

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 11^h November 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

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294/25: Apologies for Absence: All parish councillors were present.

295/25. 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:

Cllr Jackson declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 284(a) Beckside.

296/25. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 14th October 2024:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

297/25: Matters Arising: The clerk confirmed that Cllr Staveley had supported an application to contribute £850 towards a wooden two bay notice board at a cost of £1336 to be erected in The Pinfold. As the Council were confident the grant from NYC would be awarded the clerk was authorised to order the new notice board.

298/25: Public Participation: A member of the public was disappointed to learn there was not enough space in the Helwith Bridge and Selside Parish Council noticeboards to include community news. The clerk indicated the two notice boards in question were temporary until additional funds were identified to replace them. It was agreed the clerk should identify the cost of replacing the temporary notice boards with more robust boards that could include more notices.

The Chair added that the notice board on the main road could soon be used for community use but with guidance from the parish council about the general content of community notices.

299/25: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr David Staveley reported details from his November 2024 Members Report including specialist schools, libraries providing a greater community role, jobseeker opportunities, the farming community helping shape the nature recovery strategy and other services provided by North Yorkshire Council. Cllr David Staveley added comments that inflation would create additional financial pressures facing both North Yorkshire Council and parish councils. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for his support for the new Parish Council Notice Board.

300/25: Review Pavement Lighting: The clerk tabled a list of the nine pavement lights paid for by the parish council. The Council. The Council went through the list and agreed:

The light by the toilets in the National Park Car Park could be removed.

The light by Bridge Cottages might not be working and should be checked

301/25: Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson gave an update and it was confirmed that the tree would be put up on Saturday 30th November 2024, the tree would be switched on at 5pm Sunday 1st December and that up to £100 should be spent on additional lighting.

302/25: National Pay Award: The clerk had circulated details of the National Pay Award confirming that the post of Clerk and RFO was on Points 13 to 17 and he would move onto Point 17 from April 2025.

303/25: Green Spaces: a) Beckside: The clerk circulated a document showing the unregistered land on Ordnance Survey Map Reference SD8172SW and a draft letter to properties adjacent to the red line of the unregistered land to the west of the beck. After discussion it was agreed the clerk should send the letter to all properties adjacent to the unregistered land.

304/25: Planning Application:

a) Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning: *Full planning permission for change of use and conversion of existing storage barn to a 3-bedroom dwelling and installation of septic tank at Barn north of Newhouses Farm, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Settle (GR:380508, 474309) - C/44/319.*

The Chair introduced the report and after discussion the application was noted.

305/25: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: a) The clerk confirmed that Quarry had agreed to purchase a new speed indicator at a cost of £2300. **b)** The clerk reported that the street lights were costing 52p p/k and he was underfeeding to obtain cheaper quotes but without a meter we were unable to obtain cheaper electricity. Although it would be expensive the clerk requested authority to ask if a meter could be installed in the pavilion. The Chair added that robust solar powered pavement lighting was still worth pursuing.

306/25: Correspondence: The clerk confirmed that all relevant correspondence was circulated to members.

307/25: Police Reported Incidents: The clerk reported on the 4 Monthly Police reports between 11.10.24 and 06.11.24 which included neighbour/civil dispute, loose cattle, theft of cables and concern for welfare.

308/25: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 8th November 2024 balances of £12550.29 in the Current Account, £6349.93 in the Savings Account and £3545.44 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for, npower, Robert Davidson, Harrison and Cross, Horton Landscapes, npower, TWM traffic, Finance Statement and Clerk Administration were authorised for payment. The income from the Helwith Bridge Car Park Honesty Box for October 2024 was £8.96 and a small range of European currency.

309/25: Royal Garden Party May 2025: The clerk gave details of the new invitation procedure which were noted.

310/25: Draft Precept: The clerk explained that North Yorkshire Council would like details of the 2025/26 parish precept by 31ST December 2024. Members had indicated an interest in improved notice boards, solar powered pavement lights etc. The clerk indicated that an increase of £3000 on the precept would be an extra 20p a week on a Band D property.

311/25: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: The Chair asked about the closure of the Play Facility and it was agreed the Chair meet with he Chair of the Playing Fields Committee

**312/25: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:
Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.30pm**

Signed Date