

## 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 17<sup>th</sup> June 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

**112/25: Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Hudspeth

**113/25. 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.

**114/25. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024:**

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

**115/25: Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising that were not on the agenda.

*The Chair agreed that Item 108/25 Police Report could be brought forward.*

The PCSO read out details of Police Reports in Horton in Ribblesdale between 17.05.24 and 15.06.24 indicating that four out of the seven reports were concerns for walkers. Members of the public present commented on speeding and noisy motorbikes. The PCSO agreed to send details of how to report speeding etc on line adding that Speed Watch could be introduced in the village. If speeding is reported in Horton there is more chance of police patrols in the area being increased. The PCSO introduced the newly appointed Public Safety Officer whose remit included Horton in Ribblesdale.

**116/25: Public Participation:** A member of the public raised several concerns about planning application Colt Park Barn and these were noted. Another member of the public asked that the level of the hedges over the bridges was reduced. The same member of the public asked when the speed warning indicator at the entrance to the village would be mended. It was agreed the quarry would be approached for guidance as they had funded the installation of the speed indicator.

**117/25: North Yorkshire Council Reports:** Cllr Staveley gave a report on NYC activities including Kex Gill opening 4 months early. A member of the public asked Cllr Staveley about drain clearing and he confirmed this was an ongoing task, opinion was divided among those present about when the drains were last cleared. But it was agreed that with 5753 miles of roads in North Yorkshire the situation was challenging.

**118/25: Representative of Yorkshire Dales National Park:** The Chair introduced David Pickup, Area Ranger Three Peaks who explained he worked part time covering three days a week. He gave examples of recent work carried out by the Yorkshire Peaks National Park. The public present asked about coach parking, the presence of park Rangers, the policy of the National Park not to provide bins and encourage visitors to take litter home. The Area Ranger requested more details about some of the concerns and it was agreed the background to coach parking issues should be shared with the Area Ranger.

**119/25: June 2024 Newsletter :** The Council considered the draft content for the June Newsletter and confirmed volunteers from within the community would deliver the newsletters.

**120/25: Christmas Lights:** After discussion it was agreed the Open Meeting to discuss Christmas Lights should be held in the Pavilion on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm.

**121/25: 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 studied the application, heard comments for the Councillors Site Visit on 24<sup>th</sup> May and reviewed concerns raised by members of the public and as a result were unable to support the application for the following reasons:

*Concerns were raised about the junction with the B6479 which is already a traffic issue. If the application were agreed the traffic using this already worrying junction would substantially increase.*

*The change of windows in the west Stone barn is not in keeping with the existing architecture in the vicinity and the building will lose its 'dales' character.*

*The access road to the site is very poor and no mention is made in the application of the road being upgraded to cope with additional traffic etc particularly during construction stages of the application.*

*While being sympathetic to the need to retain rare plants the Council were concerned that given the size of the polytunnel it would become a blot on the landscape.*

The Parish Council wish to support the work of the applicant but would like to see these concerns are addressed before the application is resubmitted.

*b) The Old Shippon, New House, Horton-in-Ribblesdale: c/44/167G:* As the application appeared to be retrospective the Council noted it.

**122/25: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:** The clerk gave an update on the solar light being tested and a member of the public said it was not working and the clerk confirmed this would be investigated. Cllr Myers asked that the temporary repair to the pedestrian bridge using a bread tray be repaired properly.

**123/25: Correspondence:** The clerk gave details of reports of noise during the last few weeks arising from Three Peaks Fundraising Activities. The Settle Carlisle Railway had re invited the Council to visit the Café Bar. It was agreed councillors would call into the new facility when convenient.

**124/25: Police Reported Incidents:** This item had been brought forward.

**125/25: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment:** The Clerk reported 14<sup>TH</sup> June 2024 balances of £11362.00 in the Current Account, £6298.61 in the Savings Account and £3516.80 in the Dinsdale Account and gave details of seasonal grass cutting.

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

**126/25: 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.

**127/25: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7.30pm**

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