

HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council held in the Sports Pavilion on Monday 13th May 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham, Joan Myers, Kathryn Jackson, Lorraine Leary and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

077/25: Election of Chair: Cllr Hanson was elected as Chair being proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Durham

078/25. Election of Vice Chair: Cllr Durham was elected as Vice Chair being proposed by Cllr Hanson and seconded by Cllr Myers.

079/25. Elected Representatives:

Yorkshire Local Councils: The Chair and the Clerk

School Foundation Governors: Cllr Jackson

School Exhibition Governors: Cllr Leary and Cllr Jackson

Settle Aid in Sickness: The Chair

Dole Charity: Cllr Jackson

080/25: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Millman and Hudspeth

081/25. 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.

082/25. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 15th May 2023:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

083/25. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8th April 2023:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

084/25: Matters Arising: The clerk confirmed that the pot holes in Helwith Bridge Car Park had now been repaired and the Donations Box could now be installed.

After discussion the Council agreed the Donations Box should go by the pedestrian exit onto the road. The clerk confirmed he would empty the box on a regular basis and pay the donations into HSBC.

085/25: Public Participation: A member of the public stated that the 30mph signs by the Golden Lion were fading and replacements were required. It was agreed the clerk should write to North Yorkshire Council requesting new 30mph signs.

The same member of the public asked if street lights could be installed by the Sports Pavilion as there is limited pavement in this section of the village. It was confirmed the clerk should refer the request to North Yorkshire Council. The Chair indicated that match funding may be required to activate the project.

086/25: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave details from his May report mentioning the actions by NYC to improve its compliancy as a landlord; changes to the local-ity Budget Scheme that meant 100% of projects would not be supported in future. Cllr Staveley also outlined his role as a Councillor during 2023/4 giving details of his support in Horton in Ribbles for projects including External Lighting for Sports Pavilion, Refurbishment of Cemetery Gates and new lighting for the Village Hall. Cllr Staveley indicated he was aware of the concerns raised about anti-social behaviour in the National Park car park in Horton and that he would refer the concerns to the Safer Neighbourhoods Team and North Yorkshire Police. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for all his support during 2023/24.

087/25: Annual Governance Documentation:

a) Certificate of Exemption:

The Council were given details of expenditure and income during 2023/24 and resolved it was below £25,000 so the Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption.

b) AGAR Section 1:

The clerk read through the statements and the Council resolved to approve the document.

c) AGAR Section 2:

The clerk read through the statements and the Council resolved to approve the document.

d) Asset Register 2024: *The clerk explained that it had been necessary to increase the value of assets such as the bus shelter, cemetery gates and milk stand etc and the value of Council assets had increased from £24111 to £34103. In due course this will increase the insurance bill.*

e) Risk Management Policy 2024: *The clerk went through the risk management policy requesting that every few months a member may wish to go through the payment procedure with the clerk to ensure the process is followed and to familiarize themselves with Council finances.*

088/25: General Power of Competence: The Council considered the general legislative power and the criteria requirements as presented by the clerk. As the criteria of eligibility having been met as defined by the Localism Act 2011 the Council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

1) Councillors elected were more than one third of the Council

2) The clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)

089/25: Planning Application:

a) Full planning permission for conversion of Old Cobblers Cottage, additional information.

The Council studied the additional information and were still concerned about some of the changes and the impact as one approached the village. After discussion it was agreed the concerns should be passed onto Yorkshire Dales National Park with a comment that the Parish Council simply note the revised application.

b) Full planning permission at Colt Park Barn, Ribbleshead: Concerns were raised about the application and the impact on views to Ribbleshead etc. It was agreed a site visit would be helpful and the decision time for the application should be extended.

090/25: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: Cllr Myers raised concerns about parking by buses and the impact on the local community. It was agreed Yorkshire Dales National Park and North Yorkshire Council were the responsible authorities and the clerk should write to both outlining the problems. In addition, Kate Hilditch should be invited to a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss National Park issues.

The Chair gave an update on the recent installation of a solar powered street light outside the National Park public toilets. It was agreed that if the solar powered light is suitable more of the street lights should be replaced with solar powered lights.

091/25: Correspondence: The clerk gave details of a local authority who had approached the parish council for help with accommodation linked to the Three Peaks fund raising. As a result of such help the charity have offered to fund one or possibly two solar powered street lights. The Council agreed to the sponsorship of one or possibly two solar powered street lights.

092/25: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 12 reports to the police between 05.04.24 & 0.05.24 including Cave Rescue, Insecure Vehicle and Concern for Walkers. During 2022/23 there were 123 reported incidents compared with 119 in 2022/23.

093/25: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 30th April 2024 balances of £12949.00 in the Current Account, £6288.58 in the Savings Account and £3511.20 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for VisionICT, npower, Horton Landscape, Clerk Salary, Clerk Administration, Internal Audit were authorised for payment.

094/25: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: A question was raised about roadside gutter and drains cleaning on Cragg Hill Road. The vehicles have been seen in the parish so it was felt the work was being carried out. The clerk to check with NYC.

095/25: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:

Monday 17th June 2024 at 7.30pm

Wednesday 19th June 2024: Open Meeting to discuss Christmas Lights

Signed

Date