

Minutes to be ratified at next Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Rokeby, Brignall and Egglestone Abbey Parish Council held 14th December at 19.00 in the Garden room of the Morrith Hotel, Great Bridge.

Present: Cllrs. P. Gilbertson (Chair), R. Errington, F. Errington, A. Watson, P. Moss, M. Stead, J. Hare, N. Hashagen, C. Thornton

In attendance: D.Peat (Clerk), Ms G. Sanderson, Mr D. Anderson

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr. S. Harrison (Vice-Chair) sent his apologies

2. Minutes of last meeting – the minutes were signed by the Chairman as correct.

3. Matters arising

- A matters arising paper was presented by the Clerk as a record of events correct at the time of writing.
- Cllr. Hare confirmed that Brignall Church now has a new refuse bin
- The Clerk provided a further update on the Greta Bridge bus stop. Dr. R Jellis continues to pursue the matter with DCC but in the meantime has contacted Hogson's bus company who are happy to provide a bus stop sign and timetables so long as they receive permission from DCC. Dr Jellis will also contact Cllr Richard Bell to ask his assistance. Although not responsible for our area he is a professional contact of Dr Jellis and may assist.
- Due to continued issues with setting up the new bank mandate the Chairman confirmed that for the immediate future Cllr Harrison would not be on the mandate until matters were concluded. This would hope to be rectified some time in the future.
- Cllr Thornton reported that he will take over regular checks of the defibrillator at the Morrith Hotel

4. Election of new Councillors

Ms Gemma Sanderson was duly elected as representative for Brignall (Clerk to follow up with required paperwork etc.)

A potential representative for Egglestone Abbey was noted and Cllr R. Errington agreed to ask him to attend the next meeting.

5. Update on proposals for the A66 Upgrade

As support from parishioners had been split between different options the decision had been made to put the support of the PC behind the submission of the local liaison group of which it is an official member. This was submitted as appropriate last month.

An email from Nicola Hill had been circulated offering to meet with the PC prior to the Christmas break but as this was agreed to be impractical the decision was made to await further updates in the New Year.

Cllr. Moss reported his growing concern regarding the speed of traffic along the single carriageway section of the A66 between the Cross Lanes and Rokeby junctions. The Clerk agreed to raise the question of a 50mph speed limit with Highways once again.

6. Parish Clerk's remuneration. Cllrs agreed to a 1-2% annual increase in the Clerk's annual remuneration each April starting in April 2022 and for the remuneration to change to be paid on a monthly rather than yearly basis.

7. Setting of precept for 2022/23

Cllrs agreed to leave the precept unchanged for the coming financial year.

8. Overhanging Trees

Cllr. Watson reported that he had asked Mr. Salvin to arrange for the trees in question to be cut back. Whilst they are currently not a problem as they are not in leaf, they will return to being an issue in the spring, at which time he will raise the matter again with Mr Salvin.

9. Revised Code of Conduct.

The Clerk explained that DCC is requiring all PCs to update their Code of Conduct for members and recommends that they adopt the DCC standard wording. This was agreed and the Clerk will update the PC's Code of Conduct accordingly and ensure that it is uploaded on to the website.

10. Jubilee Beacons

It is unclear if the parish is the most appropriate locality for a beacon. Cllr. Stead agreed to discuss the matter with Barningham as a site on Barningham Moor was considered more appropriate given its elevation.

11. AOB

Cllr. Watson reported that the wall of the bridge in Greta Bridge needs re-pointing. The Clerk agreed to report

Cllr. Watson reported that part of the west wall of old Brignall church has collapsed. The Clerk agreed to report

Cllr. R. Errington reported an issue with overhanging tree branches. The Clerk agreed to report

Cllr. R. Errington reported that Moorhouse Lane needs additional salt heaps. The Clerk agreed to place a request.

Date of next meeting: March 16th, Garden Room, Morritt Hotel.