GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2 November 2026 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present: Cllrs Coates (Chair), Barningham, Jones, Hird and the Clerk and 1 member of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Mark Forrest
Cllr Matt Barker
NYC Yvonne Peacock

2. To confirm minutes of meeting held on 1 September 2026 as a true and correct record

The minutes of the last meeting held on 1 September 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary

3.1 Grinton Cemetery Wall / Grass Cutting

After chasing up on the repair of the damaged cemetery wall, the Bereavement Services Manager based in Skipton advised she would put more pressure on the maintenance team to get the work carried out as it had been some considerable time since the damage occurred.

With regard to the dismantled benches, the Parish Council wondered if it would be acceptable for them to arrange full refurbishment of the benches by replacing the wooden slats between the concrete bench ends. The clerk is to contact the Bereavement Services Manager to see if that would be a solution.

3.2 River View

The latest email from the owners of River View regarding parish land adjacent to the property was discussed in full. It was agreed that the Council's comments from the meeting on 1 September 2026 still stood.

3.3 Litter Bin outside Grinton PC's

The clerk has been advised that the cost of a new litter bin to be sited outside Grinton's public conveniences would cost £450 including VAT. This expense was approved. The clerk to progress.

4. Correspondence Received

4.1 Parish Precept Arrangments for 2027/2028

It was agreed that the current year's precept amount of £7120 would not change for the next financial year. NYC to be advised.

4.2 Grit Bins up Whitaside

A request has been received from a Whitaside resident for grit bins to be sited up Whitaside instead of grit heaps.
NYC charge £50 per a grit bin and an annual charge of £75 for up to two refills. However, the current arrangement of grit heaps at the side of the road is free.
Because of the cost involved, it was suggested by the Councillors that grit from these heaps could be deployed to wherever it was needed and there would be no issue if it was stored in a container by whoever moved the grit.

4.3 Ripon Cathedral presentation by Grinton Books

The Diocese of Leeds has contacted Grinton Books to ask for a short presentation on the work of Grinton Books. This is to take place at Ripon Cathedral on Wednesday 4 November 2026.

5. Matters requested by / to be reported on by Councillors

5.1 UDHW Meeting – 15 September 2026

The first meeting of the Patient Participation Group covering the Central Dales Practice, now including all the new Swaledale and Arkengarthdale members, met for the first time since the Reeth Practice joined. A synopsis of the meeting discussion is available on the Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish Council website for review.

5.2 YLCA Meeting – 8 October 2026

It was announced at the YLCA meeting that the new Catterick medical facility is due to open shortly and that the facilities it had to offer would alleviate visits to other hospitals in the area. Dental work is not covered.

5.3 Grinton Gill Riverbank alterations by Heatherlea

It was noted that retaining wall work had been carried out behind Heatherlea, at the request of Greystones, causing damage to the opposing bank and severely restricting the flow of water. The Parish Council is to write to Meirion Jones at NYC to request an inspection visit.

5.4 Grinton Public Conveniences

The NYC Public Toilets department has been advised about the missing Mens toilet sign and dislodged coping stone but these issues are still outstanding. Clerk to chase.

5.5 Grinton Parish Hall – Maintenance Work

The Parish Council has been advised that the back of Grinton Parish Hall is covered by ivy and brambles and needs cutting back and clearing. It was agreed to give Robert Foster the go ahead to carry out this work.

5.6 Grinton Parish Hall – Internal Alterations

It was agreed to go ahead with the internal alteration of the Grinton Parish Hall ground floor area by moving the sink to a new position and inserting cupboards and new shelving.

6. YDNP Planning Applications

6.1 Manor Farm, Grinton

Raising canopy of 4 sycamore trees - no objections raised

7. Finances

7.1 Payments

The following Direct Debit payments were noted:-

- EON September £33.77 / October £34.15
- Business Stream (Water) £32.48

The following Bank Transfer payments were noted:-

- PM Iveson £4176.00
- British Heart Foundation £954.00
- Central Dales £2000 (NYC Locality Budget Grant)

The following paid cheques were noted:-

- Grinton Battery Backup Kit £153.55
- Grinton Xmas Lights £300.00 (NYC Locality Budget Grant)
- Grinton Xmas Lights £300.00 (matching Parish contribution)
- British Legion Remembrance Wreath £30.00

7.2 Cheque Signing

- The cheque for the Clerk's 6 month wages of £900 was signed

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Parish Forum Meeting – 17 November 2026

It was noted that the above meeting on Teams Link would attended by Cllrs Coates and Jones.

9. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 4 January 2027