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 13th April 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 will be available from 7.15 pm and members of the public may put questions to the Council from 7.30-7.45 pm

Dated: 8th April 2026 **Catherine Harrison, Parish Clerk**

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declaration of Interests**
   To receive: disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.
3. **Minutes**
   To resolve: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 9th March 2026 be signed as a correct record (Paper A).
4. **Matters Arising**
   To report: on matters arising from the previous meeting, excluding those included elsewhere on the agenda.
   (i) *Minute 26/36(i) – Riding Mill Outdoor Pre-school.* To receive: any updates;
   (ii) *Minute 26/36(ii) – Play Park Fundraising*. Update from Cllr. Wood and the Clerk.
5. **County Councillor Report**
   To receive: a report on matters of interest relating to the village.
6. **Riding Mill Tennis Club – updated proposal to provide lighting for the double tennis courts**
   To receive (Papers Bi-Biii):
   (i) a copy of the proposal which was shared with tennis club members recently;
   (ii) a report from a lighting consultant commissioned by the Club;
   (iii) the environmental impact assessment which was commissioned by the Club.

   It was noted, that the Tennis Club intended to publish these documents on its website and would be holding an open day for residents to view the proposals on Saturday 25th April.
7. **The Riding Mill Society**
   To receive: a report from Penny Hawley regarding whether there is interest in re-forming the Riding Mill Society (Paper C).
8. **Reports from meetings**
   - Cllr. Jones – Northumberland Community Energy Ltd AGM.

9 **Climate Change**
   To note: any current issues / progress of dry garden project.

10. **Finance**
   (a) *Monthly Accounts* - to receive for approval:
   (i) a summary of payments for authorisation and the bank reconciliation (Paper Di);
   (ii) an overall review of budget spending for 25/26 and to consider the allocation of unspent funds to the reserves (Papers Dii & Diii) and to subsequently update and readopt the Financial Reserves Policy (Paper Div).

(b) *Requests for funding*

To consider the following requests for funding:

(i) A donation to help cover costs of staging a weekend of events to help raise funds to improve toilet facilities at St James Church (Ei);

(ii) To pay for a replacement picnic table at the Parish Hall (Paper Eii).

11. **General Village Maintenance**

(i) Handyman. To note: the handyman's work in March;

(ii) Replacement of planters in Marchburn Lane;

(iii) Any other matters.

12. **Planning**

Planning applications received and decisions made by Northumberland County Council:

(i) To report: that the following new planning application is under consideration:

- 26/00911/LBC – Hollin Hill Cottage. Listed Building Consent for a proposed garage, replacement windows, replacement render and repointing of stone work. PC – no objection;
- 26/00902/FUL – 42 Station Close. First floor side extension PC – no objection.

(ii) To report: that the following planning applications have been granted permission: None

(iii) To report: that the following variation of condition has been received: 26/01107/VARYCO – Osbit, Broomhaugh House. Variation of condition relating to hard landscaping and drainage proposals. PC – no comment.

(iv) To note: that the application for a new dwelling (25/03877/FUL – Land north of Old Tavern) will be decided at the West Area planning committee on Tuesday 14th April.

13. **Correspondence**

To consider: any correspondence issues not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

14. **Minor Matters**

(i) Memorial plaque.

15. **Date of Future Meeting**

To resolve that the next meeting of the Parish Council should be held on Monday 11th May 2026.

16. **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. To agree: on the recipient of this year's Community Champion Award (Paper F).

Correspondence:

Anonymous letter complaining of parking issues on Station Close

Speeding issues at Beauclerc

Dates for the Diary

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7 pm, Thursday 14th May, Parish Hall