

Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13 July, 2017

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Morgan, Graham and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllrs S. Bolam and C. France, Kay Patten, Clare Elliott (Culture Creative) (until 7.15)

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr Maddison

2. Declarations of Interest: There were none raised

3. Minutes of the Annual and previous Ordinary meeting: The minutes of these two meetings held in May were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. Clare Elliott, Tour of Britain – The Chair welcomed Clare who provided some details of the event. There are expected to be 144 riders, 100 cars as support and TV coverage in over 100 countries. It will be the second stage of eight that will be passing through Rede Valley. Most roads affected will be closed approximately 45 minutes before and after riders will come through. There will however be a full road closure at Kielder where the stage starts at 10:15. It is expected the riders will come through Elsdon approximately 11:00. Some lampposts along the route will be decorated and local businesses as well as residents are encouraged to not only observe but provide additionally decoration such as bicycles. More details and up-to-date information can be found at <http://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage-two/> . The Chair highlighted that Monday was bin lorry day that may cause problems. The poor state of the road along the gibbet was highlighted but it was advised that a risk assessment had been undertaken. Clare advised she would confirm whether the route would be turning to go past the Bird in Bush or whether it will be going round the village green. It was agreed the Clerk would provide Clare contact details of someone at the Camp in respect of air space for TV companies.

5. Matters arising

- a) Ray Wind update** – The Chair reported on the ‘open’ day at Ray Wind on 8 July that was well attended and interesting. He advised that the date for the fund applications being live was as yet unknown and that the CIC was still in the process of being set up. It was highlighted that the village hall will be making an application as soon as possible. .
- b) Preparations for Elsdon 2017 bonfire & fireworks** – The Clerk provided a review of the paperwork he had shared via email. The Councillors agreed to review and determine any action required at the next meeting.
- c) New and relocating road signage in Elsdon** – The Clerk advised he had spoken to Neil Snowdon (NCC) who was waiting to hear from Cllr Bridgett regarding the funding to be provided. It was believed by the Councillors that the County Council would be meeting the cost of the recommendations made by Mr Snowdon especially as many are statutory signs that needed replacing.
- d) Repairs to Starmyres bridges** – An update was provided from an email that the Clerk had received. Mrs Patten advised she had not been contacted by NCC regarding consent as their land bordered the burn running through the bridge. The Clerk also provided an update on the proposal of the repairs of the Mill Bridge.
- e) HLF Revitalising Redesdale update** – Cllr Morgan provided an update following attendance of the final meeting prior to the submission of the application to HLF on 21 July. He also provided details of the jobs that would be advertised assuming the application was successful.

6. Finance:

- a) Reimbursement to Clerk for a book of stamps:** With only one bank account signatory attending the meeting it was agreed to refer the matter to the August meeting.

7. Planning:

- a) 17NP0066: Raising the roof of property, incorporating a first floor rear extension at Red Hall, Elsdon, NE19 1BH – It was highlighted that this matter had been received after the finalised agenda of the previous meeting. The Councillors discussed the matter at the June meeting and supported the application. Mrs Patten provided an update on progress.
- b) 17NP0072LBC: Internal & external alterations & refurbishment incorporating replacement of single storey roof (retrospective) & installation of flue to the rear at Bird in Bush Inn, U4069 Bird in Bush to Whitehall, Elsdon, NE191AA – Following discussion all Councillors supported the application.

8. New business:

- a) Tyneside Stages Rally 6 August: The Clerk provided details and advised these could be found on the Parish Council website.
- b) Green Rigg, next closing date for applications - The Clerk highlighted details received from Community Foundation.
- c) NCC Green Dog Walkers responsible Dog Ownership Campaign: The Clerk shared the details of campaign. There was discussion where posters and possible dog mess bag dispensers could be located. It was agreed to leave the bags in the village hall for the time being.
- d) Opening event of the NNPA Sill: Details of the event on 21 July were shared.

8. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Renton spoke of the latest work in respect of the fibre optic cabling to the more remote areas of the parish.
- b) The Clerk shared the details of the Fire & Rescue plan 2017-21 consultation. He advised he had emailed the Councillors and that the closing date of the consultation was 1 September, 2017.
- c) The Chair highlighted the notification from NCC of the Core Strategy withdrawal.
- d) The Clerk highlighted that he had received confirmation of the road closure order for the Elsdon Fete on the August Bank Holiday Monday.

- 9. Date, time and place of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on 10 August, 2017, starting at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Elsdon.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm