

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 10TH November 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Fiona Durham (Chair), Joan Myers and Thomas Milman.

Members of the Public: One member of the public was present.

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

267/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Martin Hanson, Kathryn Jackson and Lorraine Leary.

268/26. 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.

269/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13th October 2025.

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

270/26: Matters Arising: The clerk reported he had given a key for the community noticeboard to the Rev Stephen Dawson so St Oswalds Church notices could be displayed. At the request of the Rev Dawson the clerk had collected the old church notice board for recycling.

271/26: Public Participation: No questions were raised.

272/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: NYC Cllr David Staveley was unable to attend the meeting but had circulated a report outlining the North Yorkshire Councillors report for November 2025. The Council noted the report.

273/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment:

a) **Financial Statement 07.11.25** The clerk reported that at 7th November 2025 there was £14083.53 in the Business Account, £6458.53 in the Savings Account and £3383.04 in the Dimsdale Account.

b) **2026-27 Draft Budget:** The clerk presented a draft Budget report for 2026-27 also giving details of the projected spend and income for 2025-26. After discussion it was agreed to note the report prior to reviewing at the December 2025 Council.

c) **Draft Precept Options:** The clerk also gave details of options for the Parish Precept for 2026-27. The suggestions were noted and considered at the December 2025 Council

d) **Invoices:** The clerk gave details of the invoices to be paid including Roert Davidson. Horton Landscape and the clerks October salary.

274/26: Planning Application:

a) **Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan 2025-2030:** The clerk read out the relevant sections of the Plan which were noted by the Council.

b) Planning Decisions:

a) *C/44/148/14b: Remove the Section 106 Agreement attached to dwelling Crooks Cottage, Dow Ghyll Lane, Horton in Ribblesdale, BD24 OEX. After discussion the Council agreed not to support the removal of the 106 Agreement.*

b) *C/44/322: Full planning permission for erection of wooden field shelter and associated hardstanding. The Council noted the application but were disappointed the application was retrospective.*

275/26: Green Space Issues:

a) **Horticultural Contract 2026-2029:** The clerk went through the existing contract and sought authority to add the Pinfold and Helwith Bridge Picnic Site to the 2026-29 contract. The clerk added that the cutting of the Highway Verges cost the Council almost £1000 a year though the Council did receive a grant of £64 from North Yorkshire Council towards the cost. After discussion it was agreed the contract would be fully discussed at the next meeting where the frequency of cuts based on environmental and financial objectives would be discussed.

276/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:

a) **Phone Box Options:** The clerk gave details of the community suggestions for use of the telephone box ranging from moving the defibrillator from the former café to a combination of community library with art themed exhibitions. It was agreed all options should be explored at the next meeting.

b) **Helwith Bridge Car Park Notices:** The clerk confirmed the wording on the Car Park notices was being brought up to date. The changes were noted.

277/26: Christmas Lights: Cllrs Jackson and Leary were unable to attend the meeting so the clerk read out details of the Christmas lights event as supplied by both councillors. It was agreed the Christmas Tree should be planted as soon as it arrives.

278/26: Business Continuity Plan: The clerk explained that all parish councils had been asked to ensure their Business Continuity Plan was up to date. The clerk went through the various headings and after discussion the plan was noted with a request it was reviewed every year at the annual meeting of the council.

279/26: Correspondence:

The clerk gave details of two letters from the local MP one with details of a draft Retrofit Strategy with plans to improve energy efficiency and the other detailing grants from the Movement, Activity and Sport Investment Programme. After discussion the Council requested the clerk to prepare a report on how the community in Horton in Ribblesdale could benefit from the Investment Programme.

280/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 9 reports to the police between 11.10.25 & 08.11.25 including Abandoned/hoax Calls, Insurance scam and concern for safety/cave rescue.

281/26: Any Matters not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: No items were raised.

282/26: Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 8th December 2025 at 7.30pm.

Chair

Date