

Minutes to be ratified at next Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Rokeby, Brignall and Egglestone Abbey Parish Council held at 19.00 on 10th October 2022 in the Blue room of the Morritt Hotel, Greta Bridge.

Present: Cllrs. P. Gilbertson (Chair), R. Errington, F. Errington, S. Harrison, A. Watson., J. Hare, N. Hashagen, G. Sanderson, C. Thornton, M. Alderson

In attendance: D. Peat (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence Cllrs. P. Moss, M. Stead
2. Minutes of last meetings. The minutes of the meeting held on 4th of May were signed as correct by the Chairman after proposing by Cllr. Thornton and seconding by Cllr. Harrison. The minutes of the EGM held on the 24th May were then signed as correct by the Chairman after proposing by Cllr. Harrison and seconding by Cllr. Thornton.

3. Matters arising.

Cllr. Thornton explained how the BACS process can be applied to a public organisation or a charity where two signatories are required for any payment but given the small number of payments made annually by the PC it was decided not to pursue.

Cllr. Thornton noted that he hadn't been able to find any sources of funding for the replacement defibrillator pads but it was agreed that the next time they require renewal (2025) he will approach Cllr. R Errington for recommendations.

4. Report on the Platinum Jubilee

It was unanimously agreed that the platinum jubilee picnic at Rokeby Park, by kind permission of Sir Andrew and Lady Morritt, had been extremely successful. The raffle raised £210 with £105 being donated to each of the Great North East Air Ambulance Service and UTASS. Letters of thanks received were previously scanned and circulated to all Councillors.

The Clerk reported that all but five of the jubilee mugs designed and created by Stuart Short, formerly of Rokeby Parish, had been given out to parishioners or sold (either at the picnic or subsequently). Sales of mugs raised £165 (against the initial outlay of £375) which was paid back into the PC account.

It was decided that the remaining 5 mugs should be distributed to parishioners who had not previously received them, because of only recently having moved in to the locality, individual councillors agreeing to deliver accordingly.

5. A66

- Planning update

The Clerk noted that she had registered the PC as an official 'interested party' ahead of the 4th September deadline to ensure Councillors were kept abreast of planning decisions and retained the right of consultation

- Speed Assessment update

The Chairman updated Councillors on the report obtained by the speed assessment camera van and provided by the Barnard Castle Neighbourhood Policing Team. The camera van collected data at three locations.

Galley Bank (70mph limit) deployed eight times. 3 people summoned straight to court (travelling too fast to be issued with a fixed penalty notice), 30 people issued a fixed penalty notice (3 points on their licence and £100 fine) and 148 people sent on a speed awareness course.

The Street Rokeby (60 mph limit) deployed 6 times, 19 people sent on a speed awareness course

Thorpe Grange Greta Bridge (60mph limit) deployed four times, six people issued with a fixed penalty fine, 58 people sent on a speed awareness course.

The van doesn't count the total number of vehicles monitored so it is not possible to provide a percentage of vehicles speeding.

The Chairman noted that the data provided the PC with evidence of the speeding problem and he hoped that in the future it would be possible to use it to make a stronger case to Highways.

The Chairman agreed to speak again to the local police officer to discuss the next steps.

6. AOB

- The Chairman reported that negotiations were ongoing to release the shoot room for events including PC meetings and he would say more when he was able.
- Cllrs R and F Errington noted the poor state of the Brignall road in sections which the Clerk agreed to follow up as well as the section of the road from Cackleberry Farm to Moor House Road.

Date of next meeting : Monday 5th December at 19.00 at the Morrith Hotel.

The meeting closed at 20.00