

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 13th March in the Garden room of the Morrith Hotel, Greta Bridge.

Present: Cllrs. S. Harrison (Chair), F. Errington, A. Watson, M. Stead, N. Hashagen, G. Sanderson, C. Thornton, M, Alderson

In attendance: Mr. D. Anderson

1. Apologies for absence Cllrs P. Gilbertson, R. Errington, J. Hare, P. Moss
2. Minutes of last meeting – the minutes of the last meeting were proposed as correct by Cllr. Thornton and seconded by Cllr. F. Errington and then duly signed by the Chairman as correct.
3. Matters arising. A paper was circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting - see below
Following the meeting between Drs C and R Jellis, the Chairman and Cllr. Thornton with David Bainbridge from DCC Dr. R. Jellis contacted him to request a direction sign for the Barnard Castle to Richmond bus and a painted sign on the road outside the White House for the reverse route. DCC are not in favour of this solution preferring two signs one on each side of the road. Dr Jellis is continuing to chase and will keep the Clerk updated.
Dr. R Jellis has also reported the dead-end sign opposite Gable End Cottage, Greta Bridge as missing – this causes significant volumes of traffic to take the dead-end road instead of the road to Barningham. [Following discussion at the meeting the Clerk agreed to discuss with Thorpe Farm how they might provide business users with directions to the bus stop.]
The Clerk has reported the sinking of the road opposite the Morrith Arms and awaits a response
The Clerk has reported that the post for the public footpath gate between Moorhouse and Cockleberry has gone and as a result the public footpath gate is not closing and awaits a response [Cllr. Alderson has subsequently agreed to follow up with further directions to DCC to facilitate location of the gate.]
4. Update on A66 speeding data
The Clerk reported that she had contacted the local police undertaking speed monitoring of traffic along local stretches of the A66 but was still awaiting a response. An update will be circulated to councillors on receipt.
5. Finance Update
The Clerk reported the PC to have the following cleared funds as of that day:

Current account	£4168.13
Business Premium Account	£307.02

The Clerk agreed to investigate alternative bank or building society accounts that would pay interest for the PC given increased interest rates generally available
6. Event to mark King Charles III Coronation
Cllr. Sanderson reported that a small group has met to plan a proposed event to mark the coronation. The event is propped to take place at Rokeby Park between 2 and 6pm on Sunday 7th May 2023. The proposal is to have a paid bar, food provided at no cost to parishioner by the PC, games for children. Cllr. Thornton proposed a budget of £600 which was seconded by Cllr. Watson and agreed unanimously. Cllr. Sanderson explained that she has set up a closed community Facebook group which will be used to promote the event (as well as additional community activities in the future) and she will be putting a notice in the local flier.
A suggestion to have commemorative mugs designed for the occasion by Mr. S Short was discussed. Cllr. Harrison proposed that on this occasion the suggestion be declined, seconded by Cllr. Thornton. The Clerk agreed to respond to Mr. Short accordingly. Cllr Sanderson agreed to

keep all PC members updated of progress with organisation of the event and that should more funding be required a request would be put before an EGM. Volunteers to both help with and publicise the event from amongst the Cllrs. and their families were welcomed.

7. AOB

Cllr. Watson raised the issue of the sequencing of the traffic lights over the bridge in Greta Bridge. The Clerk will raise with DCC

Cllr. F. Errington raised the state of Brignall Lane from Lillyhill Farm to Moor View. The Clerk will raise with DCC

Cllr. Harrison raised the issue of rubbish in the layby adjacent to Stret Side Farm. The Clerk will raise with DCC

The meeting closed at 8.00

Date of next meeting will be 15th May, Garden Room, Morritt Hotel and will be the AGM