

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of **Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Annual Parish Council Meeting** held on Monday 11 May 2026 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

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

1. To receive apologies for absence

None

2. To elect Chair and Vice Chair

Chair - G Coates was proposed for the position of Chair by M Barningham and seconded by M Forrest

Vice Chair – M Forrest was proposed for the position of Vice Chair by M Jones and seconded by G Coates

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

The minutes of the last meeting held on 2 March 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

An email from the Environment Agency dated 11 May 2026, including a revised map showing the access route together with the EA GRP Kiosk location, was reviewed. It was agreed that the amendment was acceptable and to be included in the revised agreement. Parish Clerk to confirm with the EA.

4.2 20mph Speed Limit Proposal

After analysis of data from the recent speed surveys, Highways have put together an initial plan for suggested speed limit changes for Grinton which suggest a 20mph speed limit from the Redmire junction on Grinton Bank to the Richmond Road junction. This speed limit would also cover the beginning of Swale Hall Lane to the current non-speed restriction sign where it would then change to 30mph up the road to a point near Bleak House. There is also a suggested speed limit of 40mph from Grinton Cemetery to the current 30mph sign for Grinton. The Councillors reviewed and agreed to the proposed suggestions. These speed limit changes have also been forwarded to other members of the Highways team and the police for comment.

4.3 Hags Gill Corner – Overgrown Trees

Work to remove overhanging trees on Hags Gill corner has taken place. However, trees further along the road towards Grinton have been missed out. NY Cllr Yvonne Peacock will progress together with Cllr Matt Barker.

4.4 Highways Maintenance – Crackpot Road

The majority of the potholes between Crackpot and Spring End have been repaired. However, Highways were unable to tackle a large “sink hole” as they didn’t have the correct equipment with them. This is still outstanding. NY Cllr Yvonne Peacock to progress.

4.5 Highway Maintenance - Whitaside

Highways has confirmed that an order will be issued to their contractors for the appropriate repairs but as yet no work has been undertaken. NY Cllr Yvonne Peacock to progress.

4.5. Grinton Gill Riverbank

The condition of Grinton Gill riverbank has deteriorated since the last Parish Council meeting in March. It was agreed that Cllr Mark Jones would contact Pete Iveson to arrange a site review.

5. Correspondence Received

5.1 Parking on Grinton Bank

The Parish Council has received a response to their communication about parking on Grinton Bank. The points raised were all noted. The Parish Clerk to send a letter in reply taking up the suggested offer to instal white plastic posts to protect the repaired verge.

5.2 Parish Land at River View

An email from the owners of River View has been received with a request to purchase parish land adjacent to their property. The Councillors pointed out that, as previously stated, it was not within the Parish Council’s remit to sell and, even if they did, the land would still be village green with public access.

5.3 Reeth Community Hall – Change of Legal Structure

An email has been received about changing the legal structure for the Reeth & District Memorial Hall from an Uncorporated Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This proposal was fully discussed and it was agreed to support this change in status.

5.4 Zurich Insurance Renewal Quotation

It was agreed to accept the yearly insurance quotation from Zurich at a cost of £988.38

5.5 YLCA Membership Renewal

It was agreed to renew the annual YLCA membership at a cost of £144.00

5.6 Netmore Smart Meter Monitoring

It was agreed not to take up the proposed installation of a Netmore Smart Meter monitoring antenna on Grinton Parish Hall

5.7 Reeth Medical Centre Closure

There was a discussion held on the ongoing issues and implications to the community with regard to the closure of Reeth Medical Centre

6. Finances

6.1 To Approve Annual Governance Statement 2025/2026

The Annual Governance Statement was circulated and approved by Councillors

6.2 To Approve Annual Accounts 2025/2026

The Annual Accounts 2025/2026 were circulated and approved by Councillors

6.3 Direct Debit Payments

The following Direct Debit payments were noted:-

- EON March £90.09 & April £88.03

6.4 Signing of Cheques

A cheque for £900 covering the Parish Clerk's half yearly wages was duly signed.

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Cemetery Wall

Cllr Mark Jones has been approached by a member of the public about the poor state of Grinton cemetery wall. This has been reported to NYC who have confirmed that repair will be scheduled.

7.2 Grinton Christmas Lights

A further donation from the Parish Council of £300 was agreed. This amount would match the generous donation agreed by NY Cllr Yvonne Peacock from her Locality Fund.

8. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 6 July 2026