

**MINUTES OF THE EGGLESTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON**  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 At 7pm at Village Hall, Eggleston**

**Item 1. Attendees**

Cllr L. Oxby (Chair), Cllr Ted Henderson and Cllr W. Greenfield

C. Wake, Parish Clerk and minute taker.

**Item 2. Accepted Apologies**

Cllr J. Donald on holiday

Cllr R. Hutchinson due to work commitments

Cllr M. Souter due to work commitments

**Item 3. Declaration of Interest**

None declared.

**Item 4. Acceptance and signature of minutes of the meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 & 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026; Annual Meeting of Eggleston Parish Council.**

Minutes of Monthly meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were proposed by Cllr Ted Henderson and seconded by Cllr W. Greenfield. All councilors in agreement. These to be displayed on the Parish Council notice board and website.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Eggleston Parish Council held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 were proposed by Cllr W. Greenfield and seconded by Cllr L. Oxby. All councilors in agreement. These to be displayed on the Parish Council notice board and website.

**Item 5. Public Participation**

None.

**Item 6. Action Points and Matters Arising**

Updates made.

## Item 7. Finance & Financial Update

### 7a. Accounts

|                                              | Amount<br>£ |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b><u>Account Balances 3rd June 2026</u></b> |             |
| Community Account Ending 6942:               | 12508.61    |
| Business Premium Account Ending 2830:        | 5,486.49    |
| Business Premium Account - Park<br>Upkeep    | 2149.23     |
| Park Equipment                               | 0.37        |
| <b><u>Cheques issued</u></b>                 |             |
| Holy Trinity Church PCC                      | 100.00      |
| Audit Services                               | 50          |

### 7b. Insurance

#### 7b1. War Memorials Cover

The councillors discussed means of possibly reducing the insurance premium cost by removing cover for the War Memorials which stands at £16,139.61. It was agreed that should the memorial be damaged by a motor vehicle then this would fall under the motor vehicles insurance. Proposed by Cllr W. Greenfield and seconded by Cllr L. Oxby. All councilors in agreement.

**Action:** Parish clerk to check if removal of the War Memorials cover would change the premium rate.

#### 7b2. Long-term Agreement

It was discussed and agreed to take the long-term agreement for 3 years which will provide better discounted yearly rates of insurance during this period; subject to the terms of the policy. Proposed by Cllr W. Greenfield and seconded by Cllr Ted Henderson. All councilors in agreement.

## Item 8. Tenders

Tenders are due for renewal for both the Recreation Park Maintenance and Grass Cutting.

## **8a. Recreation Park**

It was proposed by Cllr Greenfield to look at engaging with HMP Deerbolt, Barnard Castle who's inmates may be able to undertake supervised community work projects. This would provide the young inmates with valuable skills and positive engagement within local communities.

Proposed by Cllr W. Greenfield and seconded by Cllr Ted Henderson. All councilors in agreement.

**Action:** Parish Clerk to write to HMP Deerbolt, Barnard Castle.

## **8b. Grass Cutting**

A new three-year contract agreement is due for the grass cutting and tender documents can now be sent out.

Proposed by Cllr W. Greenfield and seconded by Cllr L. Oxby. All councilors in agreement.

**Action:** Parish Clerk to send out at least three tender requests.

## **Item 9. Planning**

### **9a. Pine Tree Cottage & Former Three Tuns; Church Bank**

The Councillors have been made aware that the above properties are currently being offered for sale by two firms. It was agreed that the purchasers need to be fully informed of the legal status of the Village Green land adjoining the properties and the implications this has for its use.

**Action:**

Parish Clerk to write to Agents.

## **Item 10. Feedback from Meetings**

- **Smaller Council Forum:** Cllr Greenfield attended the Smaller Council Forum meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Cllr. Greenfield provided notes from the meeting which can be found along with these minutes on the website.

## **Item 11. Clerk's Issues and Correspondence**

- **Vegetation encroaching onto the roadway at Heather Patch** – Parish Clerk to write to the Occupier.
- Hours worked - May– 22 hrs.
- Next meeting will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2026. This meeting was closed on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 8:15pm.