

Minutes of the PC meeting held on 25th January 2017 at 7.30pm at the Morritt Arms.

1. Apologies for absence.
Councillor's F Errington, F Wallis, M Stead, A Falshaw and P Moss send there apologies.
2. Minutes of the last meeting.
The minutes were sent out prior to the meeting the Chairman asked do we all agree with the minutes all agreed and proposed by Cllr A Watson and seconded by Cllr J Hare, the Chairman signed and dated the minutes as a correct record.
3. Co-op Councillor for Rokeby Parish.
The clerk said I have asked DCC to see if we can proceed tonight if there is anybody interested or wait until after the elections in May, yes we can co-opt tonight but the position will only last until May then they will have to re-apply again. The Chairman asked is there any interest, unfortunately none at the moment it was suggested to put the matter on the agenda after the election.
4. Matters arising.
 - Ongoing matters.
 - Traffic lights Greta Bridge still waiting to hear from DCC as when they are going to start work on improving the signal change. (Horse riders etc).
 - Overhanging tree branches at Brignall pond, finally after pursuing with this matter again recently they came out and I managed to meet with the team who were going to do the work, unfortunately there is a BT cable running through the branches and is tangled between the branches, the work will now have to go to the forestry commission because they are not allowed to go up ladders, and also if they attempt to saw down a branch and damage the wire DCC does not want a bill from BT. DCC will have to send an engineer out to look at the matter and there is a question now are the trees suitable running along the roadside the problem is going to continue in future.
 - Public Footpath signs leading down to the Old Church, the clerk asked Cllr A Watson about the signs which needed repair work doing to them, Andrew said the signs are on his land so he took them out and has repaired the post's and replaced them. The clerk said we asked DCC for two new posts last year but unfortunately no reply. The Chairman thanked Andrew for doing the work.
 - Bridle path Greta Bridge, the clerk asked Cllr S Short about a rubbish bin the PC requested for public use, Stuart said it is now in use and is working well at the moment and the Council are emptying it.
5. Correspondence.
A list of correspondence 4 letters in total were read out at the meeting.
6. Accounts.
Money held in both accounts at 3.1.2017 = £2974.60

7. Precept 2017/18.

Current precept = £1702

Bills paid to date of this meeting = £493.87

This year's expenses is approx to 31st March 2017 year ending = £1357

approx £327 will be left over from the current precept.

The Chairman asked members do we leave the precept alone or raise it, it was agreed to leave it set at £1702 proposed by the Vice Chairman seconded by Cllr S Short the Chairman and clerk signed the precept request form's.

8. AOB

The clerk said that sink hole is appearing in the road surface above Cross Lanes cottage where the drain goes under the road it has been reported to DCC and they have responded saying our priority is to ensure the area is safe, we will then determine whether or not we can resolve the issue straight away or if we need to carry out an initial temporary repair followed by a longer term permanent repair. If we need to carry out a longer term permanent repair, we will add this to our work program for completion in the next 12 months.

The clerk said they have filled the hole in with tarmac we will wait and see if any further work will actually be done or the drain collapse in further.

The Vice Chairman said there is concern on the A66 Abbey Lane/ Cross Lanes junctions where the dual carriage way ends and goes back into single lane vehicles seem to carry on at the same speed before they realise they are on single carriageway, more needs to be done ideally signs which flash up you speed 60 to alert people and hopefully it will make the road a bit more safe for people who have to negotiate there entrances along this part of the road.

Cllr A Watson said when the proposed plans for the duelling of the A66 in our Parish become available for consultation we will have to make sure that we are properly informed at all times.

The Vice Chairman suggested that we try and set a date for the next PC meeting at the present meeting we hold and then we can plan our diary a bit better, all agreed.

The clerk said elections are held this May and there is a training session on the 1st of March which I have been asked to go on and it is £24 the Chairman said it sounds it will be beneficial and the PC can afford it all agreed the clerk will book a place.

No further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm