

Minutes of the Meeting of Rokeby, Brignall and Egglestone Abbey Parish Council held at 19.00 on Wednesday 6th May 2026, in the Ball Room of the Morritt Arms Hotel.

Present: Cllrs. S. Harrison (Chair), A. Watson (Vice Chair), F. Errington, R. Errington, P. Moss M. Alderson, N. Hashagan, H. Barkes, G. Turner, E. Summers, P. Gilbertson, S. Hare

In attendance: G. Sanderson (Acting Clerk)

1. No apologies.
2. Minutes of the last meeting (held on 07/01/2026) were signed as correct by the Chair and Cllr. M. Alderson.
3. Clerk to re-request dog litter bins across the parish, one required at Greta Bridge, and one at Egglestone Abbey.
4. Clerk to contact Cllr R. Bell regarding the poor condition of Brignall Road.
5. Cllr. Harrison and Cllr. Watson have attended sessions regarding the proposed wind farm of Hope Moor. Feedback given by both, and important information about the proposal which will be visible from our parish.
6. Cllr. Moss and Acting Clerk G. Sanderson visited MP Sam Rushworth to discuss concerns with the A66 60mph speed within our parish. They also discussed dangerous junctions, increased accidents, the impact on the side roads of the parish when diversions are in place from the A66, and slow farm traffic. MP Rushworth took comments on board and was supportive, he contacted the Highways Agency, as did the Clerk direct, and they both received a similar response, which disappointingly stated they believe no changes are required for the safety of this stretch of the A66. MP Rushworth agreed to contact the Transport Minister about the issues, share the case with Ministers, and also share a petition on social media.
7. Parish finances were confirmed in the AGM, which took place directly before this meeting.
8. G. Sanderson has advised that she cannot commit to the Clerk role, and has voluntarily decided no salary is required for the work she has undertaken. Councillors have agreed to seek to find a replacement quickly.
9. Discussions arose regarding the future of the parish council, as it was highlighted that a lot of money is spent on insurances and accountants, and a new Clerk may require a higher salary, and it may be a struggle for such a small parish. There were mixed opinions as to whether we should remain a Parish Council, as other areas have Parish meetings without being a council, the potential for merging with a neighbouring Parish Council was also discussed. The Chair offered to speak to a member of the 'parish meeting committee' to find out more details, and Councillors can speak to members of the parish to find out what they want.
10. AOB.
Cllr. Summers confirmed the camera purchased with the UTASS donation are up and running successfully.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed, due to change of Clerk.

Meeting closed at 20:41.