk reported he had spoken to Tom Forrester who advised the reason why she was not undertaking the tour in 2017.

**9. Date, time and place of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on 12 October, 2017, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm