

# GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish Council held on Monday 7 July 2025 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present : Cllrs Coates (Chair), Barker, Barningham, Forrest, Jones and the Clerk

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Heggie

North Yorks Cllr Yvonne Peacock

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 May 2025, having been circulated, were approved and signed.

**3. Matters Arising**

**Yorkshire Dales Rally – March 2026**

The clerk emailed David Powell at the Competition Authorisation Office to raise concerns about the speed of rally competitors driving down Grinton Bank through the village on the way to their next stage, asking for respect to the residents who live there. David Powell responded by saying that the comments were duly noted and had been passed on for appropriate action by the organising team.

**Northern Power Grid**

The clerk emailed Northern Power regarding the proposed work on Grinton Village Green, giving the Parish Council's approval but requesting that the green be reinstated afterwards to the council's satisfaction. We are now waiting for the date when these works are expected to take place and the anticipated duration.

**20mph Speed Limit Proposal**

A survey has been circulated among the residents of Moor Road and Swale Lane regarding a proposed 20mph speed limit. The general consensus was that this was a good idea. The next stage is for the clerk to write to Keane Duncan, Transport Executive, at NYC.

**Swaledale Festival Parking**

The Councillors all thought that the Swaledale Festival organisers had done an excellent job in the policing and marshalling of parking during the festival events held at St Andrew's Church (although there had been a wayward white van). It was noted that the marshalls were out in all weathers. It was a job well done.

**Bus Shelter Repairs**

The painting and repairs to the Grinton Bus Shelter have been carried out and completed.

#### **4. Correspondence**

##### **Environment Agency – Grinton Bridge River Level Recorder**

A letter has been received from the Environment Agency regarding paying the Council for the use of parish land to site their rain gauge. The original licence agreement expired in November 2023. The new agreement would run for 20 years on the same terms as before including a lump sum of £1000. The clerk is to confirm that this is acceptable so a new agreement can be prepared.

##### **YDNP – Planning Notifications**

- Reduction of 8 x Ash, Grinton Estate – no objection
- Caravan Rallies during 2026 at Parks Field – forwarded to Reeth Parish Council

#### **5. Finance**

##### **EON Next**

The Clerk confirmed that a Direct Debit has now been set up with future invoices being issued and emailed by EON at the beginning of each month and funds for just the invoice value being taken on 17<sup>th</sup> of the month.

##### **Business Stream**

Likewise, Business Stream has now been moved on to Direct Debit. A £50 credit was issued as an incentive. This will be used to cover upcoming bills.

##### **Electronic Bank Transfer**

The Parish Council now has the ability of pay invoices by electronic bank transfer which will speed up future invoice payments.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

##### **Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Forms were signed by the Chair and Vice Chair confirming their Acceptance of Office.

##### **NYC Yvonne Peacock – Open House Surgery, Reeth**

It was noted that NYC Cllr Yvonne Peacock will be holding an Open House Surgery at Hudson House Reeth on 11 August 2025. The Surgery will be open from 11am for any parishioners wishing to attend and ask questions.

##### **Open Spaces Society**

It was unanimously agreed that the council would cancel their membership of the Open Spaces Society. The clerk is to advise the Society and also cancel the direct debit with the bank.

##### **Vans in the Valley Event**

It was noted that at the recent Vans in the Valley event, which was held in Parks Field, the live music overran the time stated in the licencing agreement. Comments by residents have been made. It was agreed that the clerk would raise the issue with the NYC Licencing Department and also the events organiser.

##### **Defibrillator Pads**

It was noted that the pads in the defibrillator sited at Grinton Institute were coming up for date and an order needed to be placed by the clerk for a new supply.

**Security Camera -**

The subject of a security camera for Grinton Institute was raised. Cllr Jones has agreed to investigate the purchase costs, installation, etc.

**7. Date and time of next meeting**

Next meeting to be held on Monday 1 September 2025 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall