

**Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in
Elsdon Village Hall
on Thursday 14 February, 2019**

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Morgan and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr Bolam, Sally Brewis & Harry Henderson (Out of Town project)

- 1. Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Graham & Maddison
- 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. Baillifgate Museum (Out Of Town – OOT – project) update:** The Chair welcomed the guests. Sally Brewis provided background and advised she had been appointed Project Manager for the OOT project on 21 January, 2019. The full grant applied for had been agreed and permission provided to start the project. An initial task has been to recruit volunteers. It was explained that there has been a change of emphasis and rather than focus one community at a time research will be undertaken across the whole area at the same time. Forthcoming events were highlighted including visit to the Writers Group in Elsdon on 23 February, 'Clipping' around the St Cuthbert's church on 31 March as well as the official launch of the project in Rothbury on 27 April. A formal invite will be sent to the Parish Council with an opportunity to take materials to exhibit at the event. Details will follow and there was a request to share with residents. Sally Brewis advised that the project will look to get children involved. Additionally a website is being developed and should be operational by the end of March. There was discussion how the people of Elsdon can help the project.
- 5. Matters arising**
 - a) Ray Wind update** – The Clerk advised that the CIC was now accepting enquiries and applications for funding. There was discussion on potential projects in Elsdon that would require funding. A few projects it was considered would benefit having a Project Manager to oversee the work and it was agreed to contact a local resident who was identified.
 - b) Replacement road signage and road surface markings, Raylees road safety** – The Clerk reported that Lee Dundass (NCC) was still chasing for the replacement sign to be created and installed however there was a large backlog of work.
 - c) Street lighting in Elsdon** – A meeting with Gavin Barlow (NCC) was scheduled the following day regarding the street light on the road alongside the church.
 - d) Grit Bins in Elsdon** – It was agreed all aspects of this topic had now been satisfactorily completed.
 - e) Parish notice board on the bus shelter** – Cllr Renton provided an update on progress.
 - f) Revitalising Redesdale** – Cllr Morgan advised that the next Revitalising Redesdale meeting was mid March and he would provide an update following that.
 - g) White lining on roads including recently resurfaced sections of B6341** – There was no further details on this topic to share.
 - h) Brown Redesdale signs** – It was highlighted that Duncan Wise (NNPA) can provide guidance on tourist signs. It was agreed to obtain a quote for brown signs as well as seek permission from NCC for installation of any signs as well as a quote from NCC for installing them in appropriate locations.
 - i) Location of additional litter bin and dog poo dispensers** – The Clerk advised he had received confirmation from Bill Pringle (NCC) for the litter bin identified by the Councillors to be installed along the fence near the Starmyres bridge. He also advised he had received verbal confirmation for the land and fence owner that it would be OK to install a dispenser on to the fence as well as the litter bin if it is possible. Following discussion it was agreed to purchase a second dispenser that would be located near the bus shelter.
 - j) Elsdon street & house location plan** – The Chair provided an updated map and asked for this to be checked for accuracy. The Clerk was asked to add the map to the Parish Council website when the map was confirmed accurate.

6. Finance:

- a) The Clerk provided a copy of the latest bank statement confirming the present bank balance was £4,310.00

7. Planning:

- a) There were no planning matters this month.

8. New business:

- a) Definitive map modification order (No 20) 2018: - The Clerk provided details received from NCC.
- b) Proposed location for new Smoutel Ford – The Councillors having discussed the proposal for revised location gave their support for plans.
- c) Northumberland Local Plan: Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19) – The Chair advised he hoped to attend the meeting in Bellingham covering the Local Plan. Reference was made to the recently received email from Northumberland & Newcastle Society. There was discussion regarding the reference to wind turbines and the sizes recorded in the paper as well as reference to the 'buffer zones'.
- d) Request for camping on village green – All confirmed their agreement to the decision that permission would not be given for camping on the village green.
- e) Rothbury Community Hospital – The email from Cllr Bridgett was highlighted by the Chair and Cllr Bolam provided an update on matters.
- f) Village Green tree seats – The Chair provided details of the quote received for two circular tree seats. Following discussion it was agreed to proceed initially with the smaller seat opposite Blue House. It was agreed to investigate what potential funding was available including Community Heritage Fund via the Revitalising Redesdale.
- g) Recruitment of election staff – The Clerk shared the details.
- h) Otterburn & West Woodburn First School Federation – The consultation paper was shared and discussed. The Chair shared his concern that it was only proposed to have one staff member on the governing body.

9. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Morgan advised that the Rothbury Post Office service was due to move from its current location to be part of the Newsagents around the corner on the main road.
- b) Cllr Morgan reported that Sharperton was due to receive a mobile Post Office service from Monday 25 February and weekly thereafter.
- c) The Chair reported back a concern highlighted at the last EPIC meeting. It was noted that those attending the EPIC meetings were all of a 'mature' age and the question was asked as to how 'new, young blood' could be introduced to help with various projects such as the August Bank Holiday fete.

10. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 14 March, 2019 starting at 7.00pm at the Elsdon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm