

HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 13th March 2023

Present – Martin Hanson (Chairman) Fiona Durham, Joan Myers, Kathryn Jackson, Thomas Millman and James Hudspeth.

Robert Ogden (Craven District Council)

David Staveley (North Yorkshire County Council)

Ian Orton – Parish Clerk:

188/23. Apologies for Absence: No apologies were received.

189/23. 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

190/23. Minutes of the Meeting held 13th February 2023: Cllr Hanson and Cllr Durham proposed as a true and correct record. All in approval.

191/23. Matters Arising – (Actions).

Re 192/23. Appointment of Parish Clerk: The Chairman introduced Ian Orton who was appointed as Parish Clerk on 23rd February 2023 and commenced duties on 1st March 2023. It was resolved that the bank account with HSBC was continued and Ian Orton, as Proper Officer, was authorised to pay all cheques and act on other instructions including fully empowered on behalf of the Parish Council to enter into at any time relating to electronic and telephone banking. Council members welcomed the Clerk to Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council.

193/23. Public Participation

a) A member of the public had stated that tenants have been renting a holiday cottage that does not have a dustbin so their rubbish was being placed in public waste bins. The Council agreed this was unfair and the clerk was requested to write to Craven DC reporting the issue

194/23. District & County Councillor Reports. a) District Cllr Ogden apologised he had not produced a report but will circulate a report once his school OFSTED was completed. Cllr Ogden reported that as ownership of the milk stand could not be confirmed Craven DC could not authorise the grant he had recommended for repairs. He agreed to circulate the Craven DC email with details of the outstanding issues. It was agreed that the milk stand should go back on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Ogden further added he was going to Buckingham Palace in May to represent Craven DC and thanked the Council for supporting him during his time as a District Councillor. The Chairman thanked Cllr Ogden for all his work for Horton Parish.

b) County Councillor Staveley introduced his report on the relevant work of the County

Council and updates on the transfer of functions from Craven DC to North Yorkshire Council. CC Staveley spoke of the financial pressures that local government generally was under and options for cost savings from the transfer adding that the new council budget will see a rise in council tax of 4.99% or £83.64 for a Band D property.

195/23 Vacancies and co options. The Chairman confirmed with the secondment of Cllr Hudspeth and the appointment of the clerk there was now only one vacancy for a Parish Councillor. Cllr Hudspeth stated that he was not on the Electoral Register, despite living in the parish, but he had reported this to Craven DC. CC Staveley asked if he could help with the issue.

196/23 Grass cutting contract 2023-26: The clerk introduced a report stating the only submission for the contract was from Horton Landscapes offering to undertake the grass cutting for the sum of £1765.00 per year (exclusive of VAT). After discussion the submission was accepted and it was further agreed the clerk circulate the tender document to all members to ensure all relevant grass was included in the contract.

197/23 Purchase of New Laptop for Clerk: The clerk introduced a report seeking authority to purchase a new laptop as the existing laptop had been a good servant but now deserved retirement. The Council considered the three laptops in the report and Cllr Hudspeth agreed that the Medion Akoya Notebook and Office software met the needs of the Parish Council. Cllr Hudspeth outlined the options available. CC Staveley advised the purchase of a screen to use with a smaller screen laptop. After further discussion agreed that the Medion Akoya Notebook and Office software met the needs of the Parish Council.

198/23 Review Website Provision: The clerk explained that the WIX website had certain limitations and was not necessarily meeting the needs of Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1. and it may be advantageous to look at other websites providers. After discussion it was agreed a report on website provision was brought to the next meeting.

199/23 Notice boards. Cllr Jackson gave an update on the provision of replacement noticeboards and this was noted. Cllr Durham was concerned the key had been removed from the Selside notice board and the clerk promised to replace it!

200/23 Planning Applications. Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning. Cllr Durham gave details of Planning Application C/44/75D/DIS1 and after discussion there were no objections to the proposed stonework.

201/23 Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance. Street lamp survey -update.

It was reported NYC were preparing to fill in potholes. Cllr Durham confirmed Harrison and Cross were in the process of replacing the lamp that had been taken down. Cllr Durham gave an update on replacing the missing Selside village sign.

202/23. Correspondence.

- NYC asked if the Parish Council could accommodate 120 guests for a Civic Service on 3rd March 2024. I was suggested the request was referred to the local school.
- Letter received from North Yorkshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund inviting bids for a share of £22m fund. It was agreed a bid should be submitted for three new notice boards.

203/23. Police Report. 11 incidences were reported to North Yorkshire Police between 10.02.23 and 13.03.23. The Chairman gave details of a group of possibly anglers taking down trees adjacent to the river at Helwith Bridge and it was agreed the clerk should write to Mitre and Manchester Anglers mentioning that permission was required to carry out such activities.

204/23. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment. The clerk reported February 2023 balances of £8066.09 in the Current Account £6162.06 in the Savings Account and £3607.87 in the Dinsdale Account. 3 invoices were presented for payment which were agreed.

205/23. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 17TH April 2023

Signed

Date