

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

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

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. Matters arising

- a) **Ray Wind update** – The Clerk advised that the Small Grants Fund was open for applications via Community Foundation until 30 April. There was an update provided regarding the possibility of ‘hyper-fast broadband’ and recent presentation provided by B4RN (Broadband for Rural North). A local website had been set up for more information at www.B4NTR.com as well as allowing residents to ‘register an interest’. The Chair made reference to a recent article in the Hexham Courant regarding the CIC and provided some feedback.
- b) **Replacement road signage and road surface markings, Raylees road safety** – The Clerk reported that he was still chasing Lee Dundass (NCC) for the replacement sign.
- c) **Street lighting in Elsdon** – The Chair provided an update following a meeting with Gavin Barlow (NCC) on 15 February. Mr Barlow had agreed to the installation of an additional light that would help to illuminate the road alongside the church. The location was discussed and it was agreed it would not impact on the view of the church. It was agreed the Clerk would contact NCC for an update on timescales.
- d) **Parish notice board on the bus shelter** – Cllr Renton raised the question as to whether the notice board should be installed on the inside or outside of the bus shelter. Cllr Morgan highlighted that the long term plans for the bus shelter needed to be discussed and agreed before a decision made on the notice board location. It was agreed to put the matter on hold for the time being.
- e) **Revitalising Redesdale** – Cllr Morgan provided an update following his attendance at the Steering Group meeting on 13 March. Reference was made to the Catcleugh Discovery Day and Afternoon Tea on 10 April in Bryness as well as the Afternoon Tea in Elsdon on 13 April.
- f) **Brown Redesdale signs** – The Clerk confirmed that a meeting with Richard McKenzie (NCC) was scheduled for 29 March to discuss the possibility of installing signs at key locations. The two quotes received were discussed and it was agreed to hold until the outcome was determined with NCC.
- g) **Location of additional litter bin and dog poo dispensers** – The Clerk confirmed that the two dog poo bag dispensers had been ordered from Slate & Nature in West Woodburn. Additionally a new litter bin had been ordered from Glasdon.
- h) **Village Green tree seat** – Cllr Morgan advised that whilst in principle the funding request for the tree seat had been agreed by decision panel for the Community Heritage Fund at least one further quote should be received for comparison.
- i) **Northumberland Draft Local Plan meeting** – The Chair advised he had attended the meeting in Bellingham but unfortunately the NCC representatives to talk about the wind-farm proposals were attending a meeting elsewhere that day. He advised he had provided his thoughts and feedback but it was agreed the other aspects of the plan did not impact on Elsdon.

5. Finance:

- a) **Payment of dog poo bag dispensers (two) from Slate & Nature** – The Clerk advised the invoice had not as yet been received.
- b) **Payment of litter bin with pole from Glasdon** – The Clerk advised the invoice had not as yet been received.

6. Planning:

- a) There were no planning matters this month.

7. New business:

- a) Visit from 'Time bandits' to Elsdon: - Cllr Morgan advised that this was an 'invite only' event for the volunteers who had helped to date on various projects of the Revitalising Redesdale but after the event the Afternoon Tea in the Village hall was a free 'open to all' event.
- b) Carers Northumberland Open Day 24 April – The Clerk provided details of the event and advised these had been posted on the Parish Council website.
- c) Parking at Kielder Water and Forest Park – The Clerk provided details received from Kielder advising that Elsdon residents could purchase the annual Discovery Pass for a 50% discount.

8. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Renton highlighted the bad condition of the wooden fence on the left hand side of the road alongside the burn as it began up the hill to Billsmoor. It was agreed he would email a couple of photos and the Clerk would look to contact NCC asking for repairs to be made.
- b) The Clerk raised the matter of Community Speed Watch. Following discussion it was agreed not to pursue this matter at this time.
- c) The Chair confirmed that the Elsdon Street map had been finalised and was available via the Parish Council website.
- d) The Chair advised he had been approached by a couple of residents regarding the lighting at Soppit Riding Centre. It was highlighted that the matter fell into the Otterburn Parish however the Chair advised he would review the planning application documents initially before sharing among the Councillors his findings and whether it was felt further action was required.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 11 April, 2019 starting at 7.00pm at the Elsdon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm