

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 December 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham, James Hudspeth, Katherine Jacson, Joan Myers, Thomas Millman and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

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340/24: Apologies for Absence: All Councillors were present.

The clerk reported that Lorraine Leary was attending the meeting having expressed an interest in the vacant post of Parish Councillor.

341/24. 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.

342/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 1st December 2023:

The Chair explained that the meeting held on 13th November 2023 was not quorate and the Minutes of that meeting contain recommendations to the next meeting of the Council. After discussion it was resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

343/24: Matters Arising: Cllr Jackson agreed to arrange a meeting with the Quarry and would circulate details of the date and times of the meeting. The clerk indicated that for insurance purposes the insurance value of the bus shelter was £6500.

344/24: Public Participation: A members of the public expressed concern about the blocked drains and the risk of more flooding. Cllr Staveley indicated he would notify NYC Highways. Another member of the public requested that benches were provided by the National Park in the car park to prevent the public sitting on the walls of an adjacent property.

A member of the public gave details of the lorry’s from the quarry both numbers and driving style. It was agreed this would be raised at the forthcoming meeting with the quarry.

Cllr Staveley mentioned that the regular meetings organised by Craven District Council with the quarry should be reviewed by North Yorkshire Council.

345/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley introduced his monthly report on the activities of North Yorkshire Council giving examples relating to Limestone View n Settle and the value of the £5m Health Research project.

The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for his support during the year.

346/24: Christmas Lights: Cllr Jackson gave an update on the lighting of the Christmas Tree and the support this had generated within the community. It was agreed a Christmas Lights Public Meeting should be held in early September 2024 with Monday 16TH September 2024 as a possible date.

347/24: Car Park Helwith Bridge: Cllr Durham indicated she had been approached about the state of the car park at Helwith Bridge. It was agreed that as gravel from the quarry would be a temporary solution a request should be submitted to the quarry to help with the problem. It was also agreed an Honesty Box should be purchased so the car park could generate some income for the Parish Council.

348/24: Fell Race 2024: It was agreed the Council would support the concept of a Fell Race but the organisation is best managed by the Gala Committee working towards a Fell Race in 2025.

349/24: Cemetery Update: The clerk gave an update on the burial ground fees and charges and it was agreed to defer any change to the charges till the March 2024 meeting of the Council.

350/24: Friends Settle Carlisle Railway: The Friends of the Settle Carlisle Railway have offered the Parish Council complimentary membership of the Friends. After discussion the Council agreed to thank the Friends but the Council prefers to work within the current framework.

351/24: Planning Application:

a) Full planning permission for change of use to house birds of prey (part retrospective) at Greengates Farm, Brackenbottom Road, Horton in Ribblesdale, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 0EU - C/44/238F:

After discussion the Council agreed to note the application.

b) Householder planning permission for installation of timber barbecue hut at Town End Cottage, Chapel Lane, Horton in Ribblesdale, Settle, BD24 0EX - C/44/17C:

After discussion the Council agreed to note the application but expressed concern at the size of the barbecue hut.

c) Full planning permission for existing 2 No antenna at 15m and 22.5m to be removed and replaced with 1 No 0.8m dish at 22.5m and 1 No 0.3m antenna at 15m along with ancillary equipment at Harlands Barn, Bracken Bottom Farm, Horton in Ribblesdale, BD24 0EY - C/44/53J.

After discussion the Council agreed to note the application

d) Derelict Houses: **The Council discussed a number of derelict properties at Lincoln House, and I Moughton Villas both on Hawes Road and it was agreed the clerk should contact NYC for an update on the status of the two properties in question.**

352/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The clerk reported that the unmetered electricity supply was now costing over £240 a month and sought authority to seek the costs for installing a meter and introducing solar powered pavement lighting. It was agreed that initiatives such as LED bulbs, cost of metering and solar powered pavement lighting should be explored.

353/24: Parish Precept 2024/25: The clerk introduced a draft financial report for 2023/24. After discussion the Council unanimously agreed that £16,000 was required to maintain services during 2024/25 which equated to a Band D payment of £80.84 per year.

354/24: Correspondence: The clerk stated that Settle Swimming Pool had circulated a letter requesting financial support to help with the costs of the new facilities and increased energy prices. After discussion it was agreed to provide a grant of £300 to Settle Area Swimming Pool.

355/24: Reported Incidents: A representative of North Yorkshire Police indicated between 11th November and 9th December 2023 there were six incidents reported to the police ranging from an abandoned call to a sudden death.

356/24: Parish Council Community Role: The clerk confirmed a sympathy card had been sent on behalf of the Council to a local family who had recently suffered a bereavement. The clerk asked for guidance on the community role of the Council and it was agreed the Council would request cards to be sent when relevant.

357/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 10th November 2023 balances of £9793.55 in the Current Account, £6238.03 in the Savings Account and £3652.35 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for Harrison and Cross, Robert Davidson, npower, Clerk Salary, Clerk Administration, Rent Sports Pavilion were authorised for payment under Financial Regulations 4.1. In addition, income from a VAT return and Duncan Robinson Funeral Directors was reported.

358/24: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: The clerk asked if two replacement notice boards for Selside and Helwith Bridge could be purchased for around £100 and this was agreed.

After discussion the Council agreed to appoint Lorraine Leary to the vacancy of Parish Councillor.

359/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting:
Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion: Council Meeting

Signed

Date

