

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

1. To receive apologies for absence

None

2. To Co-opt new Councillor

Christine Hird was welcomed as the new co-opted councillor for the parish. The Declaration of Acceptance form was duly signed and countersigned by the Parish Clerk. The Pecuniary Interests form is to follow.

3. To confirm minutes of meeting held on 5 January as a true and correct record

The minutes of the last meeting held on 5 January 2026 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

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

4.1 Grinton Bridge River Level Recorder

The Environment Agency has issued a draft agreement covering the RLR at Grinton Bridge. The following amendments needed were highlighted:-

- The name of the council to include Ellerton Abbey
- The parish council's contact address to be amended
- Title of signatories to be amended
- Amendment to attached plan showing parish land

The Parish Clerk to contact the Environment Agency and request the above amendments to be made to the agreement

4.2 20mph Speed Limit Proposal

Highways have been in contact about the date of the speed surveys to be held in Grinton. The "tubes" will be set up in 4 locations and be active from 16 March 2026 for 7 days. Highways will then speak to the police and update the council as to the proposed way forward.

4.3 Hags Gill Corner – Overgrown Trees

Cllr Matt Baker attended a site meeting with Highways late January and highlighted the issues with the overgrown trees at Hags Gill Corner. Highways are now waiting for prices before proceeding with the work.

4.4 Highways Maintenance – Crackpot Road

Once again the problem with potholes between Crackpot to Spring End has been taken up with Highways. Apologies were received as it was recognised that the matter has been reported a number of times. The Highways Project Engineer has said an inspection will be made of the section of road in question upon which an order will then be placed with their contractor for the repair of any damage that meets their intervention order.

NY Cllr Yvonne Peacock to progress

4.5. Grinton Gill Riverbank

There has been further damage to the bank since the last meeting in January but not to the point of intervention. It was decided to keep monitoring the beck.

5. Correspondence Received

5.1 Rotary Club Richmond – Best Kept Village Competition

It was agreed to enter Grinton into the Best Kept Village competition. It has been noted, however, that there is an issue with the village green at the moment which has occurred because farm vehicles are having problems negotiating past a parked car. Parish Clerk to write to those concerned.

5.2 YLCA – Law & Governance – email January 2026

An email highlighting changes on Law and Governance rules was discussed and noted.

5.3 Spring Parish Forum April/May 2026

YDNP email regarding the Spring Parish Forum planned for April/May 2026 was noted.

5.4 YDNP – Planning Event/Session – March 2026

Cllr Geraldine Coates expressed interest in attending this Microsoft Teams meeting on Wednesday 18 March 2026. Parish Clerk to confirm with organisers.

6. Finances

6.1 Direct Debit Payments

The following Direct Debit payments were noted:-

- EON January £144.29 & February £127.02

6.2 Bank Account

Councillors were updated on the current status of the parish's bank accounts

7. Any Other Business

An email has been received regarding the state of the road up Whitaside with the request for it to be upgraded from Priority 3 to Priority 2 for gritting. Also, the current state of repair of the road was raised regarding potholes and water erosion.

The following actions to be taken:-

- The Clerk to contact Highways for the form needed to request an upgrade in priority
- As there are so many potholes, the Clerk to write directly to Highways highlighting the issues and not use the Highways Portal

NY Cllr Yvonne Peacock to progress the above with Highways

8. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 11 May 2026