

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

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison, Morgan, Graham and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr Bolam and Robert Arthur

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 referred to a recent meeting he had attended on 11 October. It was hoped that the £100,000 to be managed by Community Foundation would soon be available for charitable applications very soon. The Chair spoke of his belief that there is a misunderstanding between the Community Interest Company (CIC) and Vattenfall that has led the need for the business plan and finance plan to be revised.
- b) Preparations for Elsdon 2017 bonfire & fireworks – Following discussion the risk assessment and checklist paperwork was agreed and adopted. Cllr Renton took copies for the signature of the person organising the bonfire and firework display. The Chair signed the paperwork on behalf of the Parish Council for the Council's responsibilities. The Clerk reported that he had received confirmation that the road closure application had been granted. The Chair spoke of a possible First Aider to be present. He agreed to approach those mentioned to check availability.
- c) New and relocating road signage in Elsdon – The Clerk reported he had spoken to Neil Snowdon (NCC) who had confirmed that the report was being developed for the proposal. He hoped to have an update for the November meeting.

5. Finance:

- a) The Clerk's salary and expenses for the period from April 2017 – October 2017.
- b) The invoice for £120.00 for village hall room hire for Parish Council meetings for the 12 month period from March 2017 was agreed.

6. Planning:

- a) 17NP0109: Erection of an oak framed garden room to rear evaluation as amendment to approval 17NP0084: Town Head, Elsdon, NE19 1AA: All Councillors agreed to support this application.
- b) 17NP0112: Raising the roof of property, incorporating a first floor rear extension and single storey: Red Hall, C186 Raylees, Elsdon, NE19 1BH: All Councillors agreed to support this application

7. New business:

- a) East Elsdon bridge update: Cllr Maddison made reference to a meeting at the bridge and conversation with Ian White. It was noted that water was not splitting between the arches of the bridge and was actually going through a support. It was reported that the drain on Red Hall land appeared to have disappeared and it was believed this may be beneath the hogging and it was agreed that this needed to be removed. Cllr Renton agreed to speak to the workmen about this matter. Following discussion it was agreed to approach Andrew Birch (NCC) to ask that both arches are cleared as part of the work.
- b) Revitalising Redesdale – Assessors visit – Cllr Morgan spoke of the Assessors visit on 3 October. They visited key points within the Rede Valley before questions and lunch at Redesdale Arms. Cllr Morgan believes the Assessors seemed positive but the final decision would not be known until 28 November.
- c) Street name signposting: Cllr Morgan referred to the lack of signage at Crawford Crescent. It is believed there used to be a sign reading 'Crawford Crescent leading to Crawford Close' and that there used to be a sign on a

brick wall. Cllr Bolam referred to a similar experience in her parish and advised she would provide the Clerk the link of the website of the company they used so that a quote can be obtained.

8. Any other business:

- a) Cllr Maddison made reference to the 'Tour of Britain' sign that was still hanging on the road near the Bird in Bush. It was agreed to make arrangements for this to be removed.
- b) The Chair made reference to an email he had received regarding data protection regulations that come into force in May 2018. There was a question whether the Parish Council would need to meet certain conditions given its size and register as a 'data controller'. It was agreed the Clerk would investigate.
- c) The Chair made reference to a Northumberland National Park meeting at the village hall on 24 October. This is part of the consultation period for the Local Plan.
- d) Cllr Maddison highlighted that the Harbottle Castle exhibition will be located in St Cuthbert's Church from the end of October.
- e) Mr Arthur made reference to the recent meeting in the village hall regarding the potential introduction of lynx at Kielder Forest.

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

Meeting closed at 8.15pm