

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 11 May, 2017

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison, Morgan, Graham and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr Bolam, Ian White and Tony Patrick (until 8.00pm)

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) Ray Wind update** – The Chair provided an update from a recent meeting attended. A representative from Ward Hadaway had also attended and provided guidance as well as the paperwork for the committee to become a Community Interest Company (CIC). The Chair spoke of some reservations on the direction being taken but advised the different types of applications the formation of the CIC would allow. There was discussion regarding the number of properties within the Elsdon parish that did not have mains electricity supply and that perhaps the Ray Windfarm could fund work to have these connected. It was recognised that the matter would need to be investigated before an application was made.
- b) Preparations for Elsdon 2017 bonfire & fireworks** – The Clerk talked through the paperwork provided. There was discussion regarding the risk assessment of the catering as well as who it would be best to speak to on the different aspects of the risk assessment to ensure it was adopted. Cllr Renton agreed to speak to Chris Armstrong regarding the fireworks.

5. Finance:

- a) Payment of the annual Parish Insurance premium: It was agreed to pay the sum of £280.00.
- b) Payment of the annual NALC subscription: It was agreed to pay the sum of £67.92.
- c) Payment of invoice to Village Hall for hire from April 2017 to March 2018: It was reported that following the Village Hall AGM it was agreed to invoice the Parish Council in October 2017 for a full year of room hire. There was no need to make a payment at this time.

6. Planning:

- a) There were no planning applications to consider this month.

7. New business:

- a) CAN Spring Conference feedback: Cllr Morgan provided an update from the conference he had attended the day before. He advised it was well attended and that the main topic was community transport. In Northumberland 60% of the passengers using public transport have concessionary passes. Cllr Morgan spoke to Julia Plinston who advised she was working on the questionnaire for the Rede Valley residents but that it was likely this work would be delayed due to the General Election. It was mentioned that possibly a representative from Coquetdale Community Transport could visit Elsdon to discuss how Elsdon could potentially be included within their catchment.
- b) New and relocating road signage in Elsdon: The Clerk advised he had not heard from Neil Snowdon and it was agreed to push this topic back to the June meeting.
- c) Repairs to Starmyres bridge: The Clerk advised he was chasing for an update but had heard nothing to suggest the date of the repairs had moved from week commencing 3 June as previously advised by NCC.
- d) HLF Revitalising Redesdale update: The Clerk advised that all was on course for the final submission from the project team to HLF on 21 July. A decision should be known by end of November. The Clerk advised he would share the MoU received from Lydia Speakman seeking feedback.

- e) Village Green registration: The Clerk advised he was presently busy with the Annual Audit but hoped to work on this matter in July at the latest.
- f) Road surface 'dressing': The Clerk provided details of the communication and plans of NCC to work on the work at Ottercops before August 2017. There was discussion regarding the poor state of the roads locally that were to be used for the Tour of Britain route in September.
- g) Northumberland Day – 28 May: The Clerk provided details and advised he had put these on the Parish Council website.
- h) Village of the year 2017: The Clerk provided details of the C4 communication received.

8. Any other business:

a) Cllr Morgan asked if there was still an issue with speeding vehicles through the village. He shared details he had received about Community Speed Watch and it was agreed to find out when the next 'window' was for applications.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 15 June, 2017, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon. It was agreed to push the meeting back a week due to the General Election

Meeting closed at 9.05pm