

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 11th August 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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176/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Thomas Millman and James Hudspeth.

The clerk reported that Cllr Hudspeth had now missed four meetings of the Council and he would email Cllr Hudspeth reminding him that after missing six meetings, without an acceptable excuse; he would cease to be a Horton in Ribblesdale parish councillor.

177/26. 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 dispensations: None were declared.

178/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 14th July 2025. Prior to discussing the draft minutes, the clerk explained that additional information re Item 152/26 *Street Light 3 Austwick Road* had been received. After discussion it was agreed the draft minute should be changed to agree the street light could be retained but the householder should pay the cost from the 1st September 2025.

It was further agreed the householder should be paid £95 per year or part year from 1st April 2022 to 30th August 2025. With these additions the Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

179/26: Matters Arising: It was agreed options for use of the Telephone Box should be sought via the Newsletter and the Website.

180/26: Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

181/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave a verbal report re NYC activities including update on second home council tax charges, bus service and economic development.

Cllr Staveley indicated that not all parish councils met in August and it was agreed August meetings would be reviewed in future.

182/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment:

- a) The clerk reported that at 8th August 2025 there was £10799.24 in the Business Account, £6434.01 in the Savings Account and £3370.20 in the Dimsdale Account. The clerk also gave details of seven invoices to be paid and income of £210 during the last month made up of car park and cemetery fees.
- b) The clerk explained that NYC had requested that the 2026/27 precept should be sent to them by 31.12.25; so, agreement on the precept should be made at the 8th December 2025.

183/26: Planning Application:

- a) Application: C/44/25B: Replacement of toilet block roof and installation of solar panels Horton Toilet Block. After discussion the application was noted.
- b) Application: C/44/320: Installation of a stone-built interpretation plinth within Ashes Shaw Nature Reserve. After discussion the application was noted.
- c) No planning decisions affecting the Parish Council had been made since 19th May 2025.

184/26: Green Space Issues:

- a) The Council had agreed to consider purchasing three new picnic tables made from recycled plastic and the clerk tabled a report giving details of 5 suitable tables. Cllr Staveley asked about warranty/guarantee for such tables and it was agreed the clerk would circulate warranty details for the tables and the Council could select three suitable picnic tables. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for his financial support for the purchase of the picnic tables.
- b) The clerk reminded the Council that the three year horticultural contract ended in October 2025 and that a short meeting to plan the 2026 -2028 contract would be helpful.

185/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The Chair asked for an update on Solar Powered Street Lighting and it was agreed this item would go on the agenda for the next meeting.

186/26: Correspondence:

- a) The clerk had circulated details of the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2025-26 adding the clerk after three years' service was now on Point 18 of the scale ranges £16.35 an hour.
- b) The clerk gave details of the revised Yorkshire Three Peaks Code of Conduct being produced by Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. After discussion the draft was noted and it was agreed a representative of the National Park should be invited to a future meeting of the Council.

187/26: Summer Newsletter: The Council reviewed the draft Summer Newsletter. Cllr Myers asked for an up-to-date photo of the Pinfold and Cllrs Jackson and Leary agreed their email addresses could be included in the item relating to Christmas activities.

188/26: Christmas Event(s): Cllrs Jackson and Leary gave an update on the preparations for Christmas events. The Chair thanked them for their hard work.

189/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 11 reports to the police between 12.07.25 & 10.08.25 including Anti-Social Behaviour, vehicle issues and concern for welfare. Cllr Myers acknowledged that NY Police could not attend the concern for safety but spoke to the member of public concerned on the telephone twice.

190/26: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: The Chair asked about 2 derelict houses within the parish and the clerk to investigate.

191/26: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:
Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed **Date**