

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 14th April 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Fiona Durham, (Chair), Joan Myers and Lorraine Leary.

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2 members of the public were present.

21/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Kathryn Jackson, Martin Hanson, Thomas Millman and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley

22/26. 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.

23/26. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 10th March 2025:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

24/26: Matters Arising: The clerk reported that all relevant items from the minutes were on the agenda

25/26: Public Participation:

a) A member of the public confirmed that the section of the Beck Wall needing repairs was on the Old Road. The Chair stated that this item was on the agenda and the clerk would give an update. **b)** Another member of the public spoke about anti-social behaviour by visitors to the parish including damage and this should be shared with the Yorkshire Dales National Park so the situation can be monitored. **c)** Cllr Myers gave details of parking problems and asked if parking permits for local residents may help improve the situation.

26/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: NYC Cllr David Staveley reported apologies as he could not attend the meeting being held up at his previous meeting.

27/26: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported that on 7th April 2025 there were balances of £7924.63 in the Business Account, £6398.21 in the Savings Account and £3351.45 in the Dinsdale. The clerk gave details of the 9 invoices to be paid including the £1500 plus delivery for the new Parish Notice Board. After discussion the invoices were authorised for payment.

The income for March was £206 .80 VAT repayment and £14.50 from the Helwith Bridge Honesty Box.

28/26: Budget 2025-26: The clerk introduced the budget for 2025-26 indicating that the expenditure for 2024-25 was £20931 and the income was £22866. For 2025-26 the clerk went through the draft expenditure of £21, 950 including 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 the Pinfold, Helwith Bridge Car Park or replace one of the temporary notice boards.

29/26: 2024-25: AGAR Exemption: The clerk 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.

30/26: Beck Wall Repairs: The clerk confirmed he had carried out a site visit and thanked Cllr Millman for directing him to the section of the wall in need of most attention. As the wall had once been part of the Old Road the responsibility for the wall rested with North Yorkshire Council and he would pursue the matter with them.

31/26: New Notice Board: The clerk confirmed that the new notice board had arrived. A photograph of the Pinfold was circulated and it was noted where the sexton would fit the notice board and it was agreed the sexton could tidy up the Pinfold at a cost of £160. The Chair reminded the clerk that a volunteer weeded the Pinfold and this information should be passed onto the sexton.

32/26: Green Spaces: Helwith Bridge Car Park and Recreation Area:

The clerk gave details of the use of Helwith Bridge Car Park by an Alzheimer's Walk on 19th July 2025. The charity had donated £250 to the parish council. The clerk confirmed he had spoken with his opposite number in Stainforth Parish Council who had noted the hiring of the car park and proposed improvements to the facility and would report such activities to Stainforth Parish Council.

33/26: Planning Application:

a) Application C/44/181C: The clerk read out the main changes to Colt Park Barn including the changes requested and agreed from the Council. It was stated that the junction still remained an issue, the polytunnel was a blot on the landscape and Cllr Myers objected to the additional windows. But given that most of the concerns raised by the Council had been examined the Council reluctantly noted the application.

b) The clerk circulated details of the Yorkshire Dales Final Local Plan relevant to Horton in Ribblesdale including the only approved housing site. Cllr Leary asked a number of questions about the housing site and the process for building on it. After further discussion the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan was supported.

c) The Chair introduced a report from Natural England proposing the planting of up to 22,000 native trees in an area adjacent to Selside adding there was concern within the community that such a large number of trees may have an impact on the water table. The Chair requested that Natural England held a meeting in Selside to outline the implications of the plantation. It was agreed the clerk write to Yorkshire Dales planning department with this recommendation.

d) The request from Settle – Carlisle Railway to promote the Horton Station Café via the ‘abroads’ planning framework was noted.

34/26: Planning Decisions: The clerk reported planning refusals for applications C/44/84H and C/44/254B

35/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:

Cllr Myers reported that the street light at West View Cragg Hill Road had been fixed. It was agreed that a parish council tag could go on each of the street lights to make reporting problems easier. The clerk to cost the project.

36/26: Correspondence:

a) Play Park still not accessible: The Chair read out an email from the Chair of the Playing Fields Committee giving details of the legal case and insurance challenges but the zip wire is due to be replaced this year.

37/26: Police Reported Incidents: The Chair reported that between 9th March and 112th April 2025 there were six reports to North Yorkshire Police including burglary, two cases of fallen walkers and cattle on the road.

38/26: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgent: **a)** The clerk reported an amendment to the Councils Standing Orders to reflect Code of Conduct requirements. The amendments were noted. **b)** The clerk asked about arrangements for the Annual Meetings and it was agreed that lights refreshments would be available.

39/26: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sport Pavilion:
Monday 12th May 2025 Annual Meetings

Signed

Date