

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 July 2025 at 7.30pm.

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

Members of the Public: None were present.

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143/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Thomas Millman and James Hudspeth

144/26. 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.

145/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 16th June 2024:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

146/26: Matters Arising: The Council had agreed that the old notice board could be used for community information and the church to be informed of this. The Revd Stephen Dawson had thanked the Council and planned to use the notice board; as this would be regular use the clerk asked if he could give the church a key to the notice board. After discussion this was agreed.

147/26: Public Participation: Cllr Myers spoke about repairs needed to the road by the station. The clerk to write to North Yorkshire Council. The Chair spoke about poor parking in the village and it was suggested North Yorkshire Police are requested to warn any anti-social drivers. Concern was raised about lorries from the quarries coming through Horton before 6.30am. The clerk read out an email from the quarry confirming this was the agreed practice and any lorries operating before 6.30am would be reported to all the quarries.

148/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave details from his monthly report including consultation on taxi fares, the nature recovery strategy, nominations for awards celebrating unsung volunteers and praise for the North Yorkshire education service where learners flourish. In addition, Cllr Staveley spoke about the financial challenges facing North Yorkshire Council.

149/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment: The clerk reported that at 10th July 2025 there was £12084.54 in the Business Account, £6425.35 in the Savings Account and £335.66 in the Dimsdale Account. The clerk also gave details of seven invoices to be paid and income of £580 during the last month made up of car park, ashes fee and payments for hire fee for Helwith Bridge Picnic Site.

150/26: Planning Application:

a) Removal of the Payphone next to Yorkshire Dales National Car Park. The clerk confirmed the BT had decided the payphone should be discontinued as it was not used enough. The Council had agreed at the May meeting to purchase the phone box for £1 and the clerk proposed to complete the purchase agreement on behalf of the Council.

151/26: Green Space Issues: The clerk reported on the site visit to Helwith Bridge Picnic site on Monday 21st June 2025. After discussion it was agreed the grass area adjacent to the exit gate, around the trees, the three islands and picnic area should be cut at a cost of £120 and the area should be cut on a monthly cost of £70 between April and October. As the grass cutting contract was about to expire cutting of the Helwith Bridge picnic area would be added to the new contract. In addition, Cllr Durham confirmed that the wooden picnic tables had been removed as they were a health and safety hazard. A mid-range price for new recycled plastic picnic tables was around £400 and it was agreed the Council should identify the funding for three picnic tables and Cllr Staveley agreed he would consider a grant request for up to 50% of the cost. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for his support.

152/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: a) The clerk introduced a report re the street light account paid by the householder at 3 Austwick Road. The Council had normally re-imbursed the householder £90 a year for these costs but the last payment had been up to 31/03/22. After discussion the Council agreed the street light was not needed any longer and the clerk was to pay the householder up to 31/07/25 for the cost of the street light.

153/26: Correspondence: The clerk stated that the consultation period for use of the former site of Horton in Ribblesdale Church of England School had now passed. The clerk also gave details of Funding available from Tomson Consulting for Community Energy Projects indicating the consultants at no cost would review the costs for solar powered street lights.

154/26: Mobile Library Service in Horton: The clerk confirmed that the new mobile library was being delivered in October and hopefully the one hour a month mobile library would commence before Christmas.

155/26: Summer Newsletter: The clerk reported that the Summer Newsletter had been prepared and included articles about the Pinfold, Helwith Bridge Picnic Site, Christmas Celebrations etc.

156/26: Christmas Event(s): The clerk reported the event had been advertised via notices, social media and the Craven Herald but added that word of mouth was also very useful.

157/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 10 reports to the police between 08.06.25 & 11.07.25 including vehicles and concern for welfare.

158/26: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: a) Cllr Myers spoke about the social event at the Settle- Carlisle Railway Café at Horton Station and how often such events would be held.

159/26: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:
Monday 11th August 2024 at 7.30pm

Signed

Date