

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 12 January, 2017

Present: Councillors, Colby (Chair), Simmance, White, Maddison and Tait. Clerk - Martin Chilvers.

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 were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

- a) Relocation of 30mph sign location – The Clerk advised Neil Snowdon (NCC) has promised to provide the report following the meeting with the Chair and Cllr Tait in time for the February meeting.
- b) Winter's gibbet – The Chair highlighted the Hexham Courant article on the topic.
- c) Ray Wind update – The Clerk and Cllr Simmance provided an update from the most recent meetings.
- d) Condition of Raylees Road – The Clerk advised he not heard back from NCC regarding the questions about the road.
- e) BT Telephone box on village green – The Clerk highlighted that NNPA had registered the objection to BT on behalf of the Parish Council requesting that the telephone was not removed.
- f) Woodland Trust tree whips – It was felt that as additional fencing would be needed unfortunately Teg's field would not be appropriate location for the whips. Other locations were discussed and it was agreed to arrange a working party to plant the whips when agreed.
- g) Clearance of bonfire site on village green – It was agreed the matter would be raised at the next EPIC meeting where a decision whether to hire a skip for the bonfire debris would be made.

5. Finance:

There were no finance matters on the agenda this month.

The payment structure for the hire of the Village Hall was raised and it was agreed the Clerk would investigate.

6. Planning:

- a) 16/04293/FUL: Change of use from light industrial (meat processing plant) to single residential unit: Land north east of Monkridge Hill Farmhouse, West Woodburn: – All Councillors supported the application.
- b) 16NP0121LBC: Retrospective installation of 5no. rooflights in rear elevation making amendments to Ref No 14NP0025LBC: The Bacchus, Elsdon, NE191AA: - All Councillors supported the application.
- c) 16NP0122: Siting of caravan for temporary use: Red Hall, Elsdon, NE191BH: - Cllr Simmance made reference to an email he had received from a resident. Following discussion regarding the matter all Councillors supported the application adding the desire that they hoped the authorities would act fast so the use of the caravan could be kept as short as possible.

A further application was received on 11 January. 16NP0127: Extension to the existing Dining Room, enlargement of the existing Garden Room including a fully glazed link to the house, minor internal alterations: Lonning House, Elsdon, NE191BS: - Following discussion all Councillors agreed to the application.

7. New business:

8. Any other business:

- a) It was agreed to discuss the May local elections at the next meeting. Cllrs Colby, Tait and White all advised it was their intention not to stand at the elections.
- b) The Clerk provided details of the latest letter received from Mr Dunn regarding the turf at Red Hall.

- c) Cllr Tait highlighted the latest position regarding the Rothbury Community Hospital and the concern that had been raised by the WI.
- d) Cllr Simmance asked the Clerk to check the insurance cover for the proposed archaeological dig in the Pinfold later in the year.
- e) It was reported that David Scott had begun work on the notice board.
- f) It was agreed to review the risk assessment in preparation for the 2017 bonfire and fireworks.
- g) It was agreed to move the March meeting to 16th subject to availability of the room.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 9 February, 2017, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon

Meeting closed at 8.50pm