

## Minutes to be ratified at next Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Rokeby, Brignall and Egglestone Abbey Parish Council held at 19.30 on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2023 in the Garden room of the Morrith Hotel, Greta Bridge.

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

In attendance: D. Peat (Clerk) M.Gilbertson

1. Apologies for absence Cllrs M. Stead, J. Hare, P. Moss, G. Sanderson
2. Minutes of last meetings.

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March were signed as correct by the Chairman after proposing by Cllr. Thornton and seconding by Cllr. R. Errington

### 3. Matters arising.

- The Clerk emailed David Bainbridge from DCC to pursue the issue of the bus stop in Greta Bridge. No response has been received. The Clerk agreed to pursue the matter further with the relevant County Councillors to hope to obtain greater traction on moving things forward.
- Discussion with Thorpe Farm is still outstanding
- After reporting the sinking of the road by the Morrith Arms a response was received that it would be repaired before the end of the 22/23 financial year
- A response from Elizabeth Finn from County Durham Police noted that there has been 75 deployments of the camera speed enforcement van since September 2022 resulting in 1330 positive detections. This is in relation to around 7000 vehicles per day so approximately 0.1% of daily vehicle movements over this time.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would explore moving to a single bank account as part of the necessary mandate changes that would be required with change of chairman and vice chairman for the PC
- The sequencing of the traffic lights over the river Greta was reported to DCC and they have promised to investigate but as it isn't causing a danger to traffic or pedestrians they were unable to provide a timescale.
- The state of the road surface on Brignall Lane was reported and potholes repaired but after discussion it was agreed that the Clerk will contact DCC further to report that a full coverage of tarmac is required particularly because the road is frequently used by cyclists.
- The rubbish in the layby adjacent to Street Side Farm and issue of the bin not being emptied was reported and quickly remedied.
- the post for the public footpath gate between Moorhouse and Cockleberry has now been replaced and the public footpath gate is once again functioning

### 4. Report on the celebrations to mark the coronation of King Charles III

Cllrs all agreed that the community event to mark the coronation of King Charles III had been a huge success. Thanks were formally expressed to the small organising group consisting of Sue Watson, Gemma Sanderson, Laura Champion, Deborah Peat and Mary Gilbertson along with their husbands.

The Clerk reported that the total costs for the event had been £465.11 with a breakdown as follows:

Food	£327.31
Hire of tables and chairs	£115.20

Miscellaneous (cups, balloons etc.) £15.60

TENS licence £21.00

This was significantly within the £600.00 approved by the Councillors at the March meeting

The cost of the alcoholic drinks had been covered by sales at the bar with a profit of £146 to be donated to the charity Headlight Project which provides support to families and friends of those bereaved by suicide locally in the Tees Valley area.

Cllr. Thornton reported that the raffle run by the Darlington branch of Samaritans had raised the excellent sum of £211.00. Prizes had been donated by councillors, by members of the parish and by the Samaritans branch itself. The money raised would be going directly to the Darlington branch to be used for outreach work in the local community particularly at agricultural shows and in local schools. He thanked the ladies involved in the organising and running of the day and added that official letters of thanks will be sent out in due course.

#### 5. AOB

- Mrs Gilbertson raised the state of the pavement through Greta Bridge on the south side of the road. The Clerk agreed to report it
- Cllr. Alderson raised the fact that the crash barrier on the A66 at the Cross Lanes junction needs repairing as a matter of some urgency as it is a health and safety issue
- Cllr. Watson raised that fact that the sign on the A66 directing traffic to towns to the west had been twisted directing traffic through the parish by mistake. The Clerk agreed to report this

The meeting closed at 19.55

Date of the next meeting: 19.30, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October