

# Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 8 February, 2018

**Present:** Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison, Morgan, Graham and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers.  
Cllr C. France. R. Arthur and S. Shaw (until 7.30)

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 Clerk provided an update on progress. He advised that it is hoped the Community Foundation aspect of the funding should be live from end of February and it is hoped the CIC will be live from end of March. The notice seeking an Elsdon representative on the CIC is available on the Parish Council website and should be shared via the Town Crier soon.
- b) **New and relocating road signage in Elsdon** – The Chair advised that having been around the village most of the planned work had been completed and to the correct plan. It was reported that the sign by Town Foot had been damaged before being installed and tape used in an effort to make the repair. The Clerk was asked to highlight the matter with NCC as well as the sign on the Otterburn side of the village that had a couple of dents in it. It was noted that the 30 signs on the road had still to be completed.
- c) **Street name signposting** – The Clerk confirmed the sign had been ordered and should be delivered within the next three weeks to Cllr Morgan.
- d) **Data protection regulations** – The Clerk advised he had not received any further update on this matter from Stephen Rickitt.
- e) **Development of village green pinfold update** – The Chair advised the matter was discussed at the EPIC meeting the previous Monday. He advised he would be looking to complete a LBC application shortly. All Councillors were in agreement for the Chair to sign on behalf of the Parish Council as the 'owners' of the Village Green.

Mr Shaw thanked the Councillors for supporting the recent planning application on Bird in Bush. He also advised that a quoits tournament had been arranged for 2 June and the Councillors gave agreement for use of the Village Green. He also apologised for the damage to the Village Green after getting his vehicle stuck on it. He advised he would make the necessary repairs.

- f) **Elsdon (Knightside) bridge** – The Chair highlighted the damage to the centre pillar of the bridge that required attention. The Clerk confirmed he was attempting to make contact with Patrick Smith who is the NCC point of contact for the bridge. It was highlighted that a number of willows had been planted at the side of the burn but no one knew who undertook this.
- g) **Gibbet road drainage** – The Clerk provided details of an email he had received from Mitch Young (NCC) who had advised the ditch work needed to be undertaken should be carried out by the adjacent land owner and not the NCC. The Councillors agreed that as it was on the road side of the fence it should surely be the responsibility of NCC and the Clerk was asked to contact NCC with this detail.
- h) **State of roads around Elsdon (potholes, flooding and damaged surfaces)** – The Chair reported on contact he had had with NCC regarding some local potholes and damaged road including the flooding at Grasslees and the road alongside The Larkes.

Cllr Morgan reported on the latest position in respect of the Revitalising Redesdale project including the appointment of project managers and the next meeting scheduled for 14 March.

## 5. Finance:

- a) Reimbursement to Clerk for purchase of 'Crawford Crescent' sign – The payment of £156.00 including £26.00 VAT was agreed by the Councillors

## **6. Planning:**

- a) 17NP0138LBC: Listed Building Consent – Refurbish and replacement of 23 no. existing timber sliding sash windows: Bird in Bush, Elsdon, NE191AA – The Clerk confirmed he had advised NNPA of the Councillors support to this application.

## **7. New business:**

- a) Cambo Wraparound proposal: The Councillors reviewed the plans and discussed the proposal. It was agreed that there was uncertainty as to whether the school was within the catchment area for the residents of Elsdon. There was agreement among the Councillors not to support the request.
- b) Help for unemployed people in Redesdale area – The Clerk provided details of the ‘drop-in’ centre and that details were posted on the Parish Council website.
- c) Grit bins within Elsdon: Cllr Morgan reported that water had got into the grit bin near the Pinfold and that salt had turned into a solid block. Cllr Graham reported that the same had happened to the grit bin near the Old School. It was agreed to report the matter to NCC.
- d) Car park update: Cllr Renton advised that the resurfacing on the car park was due to be carried out on 16 & 17 February.
- e) Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981 – Section 53 regarding Public Bridleways 45 & 46: The Clerk provided details. The Councillors asked as to whether Mr & Mrs John Tait had been notified.
- f) CAN Oil club posters / leaflets: The Clerk provided details and it was agreed to put posters up in key areas of the village.

## **8. Any other business:**

- a) Cllr Graham highlighted damage to the Village Green by a Dixons van. He advised the driver had promised to return to repair the damage but had not as yet. Cllr Renton advised he would speak to the driver when he next saw him.
- b) Cllr Graham asked whether plant bulbs should be planted at the new signage recently installed by NCC. This received support from all and the Chair advised he had a large stock of daffodils that could be used.
- c) The Clerk provided details of a section of A1 that was due to be closed for a few days in early March.
- d) The Clerk provided details of the 808 bus service that leaves Otterburn 7.05am weekdays and returned from Newcastle at 5.20pm. He advised that the operator had given notice to withdraw from the contract and that NCC would be looking to tender the service shortly.
- e) Cllr Morgan highlighted that a road sign had collapsed on the road towards the gibbet. This had the weight limit details plus a sign for Winters Gibbet. It appeared the latter had disappeared and needed replacing as well as the post with the weight limit being replaced. It was agreed to contact NCC.
- f) The Chair highlighted the dreadful state of the road to Whiskershiel and it was agreed to contact NCC about repairs.
- g) The Chair highlighted the problems of dog mess and in particular the verge beyond Town foot to the bridge as well as both sides of Knightside. It was agreed to consider purchasing dog signs and the Clerk was asked to provide possibilities.

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

Meeting closed at 8.50pm