

## HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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### **Minutes of the Meeting of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council held in the Sports Pavilion on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm.**

**Present** – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham, James Hudspeth, Kathryn Jackson, Lorraine Leary, Thomas Millman and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

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**419/24: Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Joan Myers sent apologies.

**420/24. Code of Conduct – Localism Act 2011 To record any councillor’s disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any item on this agenda. To consider any changes in members’ register of interests & to consider any dispensations:** None were declared.

**421/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 8<sup>TH</sup> January 2024:** The Council recommended the approval of the minutes.

**422/24: Matters Arising:** Cllr Durham gave an update on progress with the Emergency Plan.

**423/24: Public Participation:** The members of the public who were present indicated they had come to observe the meeting and had no pressing enquiries.

**424/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports:** Cllr Staveley confirmed that the NYC precept for 2024/25 would be 4.99% increase adding that the challenges of social services were having a large impact on NYC resources. Cllr Staveley spoke of the process for the Mayoral Election on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024. He gave an update of the NYC support for Settle Area Swimming Pool and the impact of the Open Meeting to support the pool. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for his financial support for external lighting for the Sports Pavilion.

**425/24: Location of Benches:** The Chair introduced an item relating to location of Council owned benches within the parish. It was agreed the Council owned at least seven benches and the Council identified benches at Penyghent, Pinfold, Church Premises including cemetery, Railway Station approach, Footbridge Path and Village Green. The clerk was requested to check the list against the inventory and insurance details.

**426/24: Neighbourhood Plan:** The clerk gave an update on preparation work for a Neighbourhood Plan confirming that a grant of £20,000 was available to support production of a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed the clerk should produce a Business Plan for the project before an application was lodged for a grant.

**427/24: Newsletter:** It was agreed the Council would produce a Newsletter in June and December that would cover such items as the new Emergency Plan, Budget details for 2023/24 and 24/25 and Christmas celebrations and budget for 2025/26. The Newsletters would be distributed by volunteers.

**428/24: Lighting Sports Pavilion:** The clerk gave details of a quote from Harrison & Cross to install: 1 x Outdoor IP rated double socket (at the back of the pavilion on back wall), 1xbulkhead light with movement sensor (at front of steps in original position), 1xbulkhead light with movement sensor(at side by door also original position), 1x20w led flood light with separate movement sensor (at back directly opposite the access steps). After discussion the quotation was agreed. Cllr Hudspeth requested that a system to operate the lights based on driving into the car park could be reviewed and the clerk was asked to investigate this suggestion. The clerk added that the lighting project would go to Horton Playing Fields Charity for approval prior to a contract being let.

**429/24: Honesty Box:** The clerk introduced a revised copy of the Car Park Policy which was agreed. It was confirmed that the car park would not be used for any overnight stops and that there would not be a recommended minimum donation. There was a disclaimer confirming the Parish Council is not responsible for vehicles parked in the Helwith Bridge Car Park including liability for damage, injury, theft or vandalism.

**430/24: Planning Application:**

a) *Full planning permission to reduce the number of letting rooms: **Horton Villa, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, BD24 OHB:*** After discussion, including comments from the applicant the Council agreed to note the application.

b) *Full planning permission for change of use and conversion of existing storage barn to dwelling: **Ashes Farm, Selside BD24 OJB:*** After discussion the Council agreed to note the application.

c) *Full planning permission for erection of eco-bike shelter: **The Old Vicarage, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, BD24 OHD:*** After discussion the Council agreed to note the application.

d) *Householder planning permission for installation of an air source heat pump at **The Willows, Horton-in-Ribblesdale BD24 OHT:*** After discussion the Council agreed to note the application.

e) *Full planning permission for creation of new entrance gateway: **Selside Shaw, Selside, BD24 OJA:*** After discussion the Council agreed to note the application.

**431/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:** The clerk reported that the unmetered electricity supply was now costing around £280 a month and as the costs of installing a meter were prohibitive other options such as reducing all the bulbs down to 18w from 160w should be considered. After discussion it was agreed:

a) Change all bulbs that were not 18w or less.

b) Stop supplying light from street lamps:

*Hillside, Station Road, BD24 OHH*

*Rowe House, BD24 OHH*

*Vicarage BD24 OHD*

*Cragghill Units, BD24 OHN*

c) Arrange a solar powered pavement light opposite the vicarage light

*d) Once the reduced lighting was confirmed with electricity northwest obtain quotes for cheaper electricity than npower.*

Several councillors identified potholes that needed urgent attention and details will be passes to NYC.

**432/24: Community Charities:** The clerk had circulated a report giving details of the community charities whose responsibilities mirrored those of the Council. After discussion the report was noted.

**433/24: Meeting with Quarry Management:** The Chair and Cllr Jackson gave an update on a recent meeting they held with the management at the Quarry. Both councillors gave details of the operational management within the quarry and the implications for the community. Cllr Jackson spoke of the continuing support from the Quarry for Christmas activities. It was agreed the regular meetings with the Quarry were beneficial to the Quarry, the Parish Council and the local community.

**434/24: Training:** The Chair spoke of the value of training and requested that Cllr Leary was sent details of training for new councillors. Cllr Hudspeth spoke of the value of the planning seminar that he attended in the autumn. Cllr Millman gave details of courses he had attended.

**435/24: Correspondence:** The clerk confirmed that wherever possible relevant correspondence was circulated to councillors as it arrived.

**436/24: Reported Incidents:** A representative of North Yorkshire Police indicated between 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024 there were six reported incidents; 3 concerning walkers in trouble, 2 relating to a fraudulent company not in Horton and a police check incident.

**437/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment:** The Clerk reported 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 balances of £6685.69 in the Current Account, £6258.27 in the Savings Account and £3494.20 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for npower, Clerk Salary, Clerk Administration and Robert Davidson were authorised for payment.

**438/24: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency:** No items were raised.

**439/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting:  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion: Council Meeting**

Signed ..... Date .....

