

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11 January, 2018

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison (until 7.40 and from 8.15), Morgan, Graham and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr S. Bolam, Cllr C. France. C. Maddison & B. Charlton (both until 7.40). J. Mann, H. Henderson and S. Woodcock (all until 7.35)

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. Jane Mann – Bailiffgate Museum HLF project briefing: The Chair welcomed Jane Mann and her colleagues. She provided background to the museum that opened 13 years ago as well as the HLF funding bid in progress. It was advised funding had been granted to prepare the next stage of the bid that had to be submitted by 4 June.

It was proposed to prepare a bid under the title 'Out Of Town Museum' (OOTM) that will last approximately 3 ½ years and embrace 6-7 local communities including Elsdon. The focus will be on 'Routes' – how people used to travel to work, school, socialising as well as 'salesmen' It is proposed that there will be a 'touring' museum where depending on the size of local halls etc aspects of the museum will be available for local people for an agreed period of time.

There was discussion regarding what artefacts would be provided and the process followed in such cases. Cllr Maddison provided details of work at St Cuthbert's church and on the village green as well as the very successful 'Past, Present and Future' event in 2013.

Jane Mann advised the full grant being requested was £280,000 and if successful a Project Manager would be employed. She asked if the Parish Council could provide a letter of support that includes how possibly the project could help local plans as well. The Councillors agreed to provide the letter of support and the Chair thanked Jane and her colleagues for their time.

5. Matters arising

- a) Ray Wind update** – The Clerk advised that a revised Grant Agreement had been provided by Vattenfall shortly before Christmas and that the legal representatives were presently assessing it. He reported that the next CIC Directors meeting was the following Monday (15 January). The article providing an update and seeking an Elsdon representative on the CIC, for the Town Crier and Parish Council website was agreed by all Councillors.
- b) New and relocating road signage in Elsdon** – The Clerk advised he had not as yet received an update or start date for the work by NCC. It was agreed to chase for progress report and confirmation that the work would be based on the latest map.
- c) Street name signposting** – Cllr Morgan confirmed that the resident who owned the property where the proposed replacement street name sign would be located was agreeable for it to be fixed on the wall. It was agreed by the Councillors to progress with the purchase of the sign.
- d) Data protection regulations** – The Clerk advised he had not received any further update on this matter from Stephen Rickett.
- e) Development of village green pinfold update** – The Clerk confirmed he had not heard anything from Rebecca Adams (NNPA) since her confirmation that she would progress the matter on behalf of the Parish Council.

- f) Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) consultation – There was discussion regarding the consultation but agreement among the Councillors that there was nothing to feedback from the Parish Council.
- g) Elsdon (Knightside) bridge – The Clerk advised he had not heard from NCC on this matter yet.
- h) Gibbet road drainage – The Clerk advised that Lee Dundas (NCC) had confirmed to him that Mitch Young would be over-seeing the repair works. There was discussion regarding why the road was not gritted. It was confirmed that unfortunately the road was not on the NCC route for gritting but it was agreed to approach NCC for grit bins to be located on the road and in particular on the hill.
- i) Courier deliveries – The Chair highlighted that resident had raised this matter having been stopped on several occasions by Couriers asking for directions. It appeared there are 30 properties sharing one post code in Elsdon. Following discussion it was questioned as to how much of a problem this matter actually was and there was likely that the Parish Council could influence any change. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Royal Mail for guidance.
- j) Harbinger House access track – Cllr Graham advised that the tenant had laid another layer after the original material had sunk. It was agreed that the matter appeared to be resolved.
- k) Proposals for removal of tree trunk in village green – It was agreed that to remove the trunk now would make a mess of the green as it was presently so wet. Cllr Graham questioned as to why the trunk needed to be removed. It was considered that the area would be safer if the trunk was to be removed but it was agreed to take no action at this time.

6. Finance:

- a) There were no agenda items this month.

7. Planning:

- a) There were no items on the agenda this month.

The Clerk highlighted a planning application received that morning – *17NP0138LBC: Listed Building Consent – Refurbish and replacement of 23 no. existing timber sliding sash windows: Bird in Bush, Elsdon, NE191AA* – There was discussion among the Councillors and full support for the application.

8. New business:

- a) Buckingham Palace Garden Party 15 May, 2018: The Clerk highlighted the matter but it was agreed by Councillors not submit a name for the draw.
- b) HLF funded Revitalising Redesdale, update – Cllr Morgan provided an update having attended the ‘official’ launch at the Ridsdale Ironworks following the success of the bid. It was highlighted that the applications for the Project Manager roles had closed and interviews were expected to be conducted the next week.
- c) State of roads around Elsdon (potholes, flooding and damaged surface): The Chair provided a list of ‘hot-spots’ on the roads to and from Elsdon that were in particular bad state. It was agreed that the roads were generally in a very bad way. Whilst it was agreed the Parish Council would report the faults it really needed as many residents as possible to report. The Clerk was asked to create a report including the Chair’s points and arrange for the paper to be shared on Town Crier and Parish Council website.

9. Any other business:

There were no further points raised.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 8 February, 2018, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm