

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 1 September 2025 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present : Cllrs Coates (Chair), Barker, Barningham, Forrest, Jones and the Clerk and North Yorks Cllr Yvonne Peacock

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Heggie

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 July 2025, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

3. Matters Arising

Northern Power Grid

Although there's been no communication direct from Northern Powergrid, the clerk circulated details found on the YDNP website showing the intended electricity supply upgrade planned for Grinton. These details will be now uploaded to the Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish website for general viewing. There is no response needed to YDNP as this work is covered by Regulation 5.

20mph Speed Limit Proposal

A letter which had been sent to the Highways Department about the proposal of a 20mph speed limit for Moor Road and Swale Lane has received a response. There needs to be speed surveys and talks with the police before agreement can be confirmed, and as there is a backlog of requests at the moment no time frame can be given, but our contact believes that Grinton has a case.

Environment Agency – Grinton Bridge River Level Recorder

The Environment Agency has responded to our communication confirming the parish's agreement to a new licence. They proposed to send a draft agreement which we are still waiting on.

Defibrillator Pads

Confirmation that the defibrillator pads have now been replaced and the data updated on The Circuit online to show that the defibrillator is available in an emergency.

Security Camera

The matter of installing a security camera at the Grinton Institute was discussed in detail together with all the implications. It was felt that having a camera monitoring traffic might be advantageous when police are after information on stolen vehicles, etc. Discussion with other parishes needs to take place to find out their views along with

public input. This would be the first step needed in order to make a decision. To be followed up at the next parish meeting.

4. Correspondence

Open Spaces Society

Notification was sent to the Open Spaces Society about cancellation of membership. Although the yearly subscription had just been taken by direct debit, it was agreed that the funds would be reimbursed.

Vans in the Valley

An email was received by from North Yorks Environment Health Officer in response to our communication regarding the complaint about over running of live music at the recent Vans in the Valley event. It was noted and contact had been made with the organisers. The noise complaint would be considered in response to any future applications from the event organisers

Potholes on Crackpot Road

The condition of the road from Crackpot to Gunnerside was discussed. It was decided that Cllr Yvonne Peacock would contact our local highways inspector with a view to having a joint inspection.

This discussion has since been superseded by an email from Cllr Peacock advising that highways realise that this road is in a bad state and that they are working on a plan to facilitate all the work that needs to be done. No time frame was given.

YDNP – Planning Notifications

There were no planning notifications to review

Parish Council IT Policy

An email from YLCA was discussed about the changes to digital and data compliance. In order to meet accountability by year end 31 March 2026, all council communication should be via the official gov.uk emails that have been assigned to all councillors / clerk.

5. Finance

Payables

A cheque for Alison Chandler was raised and signed.

Direct Debit payments for July / August were:-

EON £31.12 / £30.41

Business Stream invoice for £22.13 has been offset against our £50 direct debit incentive.

Clerk's Salary Review

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Barningham to increase the clerk's annual wages to £1800 and this was unanimously agreed.

Precept Notification

It was unanimously agreed that the precept figure to be forwarded to NYC for the financial year 2026/27 should be increased by £1,000 to £7,120.

6. Any Other Business

Haggs Gill Corner

The state of the roadside trees on the B6270 from the Ellerton Abbey 40mph road sign through to The Gatehouse was raised by Cllr Barker. At the moment vehicles are driving down the centre of the road to avoid branches. The clerk is to contact the Highways Department asking for remedial work to be carried out to ensure the carriageway is clear.

7. Date and time of next meeting

Next meeting to be held on Monday 3 November 2025 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall