

Minutes of the meeting of Rokeby, Brignall and Egglestone Abbey Parish Council held at 19.00 on Tuesday 14th October 2025, in the Blue Room of the Morritt Arms Hotel.

Present: Cllrs. S. Harrison (Chair), A. Watson, P. Gilbertson, F. Errington, R. Errington, P. Moss M. Alderson, S. Hare.

In attendance: G. Sanderson (Clerk), Edward Summers, Harvey Barkes, Glenn Turner.

1. Apologies for absence, may have been received from N. Hashagen, but the Parish Council inbox, was not able to be checked.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were signed as correct by the Chair.
3. Recent resignation from Cllr. C. Thornton was acknowledged, and also from Clerk D. Peat, who was wished well in health.
4. Resignation also acknowledged from Cllr. G. Sanderson, to act as Clerk, further details of this role to follow.
5. **Parish Roads.** AW to chase council on issues arising on Brignall Road. It was also highlighted that the road around Eggleston Abbey was not fit for purpose, however the estate office may be consulting with the English Heritage/Durham County Council regarding this.
6. The financial accounts held by the parish council are to be checked when a full hand over has been made by the previous Clerk. This will be confirmed at the next meeting.
7. ES was invited to sit at the table, to discuss the increase in crime in the parish, as he and Rural Watch are doing their best to gather evidence to deter criminal activity within our area. They are short of resources and after speaking to many residents it has been proven that this is a want for our parishioners. The council will look in to the possibility of making a donation to Rural Watch for that purpose.
8. Excessive speeding on A66 was highlighted, and it may be beneficial to invite our local MP and Councillor to a meeting to highlight our ongoing concerns.
9. Chair to consult with Electoral Services regarding councillor positions and clerk position and relevant paperwork to be completed. Also need to organise training for G. Sanderson to be able to update the website.

The meeting closed at 20:13.

1. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 9th December 2025 at 19.00 in the Blue Room of the Morritt Arms Hotel.