

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 11th March 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

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458/24: Apologies for Absence: All councillors were present.

459/24. 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.

460/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 12TH February 2024: The Council recommended the approval of the minutes.

461/24: Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

462/24: Public Participation: A member of the public raised concerns about the decision by the Council to take four street lights out of service as a cost saving measure. The Chair stated that some villages have no lights at all. It was requested that the Council consider introducing solar powered street lights. The Chair confirmed solar power was being examined as a way to reduce both pollution and costs.

The same member of the public asked if the new Council website could contain more community information and the clerk indicated he would transfer any relevant community information from the old web site to the new site.

Cllr Jackson stated that there was overnight parking by the school and it was agreed No Parking Signs were required. It was further agreed that rocks were placed adjacent to the village green to prevent anti-social behaviour and Cllr Jackson indicated she would arrange this.

Cllr Leary reported on the dust from the quarry vehicles and it was agreed these concerns were to be reported to the quarry manager.

463/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave details from his March report outlining the high success rate of parents and carers securing their preferred secondary school for their child.

In addition, Cllr Staveley spoke about local libraries celebrating British Science Week and the importance of the Easter holiday fun as a lifesaver for families facing adversity.

464/24: Draft Budget 2024-25: The clerk introduced the draft budget for 2024-25 indicating anticipated expenditure of £22200 in 2023-4 against an income of £19992. Expenditure for 2024-25 was down to £19200 as many of the outstanding projects had been completed. It was estimated the draft income for 2024-25 would be £20220. The clerk added any new projects would require external funding.

465/24: Annual Meeting of the Parish: The Chair gave details of the Annual Meetings of the Parish and the Council and it was agreed that the format of the last few years would be followed.

466/24: Parish Clerk: The clerk reported that the post was within Salary LC1: points 13-17 and from 1st April 2024 the clerk would move from point 15 to 16. The estimated salary of the clerk had been increased to take account of the incremental increase, any national awards and if additional hours are needed for projects such as refreshing the web site and Neighbourhood planning.

467/24: Honesty Box and Potholes Helwith Bridge: The clerk had circulated a request from Yorkshire Peat Partnership in relation to peatland restoration works that are planned for Swarth Moor Common off Austwick Road in Helwith Bridge. The restoration works are approximately 8 weeks between August and October 2024. To assist this work Yorkshire Peat Partnership requested use of the Helwith Bridge Public Car Park for materials storage during the project and the partnership would make good the surface of the car park at the end of the project.

The Council confirmed it supported the peat restoration project, but was unable to release the public car park for storage use during the busiest time of the year. The Council also confirmed that repairs to the pot holes in the public car park were now essential and Cllr Jackson indicated she would request the manager of the quarry for help with securing the correct gravel to fill the pot holes.

468/24: Planning Application:

a) *Full planning permission for extension and conversion to Old Cobblers Cottage outbuildings to form new independent dwelling for local occupancy or short-term letting, **Rose Cottage, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, BD24 0EX.*** After discussion, it was agreed a site visit was required and this was agreed for Thursday 14th March 2024 at 5pm.

b) *Householder planning permission for erection of small glazed porch to rear to: **Springer Fold, Selside BD24 0HZ.*** After discussion the Council agreed to note the application.

c) *Lawful Development Certificate in respect of use of the ancillary accommodation approved by C/44/167E as self-catering holiday accommodation.: **Hawkes Barn, Newhouses, Horton-in-Ribblesdale.*** After discussion the Council agreed to note the request for a Lawful Development Certificate.

469/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The clerk introduced a report indicating that four of the 13 street lights had been disconnected and where possible 18w bulbs had been fitted to the remaining 9 street lights. It was anticipated this would save around £1200 a year in electricity. After discussion it was agreed:

- a) The street light by the phone box Bransghyll should be disconnected*
- b) A solar powered street light should be purchased as an experiment*

470/24: Potholes: The Chair gave an update on potholes and it was agreed there should be a link on the Parish Council web site to make the reporting of pot holes easier.

471/24: Correspondence: The clerk confirmed that wherever possible relevant correspondence was circulated to councillors as it arrived.

472/24: Reported Incidents: A representative of North Yorkshire Police indicated between 11th February 2024 and 8th March 2024 there were two reported incidents: Sheep on the Road at Selside and one Abandoned Call

473/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 8th March 2024 balances of £6582.81 in the Current Account, £6268.58 in the Savings Account and £3500.04 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for npower, Clerk Salary, Clerk Administration were authorised for payment.

474/24: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: No items were raised.

**475/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting:
Monday 8th April 2024 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion: Council Meeting**

Signed Date