

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 14th 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 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: 9th September 2026

Catherine Harrison, Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Declaration of Interests**

- (i) To receive: disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting;
- (ii) Register of Interest forms: councillors to complete a new Declaration of Interests form.

3. **Minutes**

To resolve: that the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13th July 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 26/103(i) – Pre-school use of the Spinney.* Update from Cllr. Howe or the Clerk. Also, to note a request to use the Spinney on Saturday 17th October for the Pre-school AGM;
- (ii) *Minute 26/103(ii) – Installation of a dog waste bin at Beauclerc.* To consider possible costs.

5. **County Councillor Report**

To receive: a report on matters of interest relating to the village.

6. **Marchburn Lane Residents' Association meeting**

To receive: a copy of the minutes from the recent residents' meeting and to note suggestions on what could replace the rotting planters on the bridge (Paper B).

7. **Sandy Bank Residents Association (SBRA)**

To receive: a request from the SBRA to enter into a formal written agreement conferring a right of access to Sandy Bank residents over The Nick for motor vehicle use and which stipulates agreed responsibilities for all parties (Paper C).

8. **Play Park**

- (i) *Annual Inspection Report:* To receive a copy of this year's report and to note any issues raised (Paper D);
- (ii) *Repair of the team swing:* To receive a quote for the repair of the team swing;
- (iii) *Equipment Renewal:* To receive an update from Cllr. Wood and the Clerk and to agree the priorities for the update.

9. **Flood Warden Public Liability Insurance**

To note: that the Environment Agency has advised that flood wardens are not classed as operational EA Volunteers and are therefore not covered by EA public liability cover. To

consider what implications this may have for the Riding Mill flood volunteers and whether additional insurance cover is necessary.

10. **Climate Change**

To note any current issues including the completion of Stage 1 of the dry garden and the proposed apple juicing day to be held at the Parish Hall on Saturday 10th October.

11. **Meetings to attend**

- Town & Parish Council Meeting with the County Council – County Hall, Thursday 8th October, 7 – 8.10 pm (market place event from 5 pm).

12. **Finance**

Monthly accounts - to receive for approval:

- (i) a summary of payments for authorisation and the bank reconciliation (Paper Ei);
- (ii) an overall review of current budget spending (Paper Eii)

13. **General Village Maintenance**

- (i) Handyman. To note: the handyman's work in July & August;
- (ii) Sports club – use of grant;
- (iii) Any other issues.

14. **Planning**

Planning applications received and decisions made by Northumberland County Council:

- (i) To report: that the following new planning applications are under consideration:
 - 26/02841/FUL – Pre-school building and play area, grounds of Wentworth Grange Nursing Home. PC – comments in support;
 - 26/02941/PRUTPO – Tinklers Gill, Oaklands. Tree work. PC – no objection.
- (ii) To report: that no planning applications have been granted permission since the last meeting in July.

15. **Correspondence**

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

16. **Minor Matters**

- (i) September E-newsletter
- (ii) Registration of the Old Playground with the Land Registry
- (ii) Any other business

17. **Date of Future Meeting**

Monday 12th October 2026.

18. **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 (Paper F).

Correspondence:

- Issues with parked cars blocking the footpath and obscuring sightlines at the junction of East View and the A695
- Parking adjacent to the double tennis courts/damage to verges
- Overgrown trees near the road bridge beside The Wellington
- Nighttime closure of the A68 to the Styford roundabout in addition to road closures at Corbridge/Hexham. Resident is concerned about the lack of notice and the diversion of large HGVs through the village.