

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 December 2024 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham, Joan Myers, Thomas Millman and Lorraine Leary.

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3 members of the public were present.

332/25: Apologies for Absence: Cllr Katryn Jackson.

333/25. 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:

No interests were disclosed.

334/25. Minutes of Council Meeting held on 11th November 2024:

Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes

335/25: Matters Arising: No matters were raised.

336/25: Public Participation: A member of the public indicated that a number of items raised when a representative of the Yorkshire Dales National Park had attended a council meeting had either been completed or were in the process of being carried out.

337/25: North Yorkshire Council Reports: NYC Cllr David Staveley gave an estimated update on the annual settlement the Government would be allocating to North Yorkshire Council adding that any change to the Rural Settlement Grant and the Localities Grant would have an impact on service delivery by North Yorkshire Council. Cllr Staveley added an update on transport and Cllr Myers asked a number of questions about public transport issues.

338/25: News Letter Winter: The clerk asked if the Council wished to produce a Winter Newsletter covering finance, update on Christmas events etc. The Council felt the Summer Newsletter had been well received and the clerk was requested to produce a draft edition for the next meeting.

339/25: Christmas Lights Review: Cllr Learey gave an update on the Christmas Lights On and how the ceremony had gone.

The Council thanked Cllrs Jackson and Learey for all their hard work and requested that the clerk write a formal letter of thanks to both councillors.

340/25: Change to Clerks Duties: The clerk indicated that members had offered to help with putting up notices of meetings of the Council. The clerk thanked the members for this support but added it was essential that notices were put up three clear days excluding weekends, bank holidays and the day of the meeting; if this was not done the meeting could be challenged. The clerk asked if members if they could carry out a monthly check of the invoices and after discussion it was agreed that a member would attend prior to the start of the Council and check invoices against decisions, payments, VAT etc. The clerk thanked the Council for this support.

341/25: Green Spaces: a) Beckside: The clerk read out a draft letter relating to properties adjacent to the red line of the unregistered land to the west of Beckside. After discussion it was agreed the clerk should send the letter to all properties adjacent to the unregistered land.

342/25: Planning Application:

a) Yorkshire Dales National Park Planning: Full planning permission for change of use and conversion of existing storage barn to a 3-bedroom dwelling and installation of septic tank at Barn north of Newhouses Farm, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Settle (GR:380508, 474309) - C/44/319.

The clerk indicated this application, which had been noted at the November Council had been agreed; and asked if the Council wanted to be informed of the decisions of planning applications.

After discussion it was agreed this would be helpful.

b) Full planning permission for change of use of traditional building to holiday let (retrospective) at The Old Shippon, New Houses, Horton in Ribblesdale, Settle, North Yorkshire, BD24 0JE - C/44/167G.

After discussion this application was noted.

c) Section 73 application in respect of variation of Conditions 2, 4, 9 & 10 of C/44/254 (full planning permission for extension of existing campsite and alteration/extension of existing amenity building (part retrospective)) in respect of an increase in the number of campervan/motorhomes on field 8915 to 14 bays and remove the tent pitches from that field, and to use field 9023 for 7 campervan/motorhome pitches along the wall side and have 100 tent spaces along with associated planting of hedges/trees in fields 9023 and field 8834 to provide landscaping at Holme Farm Caravan and Campsite, Station Road, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Settle, BD24 0HB - C/44/254A.

After discussion it was agreed a site visit would help members determine the application.

It was agreed a site visit the week of 16TH December was possible and the clerk would inform North Yorkshire Council of any decision.

343/25: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance: a) The clerk circulated details of the seven pavement lights provided via electricity northwest unmetered supply and confirmed the removal of the car park public access light and that the Bransghyll Terrace light would not be replaced.

344/25: Correspondence: The clerk indicated that agents of the Alzheimer's Society had asked to use part of the Helwith Bridge Car park on Saturday 19th July 2025. After discussion the Council confirmed there were no free lets and the clerk to negotiate a fee for use of the facility.

345/25: Police Reported Incidents: The clerk reported on the 4 Police reports between 07.11.24 and 07.12.24 which included found property, road related, poaching and concern for welfare. It was agreed the clerk should produce a chart indicating a review of the reported crime over a 12-month period.

346/25: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment: The Clerk reported 6TH December 2024 balances of £10831.95 in the Current Account, £6360.07 in the Savings Account and £3551.10 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for, npower, Robert Davidson, Horton Landscapes, npower, Finance Statement and Clerk Administration were authorised for payment. The income from the Helwith Bridge Car Park Honesty Box for October 2024 was £4.95 and an increasing range of European currency.

It was agreed that finance items should be considered higher up the agenda in future.

347/25: Wooden Notice Boards: The clerk reported that the supporting posts for the new oak street notice board were recycled plastic not oak as requested. It was agreed this was acceptable and the clerk gave a revised figure to cover the posts and delivery.

348/25: Draft Precept: The clerk explained that the current agenda for a Band D property in Horton in Ribblesdale Parish was £80.84 which generated £16000 from North Yorkshire Council per year. The clerk added details of additional energy costs and increased staffing costs etc. After discussion the Council unanimously agreed a Band D precept of £94.21 per year an increase of £13.37 or 25p per week. The Council income from the precept would be £20,000.

349/25: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: The Chair thanked the Council for all the work during 2024 and wished everyone compliments of the season.

350/25: Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting in the Sports Pavilion:
Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.30pm

Signed

Date