

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 9 January, 2014

Present: Councillors Colby (Chair), White, Simmance and Tait. Clerk Martin Chilvers. Cllr Chris France, Robert Arthur

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr Maddison.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes of the previous meeting was accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising

- a) It was highlighted that the street light at the cross roads had been damaged by a vehicle. The Clerk was asked to contact NCC about a repair as well as the possibility of diming certain lights on a Dark Sky event. The light next to the Pinfold was specifically mentioned.

It was mentioned that the quality of the surface of the trenches dug for the underground cabling did not meet required standard. It was therefore possible Morrison US would be back shortly to complete the work

- b) There was further discussion regarding possible compensation from Northern Powergrid in respect to the underground cabling project. It was agreed the Clerk would write to the company.
- c) It was agreed to hold the next Elsdon Past, Present and Future event on 17 March, starting at 7.00pm. The Chair advised she would contact Ruth Dickenson of NNPA to invite to event but also enquire about possible funding towards the event.
- d) The Chair advised she had postponed the meeting with NNPA as there had been little progress over the Christmas period.
- e) The Chair reported she had spoken to Mr Hargreaves about the bollards outside Moontree Lodge. He had advised that these met required standards and had been erected following two accidents at that point. The matter of the bollards has been raised with the County Council and as it is part of the Highways it was agreed any further action would be their responsibility.

4. Finance: There were no matters of finance on the agenda this month.

5. Planning: There were no planning applications this month.

It was noted that the decision of the application in respect of Blaxter Quarry had been extended to 4 February.

6. New business:

- a) Following discussion the wording for the Tynedale Visitor magazine 2014 was agreed.

7. Any other business:

Condition of bridges – Cllr White highlighted the poor condition of a couple of bridges in the village and the Clerk as asked to contact NCC requesting repair.

Star & Shadow Showing – The Chair highlighted the showing of “Tales of the forgotten North” in Newcastle. The film on 7 February features Elsdon. There was disappointment the makers of the film did not contact anyone in the Parish however it was agreed to publicise the event.

Tom Burston – The Clerk was asked to invite Tom Burston to the next meeting to speak about local funding opportunities. It was agreed to extend the invite to other Parishes.

Removal of TV signal – The Clerk referred Councillors to email received from Mrs Beech. There was agreement with the comments made in the email but it was believed it should be a matter for NCC and the Clerk was asked to get Mrs Beech’s agreement before sending for comment.

Redundant TV signal equipment – The Clerk advised he had received a letter from the Chair of Alwinton Parish Council regarding the equipment. The matter will be discussed at a meeting and they will return with answer.
CAN Newsletter – The Clerk provided the latest copy of the newsletter.

8. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 13 February, 2014 starting at 7.30pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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