

HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council held in the Sports Pavilion on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Joan Myers, Kathryn Jackson, Lorraine Leary and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

A representative of North Yorkshire Police:

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

073/26: Election of Chair: Cllr Hanson was elected as Chair being proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Myers.

074/26. Election of Vice Chair: Cllr Durham was not present but had agreed she would stand for Vice Chair and was elected as Vice Chair being proposed by Cllr Hanson and seconded by Cllr Leary.

075/26. Elected Representatives:

Yorkshire Local Councils: The Chair and the Clerk

School Foundation Governors: Cllr Jackson

School Exhibition Governors: Cllr Leary and Cllr Jackson

Settle Aid in Sickness: The Chair

Dole Charity: Cllr Jackson

076/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Thomas Millman, Fiona Durham and James Hudspeth

077/26. 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: None were declared.

078/26. Minutes of Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 13th May 2024:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

079/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8th April 2024:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

080/26: Matters Arising: The clerk gave an update on the planning application re trees being planted adjacent to Selside and the implications for the water supply.

081/26: Public Participation: A member of the public was concerned about the delay of ambulances arriving in the area as this appears to represent a poor service for the local community. A representative from North Yorkshire Police explained how the system worked involving ambulances from both Settle and Hawes.

082/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave details from his annual report for 2024/5 outlining the financial challenges facing NYC but also explaining the range of new and existing services being provided. Cllr Staveley went through the range of projects he had been able to support during the year including the new notice board in Horton- in- Ribblesdale. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for all his support during 2024/25.

083/26: Annual Governance Documentation:

a) Certificate of Exemption:

The Council were given details of expenditure and income during 2024/25 and resolved it was below £25,000 so the Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption.

b) AGAR Section 1:

The clerk read through the statements and the Council resolved to approve the document.

c) AGAR Section 2:

The clerk read through the statements and the Council resolved to approve the document.

d) Asset Register 2025: *The clerk explained that it had been necessary to increase the value of assets such as the bus shelter, notice boards etc and the value of Council assets had increased from £34103 to £36203. In due course this will increase the insurance bill.*

e) Risk Management Policy 2025: *The clerk went through the risk management policy requesting that every few months a member may wish to go through the payment procedure with the clerk to ensure the process is followed and to familiarize themselves with Council finances.*

084/26: General Power of Competence: The Council considered the general legislative power and the criteria requirements as presented by the clerk. As the criteria of eligibility having been met as defined by the Localism Act 2011 the Council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

1) Councillors elected were more than one third of the Council

2) The clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)

085/26: Review Financial Regulations: The clerk went through the major points in the Financial Regulations adding that as the parish council was now handling cash from the Helwith Bridge Car Park he had informed the insurers. Cash was paid into the post office or bank when enough coins of all value were ready for payment. The Council noted the Annual Financial Regulations.

086/26: Financial Statement and Invoices: The clerk reported that at 9th May 2025 there was £14825.36 in the Business Account, £6407.77 in the Savings Account and £3356.45 in the Dimsdale Account. The clerk also gave details of nine invoices to be paid and income of £10,0012 during the last month.

087/26: Planning Application:

a) C/44/50G: *Full planning permission to remove the connection to the existing septic tank and a suitable soakaway to be installed with discharge to watercourse via a new discharge point at The Shaws, Selside, BD24 OHZ. After discussion the application was agreed.*

b) *Removal of the Payphone next to Yorkshire Dales National Car Park: BT wish to remove the payphone because of limited use but because it is the last pay phone in Horton village*

they need to consult. If removed BT have asked if the Parish Council wish to adopt the payphone for £1. After discussion the Council agreed they wished to see the payphone retained given the use by Three Peakers etc and the Council would review the request to adopt the payphone.

088/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The clerk reported that he had approached NYC about the damage to the beck wall owing to a lack of maintenance. NYC were investigating.

089/26: Correspondence: The clerk gave details of concern raised by a member of the public about the new notice board and uses for the old notice board. The Council had already agreed the old notice board would be used for community information and Cllr Myers agreed she would hold the key for people who wished to display community information.

090/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 12 reports to the police between 13.04.25 & 09.05.25 there were 8 reports including concern for safety and ASB personal. including Cave Rescue, Insecure Vehicle and Concern for Walkers. During 2024/25 there were 105 reported incidents compared with 123 in 2023/24.

091/26: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: a) Cllr Myers raised concerns about school buses pick-ups and damage to the pavements etc. b) A pot hole at the bottom of Station Road was reported. c) The National Park are recommending bus parking on Cragg Hill Road and other areas were being ticketed.

**092/26: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:
Monday 16th June 2024 at 7.30pm**

Signed

Date