

**Minutes of the meeting of Elsdon Parish Council held in
St Cuthbert's Church Vestry
on Thursday 11 October, 2018**

Present: Councillors, Simmance (Chair), Maddison, Morgan and Renton. Clerk - Martin Chilvers. Cllr Sue Bolam, Cllr Chris France and Christine Maddison

1. Apologies: There were apologies from Cllr Graham

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.

4. Matters arising

- a) Ray Wind update – The Clerk advised that an Administrator had been appointed. It was highlighted the Small Grant Fund would close for applications on 14 October. There was discussion regarding the possible local applications to be submitted. The Clerk provided an update received from Paul Cowie regarding the broadband topic.
- b) Update on completion of new and relocating road signage work – The Clerk advised he was still regularly chasing NCC for the replacement of road signs as well as road surface markings for the car park junction and 30mph signs in agreed locations.
- c) Elsdon Online website – Cllr Maddison advised he was working on the content of the website but it was a big task and taking time. It had been agreed it would not go live until all sections were complete.
- d) Elsdon to Raylees (Knightside) road and its use by heavy / large vehicles – The Clerk advised he recently spoke to Neil Snowdon (NCC) and it was planned for an engineer to visit the area to assess what action could be taken.
- e) Street lighting in Elsdon – The Clerk provided an update from emails received with Lynsey Sawyer (NCC) regarding the request for a lamp to be fitted where referenced as 11ED on map received from NCC.
- f) Grit Bins in Elsdon – The Clerk advised he had been copied into an email confirming request for new grit bins to be ordered for the Gibbet road as well as replacement for the broken grit bin at the Pinfold. It was highlighted that the grit bin at the church gate had a broken hinge.
- g) Parish notice board on the bus shelter – Cllr Renton advised he had not had a chance to do this as yet.
- h) Revitalising Redesdale – Cllr Morgan highlighted the Lidar evening event on 17 October as well as the Pie & peas event on 29 November at Otterburn RTC. He also provided details of the Heritage Lottery Fund that was open for applications until 7 December.
- i) B6341 road closure – It was highlighted part of the B6341 would be closed for two weeks from 22 October for essential repairs. Discussion highlighted that signage at Carter Bar was misleading to visitors. The 'brown' sign advising Redesdale was 25 miles away was incorrect and should be replaced with a sign saying 'Welcome to Redesdale'. Cllr Morgan agreed to highlight the matter to Maria Hardy to see what could be done.
- j) NNPA meeting 21 September – The Chair provided a summary from the meeting he attended including an update from the Julian Gover review.
- k) Postal Service from Otterburn – The Clerk advised the postal service at Otterburn Memorial Hall was still scheduled to begin 8 November and weekly thereafter from 12:00 – 2:00pm.

5. Finance:

- a) Clerk's salary and expenses (April – October 2018) – The payment was agreed for £390.00 plus £6.96 expenses for a book of stamps.

6. Planning:

- a) 18NP0091: Construction of porch: The Hemel, Elsdon, NE19 1AE – Following discussion this application was supported by all Councillors

7. New business:

a) Date of November Parish Council meeting: - Due to another engagement on 8 November it was agreed to make the next meeting on Thursday 15 November.

8. Any other business:

- a) There was discussion regarding the bonfire preparations. It was confirmed the fire would be lit at 6.00pm and the fireworks start at 6.30pm. The Clerk was asked to contact Damien Weston to see if he would be willing to be the First Responder. The Clerk confirmed he would contact the necessary authorities about the event.
- b) Cllr Morgan reported he had been contacted Maria Hardy (Revitalising Redesdale) asking if there was a 'hot-desk' availability at Elsdon Village Hall.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: The next meeting will be on 15 November starting at 7.00pm at the Elsdon Village Hall.
Meeting closed at 8.10