

BROOMHAUGH & RIDING PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in **Church Cottage**, Church Lane

On Monday 8th September at 7.45 p.m.

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out hereunder. Cllr. Oliver is not able to attend the meeting but any questions will be forwarded to him by email. Members of the public may put questions to the Council from 7.30-7.45 pm.

Dated: 3rd September 2025

Catherine Harrison, Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Notice of Resignation**

To report: that Councillor Ellen Rutherford has resigned from the Parish Council. The vacancy is currently being advertised and, if there is no election called, it can be filled by co-option after 11th September.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

To receive: disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

4. **Minutes**

To resolve: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 14th July 2025 be signed as a correct record (Paper A).

5. **Matters Arising**

To report: on matters arising from the previous meeting, excluding those included elsewhere on the agenda.

(i) *Minute 25/101(iii) – Junior football.* Update from the Clerk and Cllr. Armstrong;

(ii) *Minute 25/105 – Apple press event.* Update from the Clerk;

(iii) *Minute 25/107(vii) – Cricket Club request for funding to replace broken window.* No quotes have been received but the window has been repaired. Also, to note that as this is considered accidental damage, it would not be covered on the current insurance policy;

(iv) *Minute 25/110(iii) – Memorial seat dedication.* Update from the Clerk.

6. **County Councillor Report**

Deferred to the October meeting.

7. **Local Transport Plan 2026-29 / Speed Reduction Measures**

(i) To note: that the County Council is starting the process of preparing a 3-year Local Transport Plan (2026-2029) and has asked parish councils to submit their priorities. A briefing event would be held in Hexham on 15th September and a maximum of 3 priorities were to be submitted to the County Council by 17th October;

(ii) *Speed of traffic through village.* Discussion to be led by Cllrs. Ayre and Irwin.

8. **Call for Sites**

To note: that the County Council is starting to prepare a new county-wide Local Plan and is inviting landowners, developers, agents, local residents and other interested parties to submit potential development sites for consideration.

To agree: whether the Parish Council should submit any sites as part of this consultation (Cllr. Howe).

9. **Repairs to the abutments of the weir footbridge**
To note: the outcome of the ecology survey and to approve a quote for the repair work.
10. **Martyn's Law**
To receive: a briefing paper outlining the new Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 – known as Martyn's Law (Paper B).
11. **Fencing of bankside in Marchburn Woods**
To receive: a revised quote for the work.
12. **Meetings to attend**
 - Town & Parish Council Meeting with the County Council – Hexham Mart, Wednesday 8th October, 6-7.30 pm;
 - East Tynedale Forum meeting – Newton & Bywell Community Hall: Tuesday 28th October, 7 pm.
13. **Climate Change**
To consider: whether a Riding Mill in Bloom group could be formed to help maintain areas around the village. One of the main aims would be to plant and manage the plots for hotter, drier summers e.g. could the unused land by the MUGA court be changed to a dry/gravel garden with mini meadow areas.
14. **Finance**
 - a. *Monthly accounts* - to receive for approval:
 - (i) a summary of payments for authorisation and the bank reconciliation (Paper Ci);
 - (ii) an overall review of current budget spending (Paper Cii)
 - b. *Fixed savings account* – update from the Clerk.
 - c. *Bank signatories* – to agree on a 5th signatory.
15. **General Village Maintenance**
 - (i) Handyman. To note: the handyman's work in July & August;
 - (ii) Play Park repairs / issues – Update from the Clerk;
 - (iii) Graffiti
 - (iv) Allotment wall repairs – outline of possible costs;
 - (v) Safety mirrors
 - (vi) Trees – Update from the Clerk re tree survey and emergency tree work
16. **Planning**
Planning applications received and decisions made by Northumberland County Council:
 - (i) To report: that the following new planning applications are under consideration:
 - 25/02912/LBC – 3 Hollin Hill Terrace. LBC to undertake like for like repairs to roof, repointing work to chimneys and front of house. PC – no objection;
 - 25/02895/FUL & 25/02896/LBC – 6 Hollin Hill Terrace. Demolition of existing single garage and erection of double garage. PC – no objection;
 - 25/02805/FELTPO – Wentworth Grange. Tree work (1 x fell, 2 x crown lift). PC – no objection;
 - 25/03061/LBC – 2 Hollin Hill Terrace. LBC to create opening between kitchen and dining room;
 - (ii) To report: that the following planning applications have been granted permission:
 - 25/01912/LBC & 25/01913/LBC – 6 Hollin Hill Terrace. Internal works;
 - 25/01672/FUL – Kingmead, Sandy Bank. New summerhouse;
 - (ii) To report: that an appeal has been made to the Planning Inspectorate after refusal of the following planning application:
 - 25/01066/FULL – 1 Ford Terrace, Broomhaugh. Creation of a roof terrace
17. **Correspondence**
To consider: any correspondence issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
18. **Minor Matters**
 - (i) September E-newsletter

(ii) Any other business

19. **Date of Future Meeting**

Monday 13th October 2025.

20. **Confidential Matters:** Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 it is resolved that, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press leave the meeting during consideration of the following item:

1. The Clerk's yearly appraisal and to consider whether to approve a yearly pay award.

Correspondence:

Complaints re poor state of footpaths – referred to Cllr. Oliver

Complaint re state of football field

Complaint of a resident attaching notices to cars complaining about parking

Notification of graffiti around village