

HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council held in the Quarry Offices on Monday 13TH April 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham, Kathryn Jackson, Liz Hornby, Lorraine Leary, Thomas Milman and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

Members of the Public: No member of the public were present.

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444/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllr Ian Mounsey

445/26. 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 declared.

446/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2026.
After discussion the Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

447/26: Matters Arising: Cllr Hornby indicated that the Council did not agree that a seasonal car park had been in place at Holme Farm for at least ten years adding that overnight parking by mobile homes was becoming an issue. The Chair agreed and suggested that large stones could be used to prevent unauthorised car parking. The Chair suggested a walkabout to identify the problem areas would be useful.

448/26: Public Participation: No members of the public were present.

449/26: Rural Housing Enablement: The Council discussed carrying out a Housing Needs Survey to be administered by North Yorkshire Council and agreed at this stage there was no need for a housing survey to identify housing need. The clerk to confirm this decision to North Yorkshire Council adding that the Parish Council still wished to work with NYC to help resolve housing need in the parish.

450/26: A Community Building in Ribblesdale: The Chair confirmed he had communicated with the Chairs of the Village Hall and Playing Fields and while neither wished to hold their AGMs on the 11th May 2026 they hoped to attend the AGM of the Parish Council.

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451/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: NYC Cllr David Staveley delivered a verbal report for April 2026 giving details etc

452/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment:

- a) **Financial Statement 10.04.26** The clerk reported that at 10.04 2026 there was £8403.81 in the Business Account, £6495.62 in the Savings Account and £3281.84 in the Dimsdale Account. The Council had started the financial year with just under £7924 in the Business Account and ended the financial year with £7642.
- b) **Invoices:** The clerk gave details of the invoices to be paid including npower and the clerks March salary and admin costs. Income from Helwith Bridge Car Park had increase to £12.80 during the month.
- c) **Budget 2026-27:** The clerk gave details of changes to the staffing budget if they appoint a clerk who is under the age of 67 years and wants to go into the pension fund. The comments were noted.
- d) **Cash Book 2025-26:** The clerk went through the 2025-26 Cash Book giving details of major expenditure during the financial year.

453/26: Planning:

- a) **Planning Applications:** *No applications had been received.*
- b) **Planning Decisions:** No decisions had been made since the last meeting but it was anticipated a decision re the Holme Farm seasonal car park on 31th March 2026.

454/26: Green Space Issues:

- a) **Monitoring Grass Cutting Contract:** The clerk confirmed that Horton Landscapes and Winter Maintenance had commenced the Grass Cutting Contract. The council agreed a programme to monitor the contact and review progress in October 2026.

455/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:

- a) **Track26Yorkshire Dales:** The clerk gave an update on the charity group hire of the Helwith Bridge Car Park on Saturday 16th May 2026 confirming that the charity had been billed for the event.

456/26: Annual Meeting: The Council confirmed the Annual Meeting of the Parish would be held at 7pm to around 7.15pm with an opportunity for light refreshments till around 7.30pm when the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will be held. During the discussions it was agreed a Public Meeting would be held on Wednesday 10TH June 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall to discuss a community Building for the parish.

457/26: Correspondence:

- a) Cllr Hornby gave details of an ice cream van trading adjacent to residential properties. The clerk had approached North Yorkshire Police who had advised their powers were limited as the vehicle was trading from the public highway in an area with no parking restrictions. Cllr David Staveley recommended approaching NYC Trading Standards.
- b) Cllr Durham gave details of a request to replace the battery at the Horton Defibrillator at a cost of £223 and new pads for the defibrillators at Selside and Helwith Bridge. After discussion the request for a new battery and pads was approved.
- c) The clerk reported that concerns had been raised about lights coming on at 4.30am at the pedestrian bridge at the railway station affecting local residents and the dark sky policy. It was agreed the clerk should notify Northern Rail.

458/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 10 incidents reported to the police between 08.03.26 & 10.04.26 including firearms checks, concerns for welfare and road related offences.

459/26: Staffing Update: The clerk indicated that the adverts for a new clerk had been place and a strong expression of interest. The clerk also indicated the Council should consider purchasing a printer and telephone for the new clerk. The clerk confirmed his last day as parish clerk would be Sunday 31st May 2026.

460/26: Any Matters not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: a) The Chair confirmed no urgent items had been raised.

461/26: Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:
Monday 11th May 2025 at 7.00pm at the Pavilion for the Annual Meeting of the Parish and 7.30pm for the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Chair

Date