

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 10 March, 2016

Present: Councillors, Colby (Chair), Simmance, White, Maddison and Tait. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr Sue Bolam, Cllr Chris 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 was accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

- a) Broadband in Elsdon: It was noted that there appeared to be progress of the installation of superfast broadband in Elsdon. It was hoped that residents would soon be able to access the new service.
- b) Log wagons using local roads – It is still hoped Sgt Brian Foley will still be able to visit Elsdon despite being off work recently and the Clerk would attempt to arrange a date. The Clerk was asked to get an update on the recent Community Speedwatch recruitment.
- c) Collection of garden waste from Elsdon – It was noted in the last email from Adam Keen (NCC) that letters were going to be sent to residents about the matter but to date no one had received one. All Councillors were in agreement believing that the original plan was that NCC would introduce collection of green waste in 2016. The Clerk was asked to get an update from Adam Keen.

5. Finance:

- a) The Clerk advised he had received an invoice from Mark Warcup regarding the work to date on the registration of the village green. It was agreed to pay the £125 plus VAT.

6. Planning:

- a) Deed of easement across village green: The Clerk provided the Deed received from Mark Warcup Legal Firm. This was signed by the Chair and Vice-Chair and witnessed by Cllr Bolam.

7. New business:

- a) Ray Wind Farm Community Liaison Meeting update – Cllr Simmance provided an update on correspondence received from CAN regarding the Steering Group. It was questioned how CAN and Vattenfall had decided on the criteria for inclusion and why some Parishes were included and others were not. It was agreed he would be Elsdon Parish Council representative.
- b) CAN consultation for Ray Wind: Cllr Simmance advised he had been speaking to Julia Plinston of CAN and had received confirmation that Elsdon could provide response to the consultation beyond the deadline. Time was taken to complete the questionnaire and the Clerk was asked to post this to Julia.
- b) Registration of the village green: There was discussion regarding the registration of the village green. Mark Warcup had provided quote believing the costs may be between £300 - £500 plus Land Registry. There was agreement that an alternative option may need to be found as this was a significant proportion of the precept. The Chair advised she would approach the Duke of Northumberland office for possible evidence of ownership of the green. The Clerk was asked to prepare a statement providing evidence of the Parish Council's 'ownership' of the village green.
- c) Meeting with Bob Hodgson (NCC Neighbourhood Services): Unfortunately Mr Hodgson did not turn up to meeting on 4 March. He was very apologetic when he spoke to the Chair and advised he would make arrangements for the matters raised by the Councillors to be investigated and actioned.
- d) Northumberland national park Artist in residence: It was noted the work that Megan Randall had been doing.

8. Any other business:

- a) It was noted that the EPIC AGM was to be on 11 March. This was being combined with the village social evening. It reported that residents were being asked to bring along photos and those chosen would be part of the brochure for the neighbourhood plan.
- b) Cllr Maddison provided an update on the logging activity near his home. He referred to a letter received from Chris Stanworth (NNPA Planning) who had monitored and visited the site. It has been concluded that the level of activity did not warrant a change in use or a planning application to be made. Mr Stanworth did advise the matter would continue to be monitored.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 14 April, 2016, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon

Meeting closed at 9.10pm