

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 14th August 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting was preceded at 7pm by a presentation from representatives of the Leeds-Settle- Carlisle Railway Community Engagement Group. Although the presentation had not been advertised as a Public Meeting the Chair allow members of the public to attend and ask questions. It was agreed the meeting had been positive and the Chair agreed such meetings should be held annually and promoted as public meetings.

Present – Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham (Vice Chair), Joan Myers, James Hudspeth and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

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192/24: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Jackson and Millman sent apologies.

The Chair informed the Council of the recent death of former Parish Councillor Wilf Fenton who had been a parish councillor, including Chair for many years. Cllr Durham confirmed there would be a private funeral for former Cllr Fenton.

193/24. 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.

194/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 10th July 2023:

Council resolved to approve the minutes

195/24: Matters Arising: There were no matters not included on the agenda.

196/24: Public Participation: A members of the public asked the Council about the visit to Ribbleshead Viaduct by the Minister of State for Rail and HS2 and the future of the café at the site. It was confirmed that the visit was a public event. Questions were asked about the role of the Leeds -Settle- Carlisle Railway Community Engagement Group and the refurbishment of the Horton Railway Station. A number of comments were passed about the unsuitability of the times of some trains on the route. A member of the public asked about a number of empty properties within Horton; the Chair confirmed the Council had very limited influence to resolve issues associated with vacant properties, Cllr Staveley indicated he would approach NYC to see if empty properties were linked to probate etc.

The Chair confirmed that the Council would study the Settle- Carlisle Railway Community Engagement Plan and the item would be on the agenda for the next Council meeting on 11th September 2023.

197/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports: Cllr Staveley spoke about the role of the new foster carers and the introduction of a £500 golden hello; road closures of the A65, the proposed railway ticket office closures and the member locality grant reminding the meeting individuals could also comment on the proposed closures of ticket offices. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for his support in refurbishing the cemetery gates linked to the member locality grant.

198/24: Milk Stand: The clerk confirmed that the contractor was waiting to start work on the rebuilding of the Milk Stand but needed a number of dry days to complete the work adding that the recent weather had not been very favourable. It was fully anticipated the work would be completed by mid-September 2023.

199/24: Church Yard Gates: The clerk confirmed that now the funding from NYC was through he had engaged contractors to order and fit a new sandstone post and refurbish the gates. The Council were asked if the gates should be repainted in green or black and the Council agreed in black. It was anticipated the work would be completed by mid-September 2023.

200/24: Notice Boards and Bus Shelter: Cllr Jackson had sent apologies but had briefed the clerk on progress with the projects. Progress was noted and the clerk was requested to seek quotes to refurbish the community notice board adjacent to the Horton Station Car Park.

201/24: Cemetery Update: The clerk confirmed the vegetation within the cemetery was being cut back, a notice board for the Sextons Shed had been ordered and a price to repaint the door to the Sextons Shed was being procured.

The Chair confirmed that the Cemetery Registrar had transferred the cemetery documentation to the clerk and he added that with her years as parish clerk the Helen Sergeant had worked for the parish council for 44 years. The Council thanked Helen for her many years of service, the Chair signed a letter of thanks to Helen and the clerk was authorised to buy a suitable gift on behalf of the parish council.

202/24: Planning Application C/44/160D: The Chair introduced the application for full planning permission for change of use of barn to form 1no. dwelling for local occupancy and holiday let for holiday use only at Helwith Bridge Barn, Austwick Road, Helwith Bridge BD24 0EH. After discussion the Council resolved to have No Objections to the planning application.

203/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The clerk confirmed the new road sign for Selside would cost around £182 and an order had been given for the work but NYC had indicated owing to staffing issues the work may take up to 3 months.

The Chair reported on the site visit of Harrison Cross on 24th July 2023 to add an additional street light and move another street light. The clerk reported he had approached npower and the cost of a new street light would be prohibitive. The clerk was requested to explore alternative means of street lighting such as solar power. The Council further requested the clerk to provide details of street lighting costs for the last three years to review costs.

204/24: Yorkshire Dales Three Peaks Walkers: It was agreed Yorkshire Dales National Park should send a representative to the next meeting to discuss the impact of over 100,000

walkers a year passing through the parish and to explore greater partnership between the parish and the national park.

205/24: Correspondence: The clerk gave a verbal report on recent correspondence.

206/24: Reported Incidents: The Chair gave details of the 8 incidents reported to the police between 08.07.23 and 12.08.23 adding concerns that 4 of these reports were abandoned/hoax calls. Of the remaining 4 incidents 2 were theft, 1 was an abandoned motorbike 1 was a sudden death at Selside.

207/24: Planning Training Session: The clerk confirmed Cllr Hudspeth was booked on the zoom planning seminar on 19th October 2023. The Chair recommended this form of training for other parish councillors.

208/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 13th August 2023 balances of £8792.77 in the Current Account, £6198.26 in the Savings Account and £3629.06 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for Clerk Administration, Clerk Salary, logo design, npower, Robert Davidson (2), Horton Landscape (3) and Village Hall Hire were authorised for payment.

209/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting – Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion.

Signed

Date