

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 16th June 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

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109/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Thomas Millman, Fiona Durham and James Hudspeth

110/26. 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.

111/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 12th May 2024:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

112/26: Matters Arising: The clerk indicated that the former Parish Council Noticeboard was now available for Community Use. After discussion it was agreed the best way for the community to make use of the notice board was via a key safe and it was agreed a key safe should be purchased and the clerk would circulate the code to the key safe as required. Cllr Myers asked about the damaged notice board that was owned by St Oswald's Church and it was agreed the church should be approached about making use of the community notice board.

113/26: Public Participation: Cllr Myers mentioned the Yorkshire Dales National Park fingerpost at the bottom of Station Road was partly obscured by a tree. The clerk to report to the National Park.

114/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave details of the Government's spending review and the implications for North Yorkshire Council. As a result, all services were being reviewed to help identify savings. Cllr Myers asked about local buses not being fully supported and pointing out areas where local public transport was not fit for purpose.

115/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment: The clerk reported that at 13th June 2025 there was £12914.49 in the Business Account, £6416.41 in the Savings Account and £3360.98 in the Dimsdale Account. The clerk also gave details of six invoices to be paid and income of £30 during the last month. In addition the clerk gave details of a recent request to exhume ashes so they could be moved to another cemetery and requested that a charge of £100 be made for this service. After discussion it was agreed that this charge be added to the cemetery charges.

116/26: Planning Application:

a) Removal of the Payphone next to Yorkshire Dales National Car Park: The clerk confirmed that the decision by the Council to retain the last public phone box in the village had been passed onto British Telecom. In addition, the Council agreed that if the public service was removed the Council would retain the phone box at a cost of £1. *b) The clerk gave details of the Lighting Review at Dry Rigg Quarry and to meet terms within the Dark Skies Technical Information Guide lighting was reduced at the Quarry.*

117/26: Green Space Issues: The clerk gave details of two areas of vegetation restricting use of the pavement and it was agreed a contractor should be engaged to reduce the vegetation.

118/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: *a) The Chair requested a site visit to Helwith Bridge Car Park to identify what work should be carried out to enhance the facility. After discussion it was agreed the Council should visit the location at 6pm on Monday 30th June 2025. b) The Chair stated that the window into Helwith Bridge Bus Stop was in need of replacement and it was agreed this work should be costed and carried out before winter.*

119/26: Correspondence: The clerk gave details of the public consultation being carried out by York and North Yorkshire Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime.

120/26: Mobile Library Service in Horton: The clerk reported that North Yorkshire Library Service had asked if Horton in Ribblesdale would like to receive a visit from a mobile library one hour every four weeks. The Council supported the initiative and it was suggested the mobile library could use one of the sites previously used by a mobile library.

121/26: Summer Newsletter: The clerk reported that the Summer Newsletter was being prepared and if any councillor wished to promote any aspect of the parish, please let the clerk know.

122/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 15 reports to the police between 10.05.25 & 07.06.25 including firearms licensing, harassment, theft of diesel, missing person and theft of farm gates.

123/26: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: *a) Cllr Leary when the meeting to plan for Christmas celebrations will be held and after discussion it was agreed the meeting will be held in the pavilion on Monday 21st July 2025 at 7pm. b) Cllr Jackson suggested councillors may wish to meet with the quarry again and this was agreed. The Chair asked Cllr Jackson to liaise with the quarry management.*

**124/26: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:
Monday 14th July 2024 at 7.30pm**

Signed

Date