

HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 15th May 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

72/24: Election of Chair: Cllr Martin Hanson was proposed by Cllr Jackson and seconded by Cllr Hudspeth and unanimously elected as Chair.

73/24: Election of Vice Chair: Cllr Fiona Durham was proposed by Cllr Myers and seconded by Cllr Jackson and unanimously elected as Vice -Chair.

74/24: Elected Representatives:

Yorkshire Local Councils: Cllr Hanson and Ian Orton

School Foundation Governor: Cllr Durham

School Exhibition Governors: Cllr Jackson and Ian Orton

Settle Aid in Sickness: Cllr Hanson

Dole Charity: Cllr Jackson

75/24: Apologies for Absence: Cllr Millman

76/24. 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.

77/24: Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting & PC Meeting held on 11/4/22 and 11/5/22:
Council resolved to approve the minutes

78/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 17TH April and 23rd April 2023:
Council resolved to approve the minutes

The Chair requested that Item 69/24 Reported Crime was brought forward so the representatives of North Yorkshire Police were not detained longer than necessary. PCSO Jayne Grace gave details of the 119 reported incidents between 01.04.22 and 3.05.23 with road related offences highest on the list while during the last month 15 incidents had been reported ranging from cave rescue to theft from pub.

PCSO Grace added that the Yorkshire Police were making more use of social media before answering a number of questions from the public about community policing.

The Chair thanked North Yorkshire Police for attending the meeting.

79/24: Public Participation: Members of the public asked the Council about street lighting and the Chair confirmed there would be a member inspection of the street lighting in the near future. Concern was raised that tickets were not regularly collected on the local buses and this might give the impression the service was not being used. It was requested the Clerk wrote to the bus company about these concerns. The public were also concerned about maintenance of the beck embankment retaining wall on the old main road behind Overlands. It is now just over 40 years since the main road was diverted. North Yorkshire Cllr Staveley agreed to arrange an inspection of the fabric of the bridge and associated retaining walls.

80/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley gave a verbal report indicating that the proposed additional council tax on second homes was held in in the House of Lords adding details of North Yorkshire Council Local Plan and this would include details of affordable homes.

81/24: Annual Governance Documentation:

a) Certificate of exemption: The Council were given details of expenditure and income during 2022/3 and resolved it was below £25,000 and the Chair signed the Certificate of Exemption.

b) AGAR Section 1: The clerk read through the statement items and the Council resolved to approve the document.

c) AGAR Section 2: The Council resolved to approve the document.

82/24: General Power of Competence (Localism Act 2011):

The Council considered the general legislative power of the act and the criteria requirements as presented by the Clerk. As the criteria of eligibility having been met as defined by the Localism Act 2011, the Council resolved to adopt the General Power of Competence.

1. Councillors elected were more than one third of total Councillors on the Council
2. The Clerk holds the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA)

83/24: Bus Parking in Horton: The Clerk reported that bus parking within the National Park car park was creating problems and after discussion it was agreed the Clerk write to the National Park outlining the problems and also requesting that a proper path between the car park and the public toilets was installed.

84/24: Village Sign Selside: The Clerk confirmed that North Yorkshire Council would not purchase a new street sign for Selside and after discussion it was agreed the Council would spend in the region of £250 for a new sign which Highways North Yorkshire would purchase and install.

85/24: Milk Stand Horton: The clerk confirmed that Robert Davidson had been engaged to refurbish the milk stand at a cost of £430 and as Craven District Council had not supported the grant the cost of the work would now fall to the Council. After discussion this was unanimously agreed.

86/24: Logo for Parish Council: The clerk explained that a logo for the Parish Council would be a constructive 'brand' for the Council. The Council agreed and requested the Clerk arrange a silhouette of Pen-y-Gent as a possible logo.

87/24: Church Yard Gate: The Clerk indicated that concerns had been raised that the church gates to the cemetery were not wide enough for modern machinery and that the existing gates should be put back but allowing better access. After discussion it was agreed quotes for the work should be obtained.

88/24: Planning Application C/44/271: The Chair introduced the application to vary conditions for conversion of barn to form local occupancy dwelling. After discussion the Council agreed the variation to the application.

89/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The Council agreed that lighting inspection 'walk about' was required and this was agreed for the evening of Monday 5th June 2023.

90/24: Correspondence: a) Unemptied Bins: Councillors were disappointed at the inconsistency of bin emptying and several options were considered to try and resolve the issue. After discussion it was agreed the Clerk write to the National Park seeking details of the bin collection contractor and the dates for the emptying of bins.

b) Cemetery Monument: The Clerk gave details of a request from Thos. Rock Memorial Craftsmen re a memorial for Sheila Jacqueline Hayward and after discussion the design for the memorial was agreed.

91/24: Reported Crime: This item was considered at the start of the meeting.

92/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 5th May 2023 balances of £13757.64 in the Current Account, £6175.03 in the Savings Account and £3615.46 in the Dinsdale Account. Invoices for Clerk Administration, Clerk Salary, Robert Davidson (2), Scottish Water, Vision ICT, J Bownass Accountancy, npower and Parish on line.

93/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 12TH June 2023

Signed

Date