

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10 May, 2018

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Graham, Maddison, Morgan, and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr C. France. Paul Cowie (to 8.30)

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 / Parish Council representative decision** – Mr Cowie provided an update following the most recent CIC Directors meeting. He advised that a couple of queries had been raised regarding the Grant Agreement. He had provided comment and it was hoped the Grant Agreement would be signed very soon. Meantime Mr Cowie highlighted that the Small Grants Funds decision panel were sitting on 22 May for review of the first set of applications.
- b) **New and relocating road signage in Elsdon** – The Clerk advised he was still chasing up NCC to replace the damaged signs as well as complete the remaining aspects of the work. It was noted that the ‘Diversion’ signs had been removed. Mr Cowie highlighted that vehicles too large for the Raylees road were attempting to use the route. There had been a number of incidents where walls were being damaged as the vehicles attempt to negotiate the tight corners. It was agreed the appropriate signage was required to avoid large, wide vehicles using the road and the Clerk was asked to approach NCC.
- c) **Street name signposting** – Cllrs Renton and Graham agreed to assist Cllr Morgan to install the new sign.
- d) **Action required regarding Data protection regulations** – The Clerk advised he was attending NALC training on the topic on 12 May. It was highlighted that it would appear there would be a £35.00 annual fee.
- e) **Development of village green pinfold update** – The Chair advised the membrane had arrived for the work. He reported that he was due to advise the Planning Officer when work was due to start. He reported that it would appear a lot more gravel was going to be required than first calculated.
- f) **Elsdon (Knightside) bridge** – It was agreed to approach David Moat (NCC) to establish what, if any, work was planned and when on the bridge. Cllr Renton reported that the metal bridge in the village is due to be closed for a period of time for repairs on the railings that have rusted.
- g) **Gibbet road drainage problems** – It was reported that no further action appeared to have happened and it was agreed that the Clerk would chase NCC.
- h) **State of roads around Elsdon (potholes, flooding and damaged surfaces)** – There was nothing to report this month.
- i) **Request for additional grit bins within Elsdon** – The Clerk advised he was still corresponding with NCC for these to be added on the Gibbet Road as well as repair of the one near the Pinfold.
- j) **Car park resurfacing update** – It was agreed the resurfacing work had been completed and looked very good. After discussion it was agreed there should be no parking bay markings. The Clerk was asked to follow up with NCC to ensure the junction road markings were completed.
- k) **Update on replacement of damaged road sign near the Pinfold** – It is believed the ‘weight limit’ sign has been replaced but not the Winters Gibbet sign. Cllr Morgan advised he would check and confirm.
- l) **Review of the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of Way and decision on any evidence to provide NCC** – The Clerk provided details received from Alex Bell (NCC) to the Councillors queries. Following discussion and reference to local resident’s evidence provided it was agreed that none of the routes detailed by NCC should be converted to a BOAT.

5. Finance:

- a) **Online banking for Parish Council** – The Chair reported on progress in obtaining online access to the Parish Council account.

- b) Payment of the annual Parish Council insurance – The Clerk provided details of the quotes received from Came & Coy and Zurich. He advised he had not received a response from Came & Coy regarding the Administration charge. As this premium was cheaper than the Zurich quote it was agreed to go provide the business to Came & Coy for a three year long term plan.

6. Planning:

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

7. New business:

- a) Review and acceptance of the updated Risk Assessment and Standing Orders: This was agreed by all and signed by the Chair and Clerk.
- b) Northumberland Local Plan Spring 2018 Consultation – There was discussion covering the consultation.
- c) Warm Homes Funds, decision how best to share across the Parish – Consideration was given on options how best to share the details across the Parish. It was agreed to share the details on Town Crier and put the poster in the notice boards as well as the Bird in Bush.
- d) Elsdon Online website, discussion & decision on how best to manage beyond June 2018 – The Chair advised the matter was covered at the recent EPIC meeting.
- e) First & Last Brewery opening, update from Clerk – The Clerk shared the details
- f) Dawn Chorus event, update from Clerk – The Clerk shared the details
- g) LOVE Northumberland 2018 Awards, update from Clerk – The Clerk shared the details
- h) Revitalising Redesdale, update on progress – It was reported that the next Steering Group meeting was 12 June.
- i) Elizabeth Landmark, update from Clerk – The Clerk shared the details

8. Any other business:

- a) Cllr France provided a summary from the recent NNPA meeting where the potential reintroduction of Lynx was on the agenda and a presentation made by the Lynx Trust.
- b) The Chair advised he had been approached by a resident highlighting the amount of dog poo on Mote Hills. Consideration was given to what could be done.

- 9. Date, time and place of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on 14 June, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon. Meeting closed at 9.35pm