

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 13th November 2023 at 7.30pm.

Present – Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Joan Myers and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

Parish Clerk: Ian Orton

298/24: Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Durham, Hudspeth, Jackson and Millman.

The clerk reported that there were only two parish councillors present and therefore the meeting was not quorate. However, the meeting could still continue and any decisions would be recommendations for the next quorate council to consider. Any delegated powers, such as the clerk paying invoices up to £500 each were legally acceptable.

On this basis the Chair agreed to go ahead with the meeting.

299/24. 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.

300/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 9th October 2023:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

301/24: Matters Arising: There were no matters not included on the agenda.

302/24: Public Participation: A members of the public expressed concern about the location of the Christmas Tree and the impact of the light pollution.

Another member of the public felt lighting outside the Sport Pavilion was unnecessary and would also create light pollution. The Chair added that during winter months the lack of lighting to the pavilion was a Health and Safety hazard.

303/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports: A report from Cllr Staveley had been circulated and was discussed with all present.

304/24: Christmas Lights: The Chair introduced a report containing an update on the Christmas Tree and Lights planned for the community. Concern was raised about light pollution and the apparent uncertainty of the future location of the Christmas Tree. The Chair apologised that the public were not invited to the meeting to discuss Christmas activities and subject to the agreement of the Council the meeting to plan for the 2024 Christmas activities would include an invite for the public to attend.

305/24: Quarry Meetings: The clerk indicated a request had been received for the parish council to meet with the quarry. It was agreed this would be helpful and the clerk was asked to discuss with the quarry.

306/24: Fell Race 2024: This item was deferred to the next meeting.

307/24: Cemetery Update: The clerk gave an update on the role of the parish cemetery. A copy of the burial ground fees and charges had been circulated and it was agreed to defer any change to the charges till the next meeting.

308/24: Housing Strategy: The clerk gave details of the North Yorkshire Council's Housing Strategy and it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

309/24: Planning Application: Listed building consent to retain works undertaken to the existing outbuildings at Greengate Farm, BD24 0EU. After discussion the Council resolved to note the submission.

310/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: The clerk reported that the unmetered electricity supply was now costing over £2000 a year and sought authority to seek the costs for installing a meter and introducing solar powered pavement lighting. It was agreed the clerk should explore ways to reduce the electricity bill.

311/24: Consultation Polling Stations: The clerk informed the Council North Yorkshire *Council* were recommending retaining the existing Polling Station in Horton in Ribblesdale. The information was noted.

312/24: Parish Precept 2024/25: The clerk explained that North Yorkshire Council wished to know the precept for 2024/25 by 31st December 2023. After discussion it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.

313/24: 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. It was agreed to defer the request to the next meeting.

315/24: Reported Incidents: The Chair had taken this item at the start of the meeting to support the PCSO. There were three reported incidents.

316/24: 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 to defer the request to the next meeting.

317/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 10th November 2023 balances of £12578.55 in the Current Account, £6227.77 in the Savings Account and £3646.34 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for Business Stream, Horton Landscape, Robert Davidson, npower, North Yorkshire Council, Stanley Jordan, Clerk Salary, Clerk Administration were authorised for payment under Financial Regulations 4.1. In addition, income from Duncan Robinson Funeral Directors was reported.

318/24: Update Insurance Cover: The clerk stated that the insurance was renewal from 21st January 2024 but that the existing sums insured needed approval. It was agreed that these sums plus insurance for the bus shelter should be considered at the next meeting.

319/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting:

Monday 11TH December 2023 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion: Council Meeting

Signed

Date