

GRINTON & ELLERTON ABBEY PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of Grinton & Ellerton Abbey Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 1 September 2026 at 7.00pm in Grinton Parish Hall

Present : Cllrs Coates (Chair), Barningham, Forrest, Jones, Hird, Barker and the Clerk,
North Yorks Cllr Yvonne Peacock and 3 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence

None

2. To confirm minutes of meeting held on 6 July 2026 as a true and correct record

The minutes of the last meeting held on 6 July 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 Hags Gill Corner – Overgrown Trees

The problem with overgrown trees encroaching over the road at Hags Gill corner is still outstanding. NY Councillor Yvonne Peacock agreed to follow up with Highways.

3.2 Grinton Gill Riverbank

The remedial work to stabilise Grinton Gill riverbank erosion, as discussed at July's meeting, has now been carried out to the satisfaction of all the councillors. The clerk is now waiting for Pete Iveson to submit his invoice so that payment can be made.

3.3 Grinton Cemetery Wall / Grass Cutting

The responsibility for the maintenance of the surrounding wall at Grinton Cemetery now falls under the remit of North Yorkshire Bereavement Services based in Skipton. They now look after all the cemeteries in the Dales. At this time no work has been undertaken. The Clerk is to progress.

Regarding grass cutting, this is the responsibility of the Parks team.

4. Correspondence Received

4.1 Grinton Bridge River Level Recorder

The final agreement covering the Grinton Bridge Level Recorder has now been received from the Environment Agency. It has duly been signed and returned.

4.2 Community Emergency Plan

An email has been received from Jason Wainwright, Emergency Planning Officer for NYC. After discussion it was agreed that the current arrangements for Grinton would stay as they were with Cllr Mark Jones being the initial point of contact. It was agreed, in case of power failure, to purchase a Battery Backup kit which would be sited at Grinton Parish Hall for use by parishioners.

4.3 Whitaside Gritting Priority Level Update

The meeting to review this Winter's gritting arrangements was scheduled by Highways for 26 August 2026. The request to upgrade Whitaside's level from Priority 3 to 2 was discussed by unfortunately rejected. Highways are going to review the provision and spacing of grit heaps and bins in the area before Winter.

4.4 River View – request to create paved path

An email has been received from River View asking the parish council's permission to lay a path around the perimeter of the property. The councillors rejected the request with the added note that they were aware that plants had been grown adjacent to the house which is on village green land. The ruling is that parish councils are unable to enter into any special arrangements that stop the use of land as a village green.

5. YDNP Planning Applications

5.1 Scarr House, Harkerside

Internal and external alterations to dwelling – no objections raised

5.2 Bells Low Whita Farm, Low Whita

Section 19 application for remove Condition 4 – no objections raised

6. Finances

6.1 Direct Debit Payments

The following Direct Debit payments were noted:-

- EON July £32.59 / August £31.69

6.2 Bank Transfer Payments

- Graham Frankland for maintenance work £275

7. Any Other Business

7.1 Remembrance Sunday Wreath

It was agreed to order a wreath for Remembrance Sunday. Clerk to action.

7.2 Autumn Parish Forum Meeting

An email has been received from YDNP announcing the online Autumn Parish Forum meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17 November 2026. Cllrs Coates and Jones to agreed to attend.

7.3 Grinton Defibrillator

As the current defibrillator is coming to the end of its serviceable life, it was agreed to go ahead with a quote received from BHF for a replacement defibrillator at £954.

7.4 Distribution of Recycling Bins

A discussion was held on NYCs revised domestic waste collection system that now requires the issue of 2 new wheelie bins for each household for the purposes of recycling. NY Cllr Yvonne Peacock said that NYC wants everyone to try and adopt the new system and it would only, after a trial period, address any problems that may arise. The bins will come into use the first week in October.

7.5 Additional Waste Bin for Grinton

The subject of an additional waste bin for Grinton was discussed in detail. It was proposed by Cllr Barningham and seconded by Cllr Forrest to order an additional bin to be sited near the Grinton Public Conveniences.

8. To confirm the date of the next meeting as Monday 2 November 2026