Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 1st April 2019 at 7pm in the blue room at the Morritt Hotel.

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr F Wallis and Cllr F Errington send their apologies.

1. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes were sent out prior to this meeting, the Chairman asked Councillors do you all agree that they are correct, all agreed and proposed by Cllr M Stead seconded by Cllr A Falshaw, the Chairman signed the minutes in the file.

1. Matters arising.

The ownership of the trees at sand beds Brignall.

There is still no reply as yet on this matter the highway inspector has to come out and visit the location.

The A66 speed issues.

There are investigations still ongoing at the moment hopefully we will get some feedback on this matter.

Abbey Bridge overgrowth on the wall at Mains house.

This matter was reported to DCC also I contacted the clerk for Whorlton and Westwick PC to let them know of the situation of obstructing overgrowth and surrounding tree branches around the bridge area.

Potholes leading up to the Abbey at Egglestone Abbey.

Work is to be done at this location also the tree saplings on the walls at the road bridge are going to be attended to in the new financial year, a case is going to be put forwarded for the removal of the saplings also the bridge wall will need repointing etc.

1. Correspondence.

A list of correspondence was read out at the meeting a total of 9 letters.

1. Defibs for key areas in the 3 Parishes.

The clerk said that one for Greta Bridge is in line with the County Councillors budget.

During the process the Chairman and clerk agreed that we really need 2 more one at Egglestone Abbey and the other one at Cross Lanes. The PC has enquired to see if it would be possible to apply for all 3 in one application unfortunately the person who deals with the Neighbourhood budget funds for the County Councillors is off work at the moment, hopefully we will be contacted shortly to see where we go on this matter.

1. Clerks salary and expenses due.

The clerk said the total comes to £720.00 for salary and expenses.

Proposed by Cllr S Harrison, seconded by Cllr D Anderson.

1. Room Hire for meetings held at the Morritt.

The clerk said that we have held 4 meetings last year £25 per meeting = £100.00

The clerk will forward the payment on.

1. Planning for wind turbine at Punder Gill.

The clerk said a planning proposal for 1no single wind turbine hub height of 22m rotor 24.4m tip height 34.2m has been put forward again. The PC has been asked by the occupier at Dent House farm to forward a letter of objection regarding this matter. All members agreed; the clerk will reply to this proposal prompt.

1. A.O.B.

The PC has been asked for its comments on a proposal for HGV ban in Barnard Castle. We replied with a letter from our Chairman.

Cllr A Watson said the remainder of the tree on the Arch Bridge which was brought down by strong winds needs to be finished off it is resting on the bridge wall. Also, the traffic light sequences need checking at the bridge.

The Vice Chairman commented about the rubbish in the layby A66 near Cross Lanes,

Something needs to be done to help solve the problem if more litter bins were in place it would help the situation, ideally it should have cameras placed to eradicate people dumping bags of rubbish out of their vehicles etc.

1. Date of the next meeting.

Monday 13th May at 7.30pm

No further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm