

## **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 13<sup>TH</sup> October 2025 at 7.30pm.**

**Present** – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Joan Myers, Kathryn Jackson, Lorraine Leary and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

**Members of the Public:** Seventeen were present.

**Parish Clerk:** Ian Orton

**236/26: Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Fiona Durham and Thomas Millman.

**237/26. 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 dispensations:** None were declared.

**238/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025.**

After discussion the Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

**239/26: Matters Arising:** The clerk reported that one individual had stated the Arcow Quarry had agreed to pay the cost of the Helwith Bridge street light. After discussion the Council agreed that as a third party were paying the light should remain. Cllr Myers asked for her objection to the retention of any street light to be noted.

The clerk reported that the notice period to fill a casual vacancy of parish clerk had passed and no applications had been received. It was noted the Parish Council could now co-opt a candidate to fill the vacancy.

At this point the Chair agreed **Item 233 Reported Incidents to North Yorkshire Police** could be brought forward. PCSO Grace and Inspector Crabtree introduced details of the 13 reported incidents between 06.09.25 and 13.10.25 which included hoax calls, lost property, concerns for welfare and car park offences. Inspector Crabtree answered questions that included extending the use of speed cameras, introducing a 30mph limit in Selside, the noise of motor bikes, a lack of white lines and other traffic related issues. It was agreed a representative from North Yorkshire Police would attend a meeting of the Council 2 or 3 times a year. In addition, it was noted a meeting of parishes in the vicinity to discuss traffic and other North Yorkshire Police issues would be helpful.

The Chair introduced David Pickup from Yorkshire Dales National Park who spoke about the improvements to the Horton Car Park, the rebuilding of dry-stone walls, the use of solar power and more signage being added. Cllr Myers spoke about the problems of coach parking, signage obscured by vegetation and bins not emptied. NYC Cllr Staveley felt that the policy of requesting visitors to take rubbish home was not working and more bins were needed.

**240/26: Public Participation:** A member of the public added that toilets were required at Ribble Head. David Pickup agreed but added the relevant land was not owned by the National Park. Another member of the public added that the Dales were now busy all the time and the National Park needed to accept the area around Horton has a 12 months tourist season.

**241/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports:** Cllr Staveley spoke about how the additional council tax levied against second homes was being used to provide social housing, how recycling was made easier with unified kerbside collections and an update on education arrangements for excluded primary pupils.

**242/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment:**

a) **Financial Statement 10.10.25** The clerk reported that at 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 there was £15557.10 in the Business Account, £6450.64 in the Savings Account and £3378.91 in the Dimsdale Account.

b) **2025-26 Half Year Budgets:** The clerk gave details of the half year expenditure and income. Income was down because there had been no funerals during the half year and it was unlikely the anticipated income of £28,050 would be reached. Expenditure was up because the grass cutting season fell into the half year and the estimated expenditure of £22,000 was on target.

c) **Invoices:** The clerk also gave details of eleven invoices to be paid and income of £20 during the last month from Helwith Bridge Car Park, £93.22 Credit from npower and £10,000 second payment of the precept.

d) **Precept:** The clerk gave an update on the timetable for the 2026-27 precept process confirming a draft 2026-7 budget would be brought to the November Council meeting.

**243/26: Planning Application:**

a) **Arcow Quarry:** The clerk read out details of the planning application by Arcow Quarry to extend quarrying for a further 15 years. After discussion the Council raised no objections to the forthcoming application.

b) **Planning Decisions:** No planning decisions were reported.

**244/26: Green Space Issues:**

a) **Horticultural Contract 2026-2029:** After discussion it was agreed the clerk would produce a draft contract to include additional regular work at the Pinfold and Helwith Bridge Picnic site. The contract would be reviewed at the January meeting and put out to tender with a view to a new contract commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026. Cllr Leary asked about the time scale for the tender process.

b) **Helwith Bridge Picnic Site:** The clerk reported the fence was broken and the repair would be £150 and this was agreed. The clerk added that removal of branches and to turf over the old metal sign posts would be £120 and after discussion this was agreed. The Chair stated that the pot holes were the next jobs as part of the refurbishment of Helwith Bridge picnic site.

**245/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:**

- a) **Phone Box Options:** The clerk indicated that as a result of the article in the Summer Newsletter suggestions for the use of the phone box were moving the defibrillator from the closed café and a community library of donated books. It was agreed more ideas were needed and the item should be recirculated in the community for suggestions. It was further agreed councillors and the community would clean and repaint the phone box once ownership had passed to the council.
- b) **Bus Shelter Helwith Bridge:** The clerk confirmed the roof and south facing window had been reported. After discussion it was agreed a small notice board should be purchased giving details of ownership of the bus shelter and bus times etc.
- c) **Helwith Bridge Car Park Notices:** It was agreed the notices should be brought up to date and the clerk to bring revised wording to the November council.

**246/26: Christmas Lights:** Cllrs Jackson and Leary gave an update on the progress with Christmas Lights and the 'lights on' ceremony on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025. They added details of the arrangements for the public meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 when additional community ideas can be fed into the process. The Chair thanked the two councillors for all their hard work.

**247/26: Correspondence:**

- a) The clerk gave details of a request from Yorkshire Air Ambulance for funding and that during the last year the Yorkshire Air Ambulance been called out to the BD24 area 14 times dealing with road traffic accidents and medical emergencies. After discussion the Council agreed to allocate the Yorkshire Air Ambulance £100. b) The clerk explained that an email outlining concerns about a fireworks event had been received. As the parish council did not have control of pollution powers the clerk had contacted the individuals concerned with copies of the Fireworks Code.

**248/26: Reported Incidents:** North Yorkshire Police had 13 reports to the police between 06.09.25 & 10.10.25 including Abandoned Call, ASB Environmental and cave rescue.

**249/26: Aany Matters not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency:** The Chair agreed the clerk should purchase a wreath for Remembrance Sunday and Cllr Jackson would represent the Parish Council at the event.

**250/26: Date of Next Parish Council Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm.**