

## **Rochester with Byrness Parish Council**

Tuesday 30 September, 2025 – 7.00pm

*The meeting will be held at Rochester Village Hall*

*For details please contact the Clerk at [rochesterwithbyrnesspc@gmail.com](mailto:rochesterwithbyrnesspc@gmail.com)*

### **AGENDA**

#### **1 Attendance:**

#### **2 Apologies:**

#### **3 Declaration of Interest:**

#### **4 Agreement of the minutes from the Parish Council meeting – 29 July, 2025**

#### **5 Guest speaker –**

#### **6 Opportunity for members of the public to raise matters:**

#### **7 Matters arising:**

- a) Woodland management plan in Byrness and creation of an unrestricted budget reserve – Update, discussion & decision
- b) Byrness substation progress update – Update
- c) Isaac's seat replacement options – Update
- d) Byrness telephone box – Update
- e) Debris on the Parish Council land, Byrness – Update, discussion & decision
- f) Byrness allotments – hedge trimming and request from tenant to replace shed – Update, discussion & decision
- g) Grass cutting in Byrness and Rochester 2026-2028 – Update
- h) Speeding traffic through Rochester & possible Community Speed Watch – Update, discussion & decision
- i) Rochester bus stop – Update
- j) Community transport in Redesdale (volunteer drivers) – Update
- k) Local Transport Programme plan 2026/27 – 2028/29 – Discussion & decision
- l) Giant tree circle – Update
- m) Community Governance Review – Update
- n) Polling district & Polling place review 2025 – Update
- o) Parish Council vacancies – Update
- p) 2026-2030 NCC Corporate Plan meeting – Update

#### **8. Planning:**

- a) 25/01109/FUL: Siting of container coffee stop including formation of hardstanding: Land East & West of Carter Bar Lay-by, Jedburgh (Scottish Borders Council):

#### **9. Finance/accounts for payment:**

- a) Parish finance update – Update
- b) Proposal to use way-leave income, currently in the general balance for community benefits – Update, discussion & decision
- c) Proposed creation of an unrestricted reserve for Parish Council land management – Update, discussion & decision
- d) Review of Clerk's salary following NALCs recommendations
- e) Bank charges for August & September 2025
- f) The following payment(s) were approved between meetings:-
  - Payment to Chris Mowatt for grass cutting
- g) The following payment(s) are presented for approval:-
  - M Chilvers (August & September, 2025) salary, backdated salary and expenses
  - Reimbursement to Clerk for purchase of Remembrance wreath
  - Payment of room hire at Rochester Village Hall on 30 September
  - Remuneration for costs associated with Byrness grass cutting at playing field

#### **10 Any Other Business: Date of next meeting – Tuesday 25 November, 2025 at Byrness Village Hall, starting at 7:00pm.**