

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council on Thursday 11 November, 2020

Due to the social distancing restriction imposed due to Coronavirus this meeting was conducted via video link between the recorded attendees.

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair) and Morgan. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr Bridgett, Cllr France and Cllr Bolam

Due to absentees there was no quorum at this meeting. Topics requiring decisions were postponed to the December meeting

1. **Apologies:** There were apologies from Cllrs Graham, Renton & Maddison
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None were declared.
3. **Minutes of the previous Ordinary meeting:** The minutes of the meeting had previously been shared with the Councillors and were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- a) Ray Wind update – The Clerk advised that the CIC board had made a decision to put all remaining CIC grant funds for the year to 30 June 2021 towards the Covid19 Hardship Fund. There was discussion on the possible options for the future administration of the Small Grant Fund that is presently managed by Community Foundation but the current agreement will end following the December decision panel.
- b) Brown Tourist signs and replacing other road signage – The Clerk reported that there was no update on this matter this month.
- c) Revitalising Redesdale – Cllr Morgan advised that the next Steering Group meeting was on 9 December.
- d) Cabinet and frame for church – The Chair advised he had spoken to Rev Ryder and following a recent PCC meeting there was full support to apply for funding to provide St Cuthbert's Church a print and frame for the 1840 Parish Charter and a cabinet for the book on the Great War. The Chair advised he would look into preparing a Revitalising Redesdale Community Heritage funding application.
- e) Soppit Lane road flooding – The Chair reported that he had been speaking to the workmen and that whilst the current work was almost finished, further work would be required. This would include a new drain and culvert added on the Soppit Lane side of the B6341 joining the newly created ditch to drain to the burn. This work should be carried out sometime in 2021.
- f) Replacement of notice board near Pinfold – The Clerk confirmed that he was waiting to hear from the company as to when the noticeboard would be ready for installation.
- g) Future use of the bus shelter – The Clerk reported on the email received from Duncan Wise (NNPA). At this time there was no spare resource to assist with development on the bus shelter and funding was presently on hold. It was suggested that the proposed work should be on hold until spring 2021.
- h) Possible notice for the Bull Stone on village green – It was agreed to postpone this item until the December meeting.
- i) Horse tethering on the village green – It was agreed to postpone this item until the December meeting.

5. Finance:

- a) Payment of the second and final instalment of the invoice for the new noticeboard – The agreement with the company is for the final payment is to be made when the new noticeboard is installed so the matter was postponed until the December meeting.
- b) Payment for the Remembrance Wreath - The Clerk advised he had not as yet received the invoice.
- c) Donation request from Great North Air Ambulance – It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting.
- d) Donation request from CAN – It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting.
- e) Donation request from Tynedale Hospice – It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting.
- f) Donation request from AGE UK – It was agreed to discuss this matter at the next meeting.

6. Planning:

There were no planning applications to consider this month.

7. New business:

- a) Finger posts for St Cuthbert's Three Churches trail – Whilst there was agreement for a finger post to be placed on the village green opposite the church it was noted that this should be placed far enough back so not to impact on the proposed village green protection. It was agreed the Clerk would seek comment from the other Councillors before providing a formal reply. It was not known who owned the triangle of land near the two bridges where permission was also sought for a further finger post to be installed.
- b) Hidden dip on B6341 – The Clerk reported on the response he had received from NCC. Cllr Bridgett advised he would seek for the warning signage to be added to the 2021-22 LTP when he attended a meeting on the following Monday.
- c) B6341 road closure Billsmoor to Thropton / Sharperton – The Clerk reported on the information received from NCC.
- d) Wooden footbridge across burn repairs – The repairs had been completed and thanks were expressed to NNPA for arranging this to be carried out.
- e) Soppit arena lighting – The Chair advised he had received a call from a resident complaining that the lights were still very visible from the other side of the valley. It was noted that Soppit Arena had complied with the condition set by NCC and consequently the planning condition had been discharged. Councillor Bolam confirmed that there was little if anything to be done. The Chair advised the Duncan Wise had agreed to investigate the matter.
- f) Northumberland name books – The Chair provided background to the work he had been undertaking on this project and would inform councillors and other residents where they could find the transcriptions covering the local area when they were made available to the general public.

8. Any other business:

- a) There were no other matters raised.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 10 December, 2020 starting at 7.00pm via video link.

Meeting closed at 8.10