

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 9th October 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present – Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham (Vice Chair), Kathryn Jackson. Joan Myers and Thomas Millman.

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

261/24: Apologies for Absence: Cllr James Hudspeth.

262/24. 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.

263/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 11th September 2023:

Council resolved to approve the minutes

264/24: Matters Arising: There were no matters not included on the agenda.

265/24: Public Participation: A members of the public stated that the wall of their property was being used as an additional public bench with people leaving rubbish and occasionally behaving in an anti-social way. It was agreed the clerk should write to the National Park requesting a notice to avoid such behaviour and requesting an additional bench for users of the car park.

Another member of the public welcomed the new Parish Council website but requested that links to community groups etc could be added. The clerk agreed the new web state was municipal but would endeavour to populate the website as soon as possible.

Councillor Myers raised concerns about the school bus stopping by the junction to the railway station as it was damaging the pavement and dropped curb areas of the adjacent properties. It was agreed the clerk would write to NYC Highways who hired the coaches in question pointing out the concerns of local people.

266/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports: A report from Cllr Staveley had been circulated and he commented on a number of initiatives from North Yorkshire Council.

267/24: Christmas Lights: The Chair introduced a report containing details of the meeting of the Christmas Lights Working Party which was held on 26th September 2023. The Working Party favoured an illuminated Christmas Tree around 3 metres high in the centre of the village and an illuminated reindeer at the Welcome to Horton Sign. Members of the public all welcomed a Christmas Tree but opinions were divided on the location of the Christmas Tree. After robust discussion it was agreed for Christmas 2023:

The Christmas Tree should go in the area by the entrance to the National Park's car park. Lights hopefully solar powered should be purchased for the tree.

An illuminated reindeer with calf should be placed by the Welcome to Horton sign

Total costs were around £805 and Cllr Jackson would approach the Quarry to see if they would sponsor the festive event.

The Lights would be switched on at 5pm on Saturday 2nd December 2023 at 5pm.

268/24: Church Yard Gates: The clerk indicated that the sandstone should be delivered the week of 16th October 2023 and after discussion it was agreed the cemetery gates would be officially opened by Cllr Staveley on Sunday 5th November 2023 at 12 noon.

269/24: Notice Boards and Bus Shelter: Cllr Jackson confirmed that a slate still needed to be fitted to the bus shelter and the new notice board would be fitted in the near future.

270/24: Cemetery Update: The clerk confirmed that there was a funeral on 9th October 2023 but as he was on holiday, he would be unable to attend. However the municipal arrangements for the funeral were in place. The clerk added that if another person ratified the names on the plate and the registration form, they should receive the £60 cemetery fee. The Council noted the arrangements.

271/24: Modification Order Public Footpath: 05.65/29: The Chair introduced the Modification Order to the footpath at Horton Railway Station.

After discussion the Council resolved to note the Statement Modification Order for the Public Footpath 05.65/29 at Horton Railway Station.

271/24: Planning Application C/44/238D: The Chair introduced the application of a single storey lean-to extension to provide secure storage associated with the existing use of the building as an aviary.

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

272/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The clerk reported the planned closure of Stainforth Road 18th November to 27th November 2023 between 21.30 and 06.30. The Council noted the road closure. The clerk added that the street lighting invoice for September 2023 was almost £200 but there were several firms who were cheaper than the existing contractor. A report would be presented to the next meeting of the Council.

273/24: Correspondence: The clerk reported that correspondence of note was now circulated to all members.

274/24: Reported Incidents: The Chair gave details of the 6 incidents reported to the police between 10.09.23 and 06.10.23 noting that one of these reports were abandoned/hoax calls. Of the remaining 5 incidents 1 was concern for walker, a sudden death, concern for welfare and flood alert.

275/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 5th October 2023 balances of £2929.08 in the Current Account, £6217.86 in the Savings Account and £3640.54 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for Bighorse Design, Robert Davidson, npower, Clerk Salary, Clerk Administration, and Data Protection Act were authorised for payment.

276/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 13TH November 2023 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion: Council Meeting

Signed

Date