

**Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in
Elsdon Village Hall
on Thursday 9 May, 2019**

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

- 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 following a couple of amendments made to item 8a and agreed by all.
- 4. Matters arising**
 - a) Ray Wind update** – The Clerk highlighted that there was an open meeting to be hosted by B4RN on 13 May in Otterburn Memorial Hall. This would provide details of the hyper-fast broadband that was potentially going to be available (subject to appropriate interest level in each parish) across the catchment area of Ray Windfarm. The Clerk also advised that the Ray Windfarm CIC open meeting would be held on June 6 at Kirkwhelpington Memorial Hall and was open to all to attend.
 - 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 Clerk provided details from an email he had received from NCC advising the new street light should be installed within the next month. There was discussion regarding the position from the road verge in respect of potential village green protection being laid in the future. Cllr Madison advised that whilst there had been a short delay the lantern at the church should be fitted soon.
 - d) Revitalising Redesdale** – Cllr Morgan advised that the next Steering group meeting was scheduled for 12 June. He provided details from the ‘The Nick’ opening on the Forest Drive at Kielder. He also reported that he had provided feedback to Karen Collins following the visit of the Time Bandits to Elsdon in April.
 - e) Brown Redesdale signs** – The Clerk advised he had not as yet received the email from Richard McKenzie (NCC) but would pass this on for comment when received.
 - f) Location of additional litter bin and dog poo dispensers** – The Clerk advised he had been to the proposed location for the litter bin with Chris Mowatt. Whilst he was still waiting for a quote it was believed it would be approximately £65 which was agreed by the Councillors. The Clerk reported that the road verge alongside the wooden fence was too narrow to install the litter bin there so it was agreed to position it on the ‘island’ on the opposite side of the road.
 - g) Village Green tree seat** – The Chair provided an update he had received on the grant provided by NNPA. There was discussion on the process of payment for the work before claiming the funds from both NNPA and Revitalising Redesdale.
 - h) Poor condition of roadside fence alongside burn** – The Clerk advised that was still waiting for a response from Mitch Young (NCC).
 - i) Lighting at Soppit Riding Centre** - The Chair provided a report following his conversation with Amber Windle (NCC Planning). He also referred to the NNPA response to the most recent application for a condition discharge regarding the lighting. It was agreed to write to NCC seeking clarity on various points regarding the degree of angle of the lights and height of pole agreed as well as refer to Duncan Wise (NNPA) for his consideration of the matter.
 - j) B6341 road closures** – The next set of dates for closure were highlighted. It was agreed the quality of work to date had been very good.
 - k) Benshaw Moor** – The Clerk provided an update he had received from Duncan Hutt (NWT). It was agreed to invite Mr Hutt to the next meeting that he was available to attend to provide a further update.
 - l) Official launch of Bailifgate Out of Town Museum** – Cllr Morgan provided a report having attended the event.
 - m) Barbed wire on Mote Hills** – Cllr Renton confirmed this had been removed and thanks were given for his time on this matter.

5. Finance:

- a) Payment of NALC annual subscription – The payment of £71.32 was agreed by all.
- b) Payment to Chris Mowatt for installation of litter bin – The Clerk advised that the work had not yet been undertaken.

6. Planning:

- a) There were no planning matters this month.

7. New business:

- a) Soppit Farm lighting: - This item was covered in agenda item 4i.
- b) Village Green access to Rose Cottage – Following discussion it was agreed that the structures were a possible safety hazard and the Chair agreed to prepare a letter that he would share with the Councillors for agreement before posting.
- c) Northumberland Day, 26 May – The Clerk provided details of the activities.

8. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Morgan reported that Katie Bland had approached him regarding an event in October that potentially the Bird in Bush would like to have a marquee on the Village Green. It was agreed it would be appropriate if she could attend a meeting to discuss the matter.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 13 June, 2019 starting at 7.00pm at the Elsdon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm