

# **Grewelthorpe Parish Council**

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Abbv: SD = Cllr S Dawson, AH = Cllr A Hodges, CH = Cllr C Harrison, CS = Cllr C Stelling, ET = Cllr E Threapleton, FC-L = Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister

Abbreviation List: PC = Parish Council, AONB = The National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, BB = Broadband, DoI = Declaration of Interests, ECRP = Electronic Community Resilience Plan, GPC = Grewelthorpe Parish Council, GSSA= Grewelthorpe Sports & Social Association, NYC = North Yorkshire Council, MoP = Member of the Public, RBL = Royal British Legion, VH = Village Hall, W3W = What Three Words, O = Ordinary

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held in Grewelthorpe Village Hall on

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 19.30hrs**

**A Public Participation Session started at 7.15pm.**

There were 6 MOPs present

A discussion was held in relation to the items on 2627/08 of the Agenda and a summary of the points raised is contained in the Minutes under that item.

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| <b>2627/O1</b> | <b>a) To Receive Apologies</b><br><br>There was a full attendance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                  |
|                | <b>b) To approve reasons for absence given by Councillors</b><br><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                  |
| <b>2627/O2</b> | <b>Dispensations &amp; Pecuniary Interests</b><br><b>a) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensations.</b><br><br>None were made<br><b>b) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's Code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.</b><br><br>None were received |                  |

- 2227/O3 Approval of Minutes:**  
a) To approve the minutes of the Emergency Parish Council Meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026.
- 2627/O4** These were approved – Signed ET and AH  
**Public participation Session** (for the public to talk to councillors about items on the agenda)  
See 2627/08 below
- 2627/O5 To receive the County Councillor's report**  
The report was received – copy attached to the Minutes.  
After discussion, the following points were to be pursued:-  
  
North Yorkshire Parish Council website – Seen as a positive move forward in better understanding. AH to register as temporary contact until clerk returns. **AH**  
  
Uredale Transport and Connectivity Group – YNYCA want to hear from rural communities who wish to be involved in shaping the County's transport decisions and have a survey that can be completed – <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk>.  
Agreed to ask Martin Glynn to place on WhatsOn. AH to brief MG. **AH**
- 2627/O6 To receive the Clerk's report** (Items received after the publication of the agenda or for items needing discussion)  
As the Clerk is on sick leave, no report was received
- 2627/O7 Matters arising from previous meetings** (Items requested to remain on the agenda or to be resolved)  
a) Update on the new bench for the North end of the village.  
  
ET reported that he had discussed the style of the new bench with Sally Graham's family and friends and that a new bench will be ordered. It will be wood appearance and of high quality resin. The PC will pay for the bench and Sally's family and friends for the plaque. Delivery should be in 8 weeks time.
- 2627/O8 Items for discussion from Councillors or a member of the public** (These are new items that have been requested to be included in the agenda)  
a) General state of the Village Pond (subsidence, duck population)  
  
ET updated the meeting on the work carried out to date. In order to keep the pond fully oxygenated, a new pump to aerate the water has been purchased and installed. The electricity supply to the pump via a 30 year old meter, was deemed by Northern Powergrid to be de-energised and was in an unsafe, condition. A new meter has been installed that complies with all safety regulations at an annual standing

charge of £200. There will also be available a 13amp socket for a specific village use with prior permission from the PC. He added that the electrical cabinet has been safely secured to the stone plinth and is for the time being out of danger of further subsidence. However, the concrete slab that was previously supporting the cabinet will require stabilising work in the near future for.

MOPs discussed the pond situation with views expressed

- over the number of ducks far outstripping the pond's natural ability to support,
- the duck numbers being artificially raised by members of the village overfeeding
- additional presence of different breeds of geese creating fouling around the pond and play areas
- what expert opinion has been sought/received eg RSPB

ET summed up the discussion, indicating the PC believed this was a village wide issue and that a public meeting or survey to explore the options and come to a decision was the best course of action and will view to set a date in the early autumn.

- b) Concerns raised by MOPs over road junction opposite The Crown Inn and parking outside the Village Hall.

A letter had been received from a MOP – copy attached to these Minutes – expressing concern over the danger posed to traffic at the junction of Thorpe Road and outside The Crown. Now that the pub is open, this means cars are parked on the Ripon facing side of the Road in front of the pub, causing cars going past the pub to move into the oncoming lane to get past the stationary traffic. Because the road markings at the junction are SLOW and not STOP, cars descending from and turning left are checking traffic from the right before making the turn but not traffic from the left, which could be facing them head on as a result of avoiding parked cars. Due to the seasonal weather, many of the pub's outside tables have been occupied by village residents and have observed near misses at first hand.

Public discussion centred on:-

- putting a STOP sign at the junction. CH pointed out that this had been discussed on a visit by a Highways officer two years ago who said the road conditions at the junction did not meet the legal requirements for a change of category
- ensuring the dropped kerb outside the pub is designated a no park zone, either by cones or by a single yellow line. ET informed that he had spoken to the landlord of the pub who would be happy to implement
- asking the CPSO to visit the junction and compile a report on the potential danger

  
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-the potential danger to pub customers on the forecourt of a collision with flying debris, or cars swerving towards the forecourt to avoid a collision.

ET summed up that the PC will go back to Highways indicating that the road conditions had changed now that the pub has reopened, and a review is required. The PC would also explore the possibility of single yellow line marking along the dropped kerb area of the pub's forecourt. The PC would contact the CPSO to visit and discuss with the PC the Police view of the danger at the junction.

c)

#### Village defibrillator

Martin Glynn indicated that, although the defibrillator was the property of the PC, he was the "guardian" of the equipment, and felt that there needed to be a number 2 also responsible in case of Martin's non availability on any occasion. ET had already indicated his preparedness to step into that function. MOPs' questions were about training in case the defibrillator had to be used. MG replied that it was more awareness of what to do to get the cabinet open and contact with the emergency service made, as operating the defibrillator would be talked through by the emergency services. It was felt that another awareness session should be held in the village and MG agreed to contact the North Yorkshire representative to arrange

d) Highway's Diversions

CH raised the nonsensical decision by Highways of diverting cars down Raikes Lane whenever there are road closures in that area. The road is unmetalled, single track and liable to flooding. He has tried to make contact with the department but with little intelligible result. He will pursue Highways to get the department's formal rationale for the decision.

CH

2627/O9

**Planning Matters** (Any planning applications received before the meeting date will be discussed at the meeting)

a) The Crown Inn, Grewelthorpe

No objection

b) Work commenced to the rear of Falcon House

The PC had voiced no objection at the time of the application

c) Low Bramley Grange

No objection

2627/O10

**Clerk & RFO Roles**

- a) Consider employment of Locum Clerk

MOPs had left the meeting and discussion was within the PC members. Following the Clerk's sick note and email, there was a suggestion that we should pursue a locum arrangement to cover the PC during David's absence. ET said he had spoken to a company suggested by David – LCC, Local Council Consultancy – who would be able to supply a locum at a cost of between £30 and £50 per hour, a rate double the current cost per hour for 6 hours a week. After discussion, it was felt that the cost was excessive for what the PC needed, and that the basic tasks could be shared amongst members and what would then be required was a watching brief to ensure all the legalities were being observed by the PC. ET agreed to return to LCC to discuss. In the meantime, ET would operate as the temporary RFO, and AH and SD would share the basic functions of the Clerk

**ET/SD/AH**

**2627/O11**

**Payments to Consider:**

- b) Approval was given for ET to purchase a 13 amp socket for the new meter cabinet in 2627/08 £10.60  
Prop SD – Sec CH

**Total**

**£10.60**

**2627/O12**

**To confirm the date of the next Council meeting:**

- a) Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 19.30

