

# Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13 September, 2018

**Present:** Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison, Morgan, Graham and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers.  
Christine Maddison

**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. It was agreed the Clerk would clarify item 8c with Cllr Bolam to confirm the matter.

## **4. Matters arising**

- a) Ray Wind update** – The Clerk advised that the role of Administrator for the CIC had been advertised and the closing date for application was 14 September. He also advised that the second round of the Small Grant Funding via Community Foundation was open until 14 October. It was highlighted that EPIC may possibly submit an application.
- b) Update on completion of new and relocating road signage work** – The Clerk advised he was still chasing NCC for them to undertake the actions previously discussed including the road surface signage.
- c) Elsdon Online website** – Cllr Maddison advised the church website had been constructed but not yet made available online but should be soon. The Chair expressed thanks to Cllr Maddison as well as John Tait and Cliff Lamb for their work.
- d) Elsdon to Raylees (Knightside) road and its use by heavy / large vehicles** – The Clerk advised he was still chasing for an update from Neil Snowdon (NCC) on this matter.
- e) Street lighting in Elsdon** – The Chair provided an update on a meeting attended by himself as well as Cllr Maddison and Morgan, the Clerk with Lynsey Sawyer (NCC) and Dawn Tweddell (Galliford Try) the previous evening. The Clerk reported an email received that day from Lynsey Sawyer advising there was no cabling under the road alongside the Church and as such the installation of a light there would be extremely expensive and not something NCC could fund. It was agreed by the Councillors that given this information the Parish Council would wish to see street-light referenced 11ED on the original plan (Crown Farm crossroads) installed again with, if possible, the lamp directed towards the road alongside the Church. It was also agreed the Clerk would ask for a quote for the cabling to be undertaken so options could be considered including a possible solar light installed along the road.
- f) Local Transport Programme 2019-20** – It was noted that the car park resurfacing looked very good and congratulations were expressed to those that helped to get the work completed. After discussion it was agreed to submit requests to NCC for 1) repairs on A696 at Blaxter Hill on the corner where subsidence had made the road dangerous especially for unaware drivers 2) road signs across the parish are cleared of overhanging vegetation that is obscuring the sign. 3) the clearance of debris on the Knightside road and the ditches alongside the road. It was agreed reference should be made to the urgent repairs needed to the B6341 between Elsdon and Rothbury.
- g) Grit Bins in Elsdon** – The Clerk confirmed he had received confirmation from NCC that two new grit bins would be installed on the hill of the Gibbet Road. Additionally he confirmed the grit bin near the Pinfold would be repaired or replaced.
- h) Northumberland National Park Local Plan** – The Chair provided a summary of his conversation with Colin Coyne (NNPA) at the consultation on 3 September. This included comments on road plans, broadband / mobile provision, possible expansion of operating base of Otterburn Camp, conversion of barns into family dwellings, SHLAAs and the believed requirement of buffer zones around the National Park boundaries for possible windfarms. The Councillors agreed with all comments made and that they would be happy for the comments to be sent on behalf of the Parish Council.
- i) Fifth annual town and parish council conference** – It was agreed there would be no representative from Elsdon Parish Council this month.
- j) Parish notice board on the bus shelter** – Cllr Renton advised he would get the notice board prepared and he and Cllr Graham would fix it to the bus shelter.

## **5. Finance:**

There were no finance matters this month.

## **6. Planning:**

There were no planning applications to consider this month

## **7. New business:**

- a) Location of October Parish Council meeting: - It was agreed the October meeting would be held in St Cuthbert's Church vestry whilst improvement works were being carried out in the Village Hall.
- b) Revitalising Redesdale: - Cllr Morgan provided details of the Heritage Community Fund that is accepting the first round of applications until 7 December, 2018. The Clerk confirmed these details were also on the Parish Council website.
- c) Proposed road closure of A696, B6341 and A68: - The Chair highlighted the planned closure in the local area over the next couple of months and the diversions as known at the time.
- d) Elsdon fete: - The Chair advised that the topic was on the next EPIC meeting. It was believed all who attended had a good time but it was questioned as to whether possibly fewer visited this year.
- e) Postal service from Otterburn: - The Clerk advised that arrangements were being made to hopefully reintroduce a post service in Otterburn, This would be based in the Memorial Hall and likely be a couple of hours a week but details were still to be confirmed. It was reported that it should be a full service and that further details would follow.
- f) Update regulations for sewage discharge & water abstractions: - The Clerk provided details and advised these could be found on the Parish Council website for whoever needed more information.
- g) Definitive Map Modification Order (No 6) 2012, Public Bridleways Nos 45 & 46: - The Clerk shared the details received.

## **8. Any other business:**

- a) Cllr Graham reported that there were a few trees on the village green that were overhanging his father's garage and appeared to be very close together. It was agreed that he would investigate and advise what appropriate action was required. The other Councillors all agreed for the most appropriate tree to be removed if necessary.
- b) Cllr Graham advised he had a small oak tree that potentially could be planted near where the tree on the village green fell. This was agreed by all.
- c) The Chair highlighted the NNPA meeting on 21 September that Cllr Bolam had previously mentioned. He advised he would be able to attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

## **9. Date, time and place of next meeting:** The next meeting will be on 11 October, starting at 7.00pm in the **Vestry of St Cuthbert's Church.**

Meeting closed at 8.45pm