

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 5 July, 2012

1. **Present:** Councillors Maddison (Chairman), Graham, Hall and White. Clerk Martin Chilvers, PC Liz Brown, Parishioners David Coles and Nicola Tait
2. **Apologies:** Were received from Cllr Armstrong.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) The Clerk reported he had spoken to Northumberland County Council and that the rubbish left from the fire at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations would be collected within the next few days.
 - b) It was agreed the fire at the Diamond Jubilee had been about the right size and perhaps future November fires should be about this size as well. It was agreed the size of the next fire should be discussed at the September meeting.
 - c) The Welcome pack has not as yet been completed by the church. It was agreed the matter would be discussed when the Parish Council received the pack.
 - d) Cllr White advised that David Scott was measuring the notice boards and would provide a quote for the repairs of both.
5. **Finance:**
 - a) Cllr Graham completed the paperwork to add himself to the bank signatures. Additionally paperwork was completed to amend the correspondence address to the new Clerk.
6. **Planning:** After discussion and review of paperwork it was agreed there were no objections to the planning application 12/01386/RENE: Proposed erection of 2 Kingspan KW6 domestic wind turbines mounted on 15m masts to generate electricity, Ottercops Farm, Kirpwhelpington, NE19 2RJ.
7. **New business:**
 - a) It was agreed that the consultation of the Northumberland Core Strategy Issues and Options would be discussed at the August meeting with a view to provide a Parish Council response.
 - b) The Clerk provided details of an initiative from the Community Action – Northumberland to collate heating oil orders in order to negotiate a lower price. It was agreed to share the information for parishioners to decide whether to take part.
 - c) The Clerk provided the latest copies of the Community Action – Northumberland News to the Councillors.
 - d) The Clerk provided copies he had received of ‘Natural Burials’ at Amble West Cemetery.
8. **Any other business:**
 - **Braeside:** The Chairman highlighted the poor condition of the house and garden. Whilst it was acknowledged there was little action the Parish Council could take it was agreed that the Councillors would try and obtain the owners contact details and write to him asking if he could improve the look of the plot.
 - **Jubilee mugs:** The Chairman reported he had received a cheque for £7.50 as payment for two of the celebration Diamond Jubilee mugs.
 - **Geo-physical survey:** The Chairman provided details of the proposed survey that would start in July and was financed by the National Park. There would be prioritisation of two initial areas on the Green and if time allowed a further two areas had been identified.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 2 August, 2012 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon

Chairman:

Date: