

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 10th March 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

North Yorkshire Councillor: David Staveley

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

3 members of the public were present.

438/25: Apologies for Absence: Cllr Kathryn Jackson.

439/25. 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:
No interests were disclosed.

440/25. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10th February 2025:
Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

441/25: Matters Arising: The clerk reported that all relevant items from the minutes were on the agenda.

The Chair agreed to take item 435/25 early as the police officers present were on call:

Police Report: PCSO Jayne Grace and a member of the Safer Neighbourhood Team gave an update on the ten items reported between 09.02.25 and 08.03.25 which included Safeguarding concerns, Civil dispute and abandoned calls.

Parish councillors and members of the public asked questions relating to the ten reported items and the role of the police in North Yorkshire.

442/25: Public Participation:

a) A member of the public asked why the Play Park had been closed for so long and the Chair stated that the Play Park was managed by the Horton in Ribblesdale Playing Fields Committee and details of Trustees were available on the Charities Commission web site. The clerk added that the Chair of the Playing Fields Trust would be attending the Annual Meeting of the Council on Monday 12TH May 2025 at 7.30pm.

b) Another member of the public asked when North Yorkshire Council would carry out drain clearing as 29 out of 37 drains in Horton village were blocked. NYC Cllr Staveley explained there was a programme of drain inspections and he would report the concerns of Horton residents to NYC officers.

c) Another member of the public asked who owned the wall adjacent to the beck; opinion was divided over ownership and responsibility for maintenance. The Chair that the clerk investigates and the item to go on the agenda for the next meeting of the parish council.

443/25: North Yorkshire Council Reports: NYC Cllr David Staveley reported on NYC issues including the installation of a knife bank in Skipton, the challenges of the proposed closure of the Arla Plant in Settle and the difficulties of meeting the Government targets for new housing.

444/25: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported that on 7th March 2025 there were balances of £9184.11 in the Current Account, £6389.28 in the Savings Account and £3346.77 in the Dinsdale Account. The clerk added that an invoice of £1500 for the new oak notice board was expected during March 2025.

Invoices for iprint, Robert Davidson, Clerk Administration and Salary were authorised for payment. The income from the Helwith Bridge Car Park Honesty Box for February 2025 was £12.40 and payments from the cemetery of £1160 had been received. After discussion the accounts were noted and the payments authorised.

445/25: Draft Budget 2025-26: The clerk introduced the draft budget for 2025-26 indicating that the draft expenditure for 2024-25 was £18836 and draft income was £22885. For 2025-26 the clerk went through the draft expenditure of £21, 750 plus outstanding invoices such as the new notice board etc.

The clerk confirmed that with an estimated income of £28,050 the Council could transfer some money into the Savings Account and consider a part refurbishment of Helwith Bridge Car Park or replace one of the temporary notice boards.

446/25: 2024-25: AGAR Exemption: The Chair gave an update of the 2024-25 AGAR process and after discussion it was agreed the clerk could apply for exemption of the Small Councils AGAR fee.

447/25: News Letter Winter: Cllr Leary gave an update on the completion of the Winter News Letter. The clerk added that three people had approached the parish council as a result of the Winter Newsletter.

448/25: Green Spaces: Helwith Bridge Car Park and Recreation Area:

a) The clerk requested that the parish council hold a site visit at Helwith Bridge Car Park to review ways to enhance the facility. The Chair reminded the Council that the site was part owned by Stainforth Parish Council and the clerk indicated he would share details of the site visit with the clerk of Stainforth Parish Council.

b) The clerk stated that provided new or revised headstones were within Burial Ground Fees and Charges he did not usually bring details to the Council. But as requests for additional inscriptions and headstones made from a range of materials were now being received, he planned to bring all such requests to the Council in future.

Cllr Leary asked about exclusive right to burial arrangements and Cllr Millman asked about the lifespan of the cemetery.

449/25: Planning Application:

Application C/44/4F The Old Slaughterhouse: The clerk introduced an application to Discharge the Section 106 Legal Agreement (dated 24 January 2019) attached to planning permission for The Old Slaughterhouse. After detailed discussion the Council unanimously agreed they would not support the application.

450/25: Planning Decisions: The clerk reported that no planning decisions had been made by Yorkshire Dales National Park.

451/25: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:

a) Cllr Myers raised concern that the street light at West View Cragg Hill Road was still out. The clerk confirmed he would approach the contractor as a matter of urgency.

452/25: Correspondence:

a) Play Park still not accessible: The clerk confirmed he had received phone calls, letters and emails re the accessibility play park.

453/25: Police Reported Incidents: This item had been discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

454/25: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgent:

a) The clerk indicated that the repairs to the bus shelter had not been carried out due to bad weather and as complaints were still being received about the poor state of the bus shelter it was agreed the clerk could engage a contractor to carry out the roof repairs to the building.

455/25: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:

Monday 14th April 2025 at 7.30pm

Monday 12th May 2025 Annual Meetings

Signed

Date