

**Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in
Elsdon Village Hall
on Thursday 11 July, 2019**

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison, Morgan and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr Bolam. P. Cowie (until 8.00), T. Patrick

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr Graham

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 Chair advised there had been no progress in the last month regarding the possibility of an application for funding for village green protection being made. The Chair welcomed Mr Cowie who provided an update on progress being made by the Ray Windfarm CIC. He advised payments had been made to local schools to help with transportation to local events during the summer term. Further work was being undertaken to determine what other possible funding opportunities there were for schools that did not impact on County Council responsibilities. He also mentioned early discussions regarding assistance at Scots Gap Doctors Surgery as well as National Park farming apprenticeships. Research was starting regarding the requirements of Community Transport and Mr Cowie provided an update on the progress on the proposed hyper-fast broadband.

b) Replacement road signage and road surface markings, Raylees road safety – The Clerk reported that no progress had been made during the last month. It was reported that there had been a nasty accident at the Ravensleugh corner on the A696 that day.

c) Revitalising Redesdale – Cllr Morgan advised there had been no further meeting since his last update and there was nothing to report at this time.

d) Brown Redesdale signs – The Chair reported on the review he and the Clerk had made around the village. There was agreement with the recommendations made by the Chair. It was agreed that there perhaps should be a sign at the Elsdon end of the Raylees road showing a maximum length vehicle to use the road given the tight corners at Raylees. It was also highlighted that perhaps there should be a sign 'view point' at Pearson House. It was agreed to ask Richard McKenzie (NCC) to visit Elsdon to confirm matters before progressing further.

P. Cowie left the meeting at 8.00pm

e) Installation of additional litter bin and dog poo bag dispensers – It was confirmed that the new litter bin had been installed as well as the two dog poo bag dispensers.

f) Village Green tree seat – There had been no progress on this matter in the last month.

g) Repair of roadside fence alongside burn – The Clerk shared a communication from Mitch Young (NCC) advising the County Council would be prepared to arrange for reflective bollards to be installed along the verge highlighted. There was discussion as to whether a crash barrier would be a better safety measure. It was agreed the Clerk would contact Mr Young to confirm agreement for the reflective bollards.

h) Green waste disposal & recycling options - The Clerk advised he would make the recommended amendments to the letter and send to Cllr Sanderson in the next day or so.

i) Benshaw Moor drop in session, 1 August – The Clerk shared details he had received from Duncan Hutt (NWT) about this event that were also posted on the Parish Council website.

j) Parish Council filing cabinets in Village Hall – The Chair reported on the review that had already been undertaken. The Clerk advised he would look to arrange to set some time to go through the material.

5. Finance:

a) Payment to Chris Mowatt for installation of litter bin – The payment of £70.00 was agreed by all.

6. Planning:

- a) There were no planning applications this month.

7. New business:

- a) LOVE Northumberland Hate Litter Campaign feedback - It was agreed that there was very little litter along the local roads. However all believed that the A696 did have a fair amount of litter along the verge in certain areas and required some attention.

8. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Renton highlighted that there appeared to be work on the land at Blaxter quarry and Liberty Hill Farm. No one had been advised of any planned work and it was agreed to contact NCC Planning to determine what was happening.
- b) There was discussion regarding the possible plans of the wild flower areas within the village and churchyard.
- c) Cllr Madison provide details of an email he had received regarding the access across the village green to Rose Cottage.
- d) The Chair advised he had been invited by the EPIC Committee to hold future Parish Council meetings in the newly refurbished meeting room at the Village Hall.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 8 August, 2019 starting at 7.00pm at the Elsdon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm