

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 11th September 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present – Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham (Vice Chair), Joan Myers and James Hudspeth.

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

227/24: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Jackson and Millman and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley sent apologies.

228/24. 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.

229/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 14th August 2023:

Council resolved to approve the minutes

230/24: Matters Arising: There were no matters not included on the agenda.

231/24: Yorkshire Dales National Park Officer Attendance: Kate Hilditch Area Manager (Southern Dales) Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority attended the meeting and gave an update on visitors to Horton based on the parks people counters. Kate also gave details of the park's plans for more rangers, working through social media and generally managing the increasing numbers visiting Horton. Parish councillors spoke about working more closely with other national park parish councils, greater enforcement of the Countryside Code, plus the ongoing challenges of rubbish and car/coach parking. It was agreed to invite the new ranger to meetings of the council.

Members of the public spoke about inadequate toilet provision, better signage and social media including the parks website being brought up to date.

232/24: Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Railway: The Chair introduced the topics covered during the visit by representatives of the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Railway at the last council. It was agreed the meeting had been positive and improved communication with the Friends of the Railway was helpful and that an annual visit by the Friends would be useful. If invited representatives of the parish council should attend the opening of the refurbished waiting rooms.

233/24: Public Participation: A members of the public asked the implications of the café/wine bar within the refurbished waiting rooms at Horton Railway Station including the impact on limited car parking and tables on the platform etc. The Chair indicated most users of the new facility would arrive by train.

Another member of the public raised concern about coaches parking on double yellow lines.

It was agreed to refer the concerns to North Yorkshire Council who were the highway authority who along with North Yorkshire Police were responsible for parking.

A concern was raised about petty crime in the area.

234/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports: A report from Cllr Staveley had been circulated as he was unable to attend the meeting.

235/24: Milk Stand: The clerk confirmed that the milk stand had been refurbished. Members were pleased with the quality of the work and it was requested the 'new' milk stand was included on the council web site.

236/24: Church Yard Gates: The clerk confirmed that the gates had been cleaned, welded and painted but the sandstone post was still on order however it was hoped the project would be completed by early October. After discussion it was agreed that as Councillor Staveley had been so supportive of the project he should be asked to officially 'open' the gates at a date to be agreed.

237/24: Notice Boards and Bus Shelter: Cllr Jackson had sent apologies but had briefed the clerk on progress with the projects. The clerk had requested quotes to refurbish the community notice board by the entrance to the railway station but concern had been raised about the state of the timber. It was agreed quotes for refurbishment or new notice board in the same style.

238/24: Cemetery Update: The clerk indicated quotes had been received to paint door of the sexton's hut. Members commented that a member of the community may carry out the work and the clerk to investigate.

239/24: Planning Application C/44/305: The Chair introduced the application for erection of single storey extension to side and rear and installation of a replacement oil tank at Hillcroft, BD24 0HT.

After discussion the Council resolved to have No Objections to the planning application.

239/24: Planning Application C/44/281A: The Chair introduced the application for demolition of redundant office and erection of a new site office with weighbridge cabin etc. After discussion the Council resolved to have No Objections to the planning application.

240/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: Cllr Durham confirmed that the new road sign for Selside was now in place. Cllr Myers introduced a report that gave details of the increase in street lighting costs from 22.10p per kilowatt in 2021 to 50.18p per kilowatt from September 2023. After discussion it was resolved for the clerk to identify costs from other suppliers. A pothole outside Railway Cottages had been identified which the clerk confirmed would be reported to North Yorkshire Council.

The clerk reported that the lower branches of roadside trees at Overlands to the Bracken Bottom turnings needed trimming and a quote had been received for the work. The clerk was requested to send the quote to North Yorkshire Council Highways.

241/24: Correspondence: The clerk reported that interest had been expressed in a Horton property that was the subject of a s157 Housing Act which means the property during the first six months of being advertised can only be sold to a person who had lived or worked in Horton for at least three years. As s157 orders are rare the clerk was drawing it to the attention of the council.

242/24: Reported Incidents: The Chair gave details of the 6 incidents reported to the police between 13.08.23 and 09.09.23 adding concerns that 3 of these reports were abandoned/hoax calls. Of the remaining 3 incidents 1 was concern for safety, 1 was a parking dispute and a road traffic incident.

243/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 10th September 2023 balances of £7766.05 in the Current Account, £6207.79 in the Savings Account and £3634.64 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for Clerk Administration, Clerk Salary, Business Stream, npower, Robert Davidson and G A Waterworth were authorised for payment.

244/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting(s)

Tuesday 26th September 2023 at 7pm: Christmas Lights Working Party

Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion: Council Meeting

Signed

Date