

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 8th July 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

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145/25: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Hudspeth and Jackson

146/25. 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.

147/25. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 17th June 2024:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

148/25: Matters Arising: There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

149/25: Public Participation: A member of the public gave details of a Zoom meeting planned for 1pm on 18TH July to discuss Visitor Issues. It was agreed the meeting would be publicised on the Parish Council Website and Horton in Ribblesdale Chat.

Cllr Myers stated that the new bus service was not attracting as much use as anticipated and details of this service should go back on the Parish Council Website and Horton in Ribblesdale Chat.

Cllr Durham was concerned that the rubbish bins adjacent to the new café at Horton Station were not being emptied. The clerk indicated he would notify the Friends of Settle Carlisle Railway and Northern Rail of these concerns.

150/25: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave a report outlining the impact of the General Election, the reopened Kex Gill and the opportunity to obtain a defibrillator.

151/25: June 2024 Newsletter: The clerk apologised that the June Newsletter was not ready yet as there was difficulty obtaining a final price to print the Newsletter. It was suggested that the clerk approach the Horton Quarry to see if they could photocopy the Newsletter.

152/25: Christmas Lights: The Chair gave details of the Christmas Lights Meeting that was held on 19th June 2024. It was agreed lights on would be 5pm on Sunday 1ST December 2024 and a report outlining progress towards the Christmas Lights would be considered at the September Council.

153/25: Burial Ground Fees: The clerk introduced a report that showed comparative data for the burial fees and charges. After discussion it was agreed the cost of a burial plot would increase from £550 to £600, the charge for a headstone would increase from £160 to £200 and the charge for an internment would increase from £185 to £200. In addition, the fee charged by the Sexton could increase from £350 to £400 for a burial and increase to £75 for an internment.

154/25: Green Spaces: Members reviewed the existing grass cutting arrangements for open space and agreed the two contracts should be reviewed at the end of the season. Concern was raised about the unofficial transfer of unregistered land and it was agreed a report outlining these concerns should be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

155/25: Planning Application:

a) *Colt Park Barn: C/44/181C: Full planning permission for refurbishment the existing traditional west stone Colt Park Barn plus erection of a polytunnel and other associated works.* The Council reviewed the responses presented by Natural England in comment raised by the Council on 17TH June 2024 and after discussion stated:

The Parish Council, while supporting the work of Natural England; have noted the new comments but are still unable to support the application I its present form. The Parish Council still have concerns over the size of the windows in west stone barn and both the size of the polytunnel and if the proposed screening will be adequate.

b) *Assets of Community Value Horton Old School and Horton Old School House:* After discussion the Council unanimously supported both applications.

156/25: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The clerk indicated that the pilot solar powered street light in the car park was not working and it was agreed this should be reported and the use of a specialist contractor should be engaged to ascertain if other solar lights were feasible.

157/25: Correspondence: The clerk gave details of concerns raised by the public about Japanese Knot Weed and tree that needs cutting back, on the approach to New Inn Bridge. Both concerns have been reported to Yorkshire Dales National Park.

158/25: Police Reported Incidents: The clerk reported on the 6 reports between 16.06.24 and 03.07.24. The Council were very pleased that on 21.06.24 North Yorkshire Police deal with parking enforcement involving coaches parked on Station Road.

159/25: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 6TH July 2024 balances of £11004.53 in the Current Account, £6308.99 in the Savings Account and £3522.59 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for Rock Stone Masons, VisionICT, Business stream, Horton Landscape, npower, Robert Davidson, Clerk Salary and Clerk Administration were authorised for payment.

160/25: Review Financial Spending: The clerk gave details of the spend during April to June 2024 £4664 against an annual budget of £18,300 and ££10,121 against an estimated income of £20,220.

161/25: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: There were no items that the Chair considered to be urgent.

**162/25: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:
Monday 12th August 2024 at 7.30pm**

Signed

Date