

Minutes of the PC meeting held on 8th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the blue room at the Morritt Arms.

1. Apologies for absence.
Cllr's A. Watson, A. Falshaw, M. Stead and F. Wallis send there apologies.
2. Minutes of the last meeting held.
The Chairman asked are the minutes correct, the Vice Chairman asked if we could amend one word in No:8 on the agenda, in the minutes relating to the A66 rather than a forward slash between e.g. Abbey Lane/Cross Lanes replace it with and, then they become two different locations, the clerk amended the minutes and all members agreed that they are a true account, proposed by Cllr N Hashagen, seconded by the Vice Chairman Cllr P Gilbertson the Chairman signed and dated the minutes.
3. Matters Arising.
 - A66 Trunk Road dual to single carriageway interfaces at A66/B6277 Cross Lanes and A66/Abbey Lane, Rokeby Park. I can advise that an investigation is currently underway into the safe operation of dual to single interfaces on the A66 in County Durham, with a view to introducing improvements to reduce future collision risk. The Parish Council's letter of concern adds further weight to the issues identified. Once this investigation has been completed, a bid for funds will be placed. However, I can advise that funding for improvement works is allocated on a priority basis, so that the most needy sites are improved first. I am therefore unable to confirm when such funds will be allocated and improvement works introduced, I trust that this information is helpful in confirming that appropriate action is already being taken.
4. Correspondence.
A list of correspondence was read out at the meeting total 7 items.
5. Clerks salary and expenses due.
The clerk said the salary = £700 less tax, expenses has had a small increase due to the fact of having to go to County Hall relating to the election process, expenses amounts to £165 total = £725 the Chairman said do we all agree with the amount all agreed and proposed by Cllr F Errington and seconded by Cllr N Hashagen.
6. Payment due for the room hire at the Morritt Arms.
The clerk said we pay £25 per meeting and have held 4 meetings = total £100 All members agreed and the clerk will forward the payment on.
7. Election process nomination forms.
The clerk said that I attended the training session at County Hall and now in possession of all the forms that need to be filled out, the clerk gave a rundown of the dates which need to be complied with and what is necessary on filling the forms out, also agreed to deliver them back to County Hall.

8. Interest shown from resident to join the PC.
The clerk said that Mrs Rowlinson is keen to join the PC to represent any Parish; I told her that there is somebody already interested but need to confirm this, the Vice Chairman said he will contact Cllr P Moss who said that Karen Ideson was interested and we will keep in touch on this matter.

9. A.O.B.
The PC has been contacted to see if we are interested in community defibrillators. Councillors said do we need one and where would it go also we are wide spread in the community and it would not benefit everybody so we will decline at the moment.
Cllr J Hare said the Abbey Bridge Bd, Castle side, needs the wall side hedge cutting back you cant park close to the wall when you have to wait at the traffic lights, also all around the Bridge itself needs a lot of branches cutting back and then you will see over the bridge more clearly.

10. Date of the next meeting.
The clerk said we will have to hold the meeting after the election time table all agreed on the 10th May which will be our Annual meeting.

No further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.