

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 8TH December 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham (Vice Chair), Kathryn Jackson, Lorraine Leary Thomas Milman and North Yorkshire Councillor Davidd Staveley

Members of the Public: Two member of the public were present.

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300/26: Apologies for Absence: Cllr Joan Myers.

301/26. 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.

302/26: Vacancy for Parish Councillor: The clerk explained that a formal notice to replace former councillor James Hudspeth had been posted between 24th September and 14th October 2025 inviting applicants to stand as a parish councillor. As no application were received the Parish Council can co-opt a new parish councillor. The Chair indicated two members of the parish had expressed an interest in becoming a parish councillor. Members of the Council asked both candidates about the role of a parish councillor and after discussion it was agreed Ian Mousey should be appointed to the parish council as he had expressed interest in the role of parish councillor first of the two candidates.

303/26: Resignation of Parish Councillor: The Chair explained that Parish Councillor Joan Myers had resigned as she felt the change of councillors was a good time to step down and allow others to contribute to the parish. The Council thanked Cllr Myers for all her hard work and the clerk indicated that a formal notice to replace Councillor Myers would be posted and applications would close on Monday 22nd December 2025.

304/26. Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10th November 2025.
After discussion the Council resolved to recommend approval of the minutes.

305/26: Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

306/26: Public Participation: A member of the public indicated that the rubbish bins in the National Park Car Park were not being emptied on a regular twice a week basis. It was agreed the clerk should contact both the National Park and North Yorkshire Council to ensure the bins were emptied.

307/26: North Yorkshire Council Reports: NYC Cllr David Staveley went through his report on NYC activities December 2025 emphasising the £3m boost to help special needs education and extended holiday activities. The Chair thanked Cllr Staveley for all his support during the year.

308/26: Financial Statement and Invoices for Payment:

a) **Financial Statement 05.12.25** The clerk reported that at 5th December 2025 there was £125311.05 in the Business Account, £6458.53 in the Savings Account and £3267.06 in the Dimsdale Account.

b) **2026-27 Draft Budget:** The clerk presented a draft Budget report for 2026-27 also giving details of the projected spend and income for 2025-26. After discussion it was agreed to note the report prior to reviewing the draft budget at the March 2026 Council.

c) **Draft Precept Options:** The clerk also gave details of options for the Parish Precept for 2026-27. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to increase the Band D precept for 2026-27 to £99.74 per year an increase of 9p a week which will increase the precept income to £22,000 a year.

d) **Invoices:** The clerk gave details of the invoices to be paid including Roert Davidson. Horton Landscape, grant to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, purchase of phone box and the clerks November salary.

309/26: Planning:

a) **Planning Applications:** *Householder planning permission for demolition of existing garage and store buildings and construction of single storey side extension and other associated work to existing bungalow, together with installation of solar panels to the south west roof space at The Chestnuts, Horton-in-Ribblesdale, Settle, BD24 0EX - C/44/318.* After discussion the Council noted the application.

b) **Planning Decisions:** The clerk reported that no Horton in Ribblesdale planning applications had been considered by the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

310/26: Green Space Issues:

a) **Horticultural Contract 2026-2029:** The clerk went through the existing contract and sought authority to add the Pinfold and Helwith Bridge Picnic Site to the 2026-29 contract. The clerk added that the cutting of the Highway Verges cost the Council almost £1000 a year though the Council did receive a grant of £64 from North Yorkshire Council towards the cost. After discussion it was agreed the contract would be fully discussed at the next meeting when the clerk would bring the relevant verge maps where the frequency of cuts based on environmental and financial objectives would be fully discussed.

b) **Memorial Bench:** The clerk explained a request had been received to place a memorial bench in Helwith Bridge Picnic Site. After discussion it was agreed with outline approval for a green bench made from recycled plastic. It was also agreed the clerk should present a Parish Council Public Bench Policy to the next meeting.

311/26: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:

a) **Phone Box Options:** The clerk explained the cost to move the defibrillator from the café to the newly purchased phone box would be £250. After discussion it was agreed to explore options to turn the phone box into an information kiosk and other community uses.

b) **Helwith Bridge Car Park Notices:** The clerk confirmed the wording on the Car Park notices had now been completed. The changes were noted.

312/26: Christmas Lights: Cllrs Jackson and Leary gave an update re the Christmas Lights and thoughts for community driven Christmas Lights in 2026. The clerk confirmed the Parish Council would pay for insurance for the event in 2026.

313/26: Movement, Activity and Sport Investment Programme: The clerk explained that the report had been prepared arising out of interest raised at the November Council. The Council welcomed activities that would ease Rural Isolation but felt facilities such as the Village Hall and Pavilion should be used for more community events. It was agreed the Chairs of the Village Hall and Playing Fields should be invited to the next meeting of the Council to discuss where events, sponsored by the Movement, Activity and Sport Investment Programme; could be held.

314/26: Correspondence:

The clerk gave details of three letters from the local MP one with details of various projects that could support initiatives in the parish

315/26: Reported Incidents: North Yorkshire Police had 7 reports to the police between 09.11.25 & 06.12.25 including Stolen Quad Bikes, Road Related offence, Sudden Death and Concern for Welfare.

316/26: Any Matters not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency: a) The clerk mentioned a request had been received to replace a headstone as the script had faded and should the Council charge for this. After discussion it was agreed that if the headstone was replaced at no cost to the Council there should be no charge.
b) Cllr Durham asked about the Horton Stocks and how the Council could protect them. It was agreed this item should go on the agenda for the next meeting.

317/26: Date of Next Parish Council Meeting:
Monday 12th January 2025 at 7.30pm at the Horton Quarry

Chair

Date