

Rokeby, Brignall and Egglestone Abbey Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Rokeby, Brignall and

Egglestone Abbey Parish Council

held on Wednesday, 14th October 2026 at

The Morritt, Greta Bridge at 7.00pm

In attendance: Cllr Stuart Harrison (Chair), Cllr Frank Errington, Cllr Robin Errington, Cllr Eddie Summers, Cllr Nick Hashagen, Cllr Matthew Alderson, Cllr Glen Turner, Cllr Peter Moss, Cllr Harvey Barks, Lesley Hanson (Clerk)

The Chair opening the meeting asking that we minute the passing of Dougie Anderson, who was Chairman of this parish council for many years. He was a man of many talents, who will be sadly missed.

11/2026	Apologies Cllr Andrew Watson, Cllr Simon Hare, Cllr Peter Gilbertson
12/2026	Minutes of the last Rokeby, Brignall and Egglestone Abbey Parish Council Meeting The Chairman was authorised to sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17 th June 2026 that had been previously circulated.
13/2026	Councillors' Interests There were none.
14/2026	Exclusion of Press and Public (Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960) None in attendance
15/2026	Public Participation No members of the public were present
16/2026	Review the following statutory documents 1. Financial Regulations 2. Standing Orders 3. IT Policy 4. Data Protection Policy These were accepted by all present and will be uploaded to the website.
17/2026	Council Bank Account The Clerk presented two options to the council. Firstly, to stay with Barclays as they operate the accounts free of charge, adding the Clerk as signatory and eventually obtaining online access for all signatories to operate the account. Secondly, to switch accounts to Unity Trust, who charge a monthly fee of £7.

	It was resolved to stay with Barclays for the present, but if the move to online banking proves to be too problematic, then to review at the next meeting.
18/2026	Financial Matters 1. Receipt of the VAT reclaim of £213.53, £230 grant from Teesdale Local Network towards the defibrillator batteries and interest of £6.78 were noted. 2. Purchase of three replacement defibrillator batteries at a total of £745.99 was approved. 3. It was agreed to reimburse the clerk with £20 for the purchase of a second-hand printer and also £2.85 for postage. 4. An increase in the Clerk's salary from £13.69 per hour to £14.14 an hour, in line with the latest Local Government pay award, was approved. Details to be forwarded to Butler and Gee. 5. The cashbook to date was noted
19/2026	Dog waste bins The Clerk reported that she had raised a ticket with Durham County Council, requesting a dog waste bin at Greta Bridge. She has chased them twice, unsuccessfully so far. ACTION: Clerk to chase again
20/2026	Brignall Road The Clerk has contacted Cllr Richard Bell since the last meeting, who has raised the issue with Highways and is still awaiting a response.
21/2026	AOB 1. The Chair commented on the untidy state of the old toll booths at Abbey Bridge. There was some discussion regarding ways of getting this area tidied up and it was agreed that a message would be put out to the council's WhatsApp group, asking for volunteers to do this. ACTION: Cllr Summers. 2. There was a brief discussion regarding the traffic lights at Greta Bridge where councillors agreed that there now appears to be a significant delay in the lights changing. ACTION: Clerk to raise with DCC. 3. Cllr Summers stated that there has been a significant rise in local crime, in particular farm buildings and sheds being broken into. He asked if the clerk could contact Barnard Castle police to ask for an increase in police patrols in the area. ACTION: Clerk to contact Barnard Castle police. 4. Cllr Summers also commented on the cost of maintaining the surveillance cameras, in particular the cost of batteries. RESOLVED: Cllr Summers to be reimbursed on submission of receipts. 5. There was a brief discussion over the speed limit on the stretch of the A66 between Cross Lanes and Rokeby. There have been a number of requests in the past for a reduction to 50 mph. The Chair stated that he didn't think any more could be done. RESOLVED: No Further action. 6. Cllr Hashagen raised the subject of the state of the road surface between Abbey Bridge and Egglestone Abbey. This is a private road, maintained jointly between the Rokeby Estate and English Heritage. ACTION: Clerk to contact the estate office to ask if there were any plans for resurfacing
22/2026	Date of next Meeting Wednesday, 9 th December 2026 at 7pm at the Morritt. Room to be confirmed.

The meeting was closed at 19.52.