

**Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in
Elsdon Village Hall
on Thursday 15 November, 2018**

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

- 1. Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllr Maddison who was attending a PCC meeting
- 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.

4. Matters arising

- a) Ray Wind update** – The Clerk advised that the CIC website was in process of being developed and that a mailshot would be delivered to all properties within the catchment area in January. Mr Cowie provided the latest progress regarding the superfast broadband project and the various options being considered before a feasibility study would be undertaken. He advised also that the most recent small grants funding applications were to be assessed in early December by the decision panel.
- b) Replacement road signage and road surface markings, Raylees road safety** – The Clerk reported he had spoken to Neil Snowdon (NCC) who had advised the road surface markings should be completed the following week. It was still planned to assess the Raylees road including the junction / tight corner at the A696. The Clerk advised also that he was still chasing for the replacement sign.
- c) Street lighting in Elsdon** – The Clerk provided an update from emails received with Lynsey Sawyer (NCC) and advised he was still chasing for the lamp to be fitted where referenced as 11ED on map received from NCC.
- d) Grit Bins in Elsdon** – The Clerk reported that he had been advised by Lee Dundass (NCC) that the grit bins should be fitted within the next week along the Gibbet Road as well as replacing the broken bins in the village.
- e) Parish notice board on the bus shelter** – It was agreed to move this item to the next month.
- f) Revitalising Redesdale** – Cllr Morgan highlighted the Pie & Pea evening on 29 November as well as events happening in December. He also reported the decision panel are due to meet mid December to assess the applications received for Heritage Lottery Fund.
- g) B6341 road repairs** – It agreed that the work undertaken on the road made a big improvement to the journey across to Rothbury. There was disappointment that there were continued problems with flooding at certain points along the road that was not resolved on this occasion addressed. The Chair highlighted that there were no middle of the road white line surfacing added as yet and it was agreed to contact NCC in this respect.
- h) Postal Service from Otterburn** – The Clerk advised the postal service that started on 8 November had been well received and used by a good number of people in the first few weeks. The service at Otterburn Memorial Hall is open each Thursday from 12:00 – 2:00pm.
- i) Brown Redesdale signs** – Following initial discussion of this topic at the October meeting it was agreed to raise the matter at the Revitalising Redesdale meeting on 12 December.

5. Finance:

- a) Parish Council finance update and adoption of the 2017-18 accounts** – The Clerk provided an update on the latest accounts as well as confirmation of the accounts for the previous financial year that were accepted. There was discussion on the financial plans for the 2019-20 financial year with a number of ideas being considered. It was agreed that Councillors would consult and consider the matter for discussion and agreement of the next precept at the December meeting.
- b) Payment of invoice from Elsdon Village Hall** – It was agreed that given the October Parish Council meeting was held in the church vestry the payment should be for £110.00 rather than the usual £120.00
- c) Donation request from Great North Air Ambulance** – There was agreement to make a donation of £100.00

- d) Donation request from Community Action Northumberland – There was agreement to donate £50.00
- e) Donation request from Tynedale Hospice – Whilst there was acknowledgement of the excellent work carried out by Tynedale Hospice it was felt the Elsdon community was not a major beneficiary and given the small precept it was agreed not to make a donation on this occasion.

6. Planning:

- a) There were no planning matters this month.

7. New business:

a) Winter's Gibbet head: - There was discussion regarding the email the Clerk had received from Alex Wardle of AkzoNobel in Ashington about the possibility of replacing the Gibbet head. Whilst the Councillors agreed they would very much like to see the head replaced it was agreed that Mr Wardle needed to contact the Wallington Estate to pursue the matter.

b) Bonfire and firework display – It was agreed by all that the event was a success. Thanks were expressed to a number of people, for their help with particular mention to Gary Hudson, Wendy Wright and Chris Armstrong. Cllr Renton advised he would remove the fire debris once it had sufficiently cooled.

c) Visit to Elsdon from Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP on December 21 – The Chair shared the details although at this present it was not known what time she would be in the village.

d) Notice on road to East Nook – The Chair reported on a sign that had been positioned to indicate that the road was closed. He advised he had spoken to the builders and believed that there had been misunderstanding that had now been corrected.

e) BBC Countryfile filming Christmas special in Elsdon 30 November – The Chair provided details of this event.

8. Any other business:

- a) The Chair advised that he had a good number of bulbs that could be planted around the recently installed 30mph signs on the roads into Elsdon. This was considered a good idea by all and arrangements would be made to plant them by volunteers.
- b) The Chair highlighted the newsletter shared by Emma Anderson, 'Redesdale and three Kirks news'. It was agreed by all that this was very good and thanks were passed on to Emma for her work.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 13 December, 2018 starting at 7.00pm at the Elsdon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.35