

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 8th September 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: Seven were present.

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207/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Thomas Millman.

The clerk reported that Cllr Hudspeth had now missed six meetings of the Council without an acceptable excuse and as a result would cease to be a Horton in Ribblesdale parish councillor. It was agreed the clerk should write to North Yorkshire Council to begin the process to fill the vacancy.

208/26. 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.

209/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11th August 2025.

After discussion the Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

210/26: Matters Arising: The clerk reported that one individual had complained about the decision not to fund a pavement light in Helwith Bridge.

211/26: Public Participation: A member of the public expressed concern about the number of accidents involving motor cyclists. Other members of the public present also raised concerns and after discussion it was agreed:

A representative of North Yorkshire Police should attend the next meeting of the Parish Council on 13th October 2025 and explain what actions were available to resolve such anti-social behaviour.

The clerk should obtain details of road accidents within the last two years in the parish.

North Yorkshire Highways should be approached to ascertain costs for introducing speed restriction systems

The purchase of a speed gun and other methods to control speed should be investigated.

Approach Ingleton Parish Council to investigate partnership working to identify solutions.

A member of the public had read in the Newsletter about proposals to sell the Village Hall in order to support the extension of the pavilion. The Chair confirmed a meeting of the Village Hall; Playing Fields Chairs and himself was arranged for early October and a date for a public meeting would be considered. Cllr Durham explained the background leading up to the Village Hall survey.

212/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave a verbal report re NYC activities including update on shopkeepers illegally selling vapes, a life saving charity benefitting from fund raising by a former Chair of North Yorkshire Council, economic challenges facing NYC and the additional funding from second homes.

213/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment:

a) **Financial Statement:** The clerk reported that at 5th September 2025 there was £8755.05 in the Business Account, £6442.32 in the Savings Account and £3374.55 in the Dimsdale Account.

b) **2025-26 Half Year Report:** The clerk gave details of the half year expenditure and income. Income was down because there had been no funerals during the half year and expenditure was up because the grass cutting season fell into the half year.

c) **Invoices:** The clerk also gave details of sixteen invoices to be paid and income of £20 during the last month from Helwith Bridge Car Park. The clerk added details of the seven invoices from npower and as a result of lighting reductions the cost of pavement lighting had reduced by 39%.

d) **Precept:** The clerk gave an update on the timetable for the 2026-27 precept process.

214/26: Planning Application:

a) Application: C/44/227B: Householder planning permission for renovation of listed building and conversion of attached store to create additional rooms at Higher Studfold House, Studfold, BD24 OER. After discussion the application was noted.

b) Application: C/44/227C/LB: Listed building consent for renovation of listed building and conversion of attached store to create additional rooms at Higher Studfold House, Studfold, BD24 OER. After discussion the application was noted.

c) No planning decisions affecting the Parish Council had been made since 27th July 2025, solar panels to roof of Yorkshire Dales NP toilet block.

215/26: Green Space Issues:

a) **Picnic Tables:** The Council had agreed to consider purchasing three new picnic tables made from recycled plastic. Cllr Jackson reported that during a recent meeting at Horton Quarry the management of the quarry had agreed to purchase four picnic tables for the picnic area.

b) **Booking Helwith Bridge Picnic Site:** The clerk gave details of a request from a charity to use the Helwith Bridge Car Park on 16th May 2026. After discussion the request was agreed.

c) **Bus Shelter Repairs:** The clerk reported that a builder had been engaged to repair the roof and south facing window and this work will be completed in the next two weeks.

216/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The Chair had requested details of solar powered pavement lighting and the clerk tabled examples of six possible lights. It was agreed to purchase one light to ascertain if such lighting was feasible.

217/26: Correspondence:

a) The clerk gave details of a request from North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre for funding and that during the last year the Citizens Advice had helped 5 clients from Horton in Ribblesdale with eight issues. After discussion the Council agreed to allocate Citizens Advice £100.

b) The clerk reported that if the site of the former school was subject to an Education Endowment Order the site could be sold and the proceeds can be used for other educational purposes within the diocese.

218/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 7 reports to the police between 11.08.25 & 05.09.25 including Abandoned Call, loose bull in Selside, Motorbike incident and ASB Nuisance.

219/26: Aany Matters not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: No matters were raised.

220/26: Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 13th October 2025 at 7.30pm.