

## 4HORTON 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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm.**

**Present** – Parish Cllrs Martin Hanson (Chair), Fiona Durham, James Hudspeth, Katherine Jackson, Lorraine Leary, Thomas Millman and North Yorkshire Councillor David Staveley.

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**379/24: Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Joan Myers sent apologies. The Chair welcomed Cllr Leary and gave details of the training available for new councillors.

**380/24. 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.

**381/24: Minutes of Meetings held on 11<sup>TH</sup> December 2023:** The Council recommended the approval of the minutes.

**382/24: Matters Arising:** The clerk gave an update on the response from North Yorkshire Council to points raised about blocked drains. Concern was also raised about a missing bench that was owned by the Council. It was agreed a review of the location of the benches owned by the Council would be useful and the Char agreed to update the location of benches for insurance purposes.

**383/24: Public Participation:** A members of the public indicated the bench may have been moved in the August of 2022.

The Chair gave an update on the type of slate required to complete the refurbishment of the bus stop at Helwith Bridge.

**384/24: North Yorkshire Council Reports:** Cllr Staveley introduced his monthly report explaining that times were tough but unlike several other councils NYC was not considering bankruptcy.

Cllr Staveley also outlined areas from his report including spoke about upgrade grants to help residents make their homes more energy efficient by such improvements as solar panels and heat source pumps.

**385/24: Emergency Plan:** Cllr Durham gave an update on the Parish Emergency Plan outlining the work to date and indicating the estimated date of completion was July 2024.

**386/24: Neighbourhood Plan:** The clerk gave details of how a Development or Neighbourhood Plan would give the parish council greater planning powers. The Chair thanked the clerk for sending the Burley in Wharfedale Neighbourhood Plan and commented on the range of work involved. Cllr Hudspeth felt the investment would be worth considering for the Council to have greater control over planning issues. It was agreed the clerk would bring a report to the next meeting of the Council.

**387/24: Newsletter:** It was agreed the Council would endeavour to produce two Newsletters a year which would be distributed to households in the parish. These would reach most of the community particularly parishioners who did not have access to the Council website.

**388/24: Lighting Sports Pavilion:** The clerk gave details of a quote from Harrison & Cross for installing lights at the front and rear of the pavilion using the existing installation wherever possible. In addition, a power supply can be installed at the front of the building so a Christmas Tree, for example, could be erected there.

NYC Cllr Staveley suggested low level lighting within the car park and indicated he would support paying 90% of the cost of external lighting for the pavilion. The suggested lighting was agreed by the Council subject to the Chair and clerk meeting with the Chair of Horton in Ribblesdale Playing Fields Committee on 12<sup>TH</sup> January 2024.

It was agreed the decision re the lighting was delegated to the Chair.

**389/24: Honesty Box:** The clerk introduced details of installing an Honesty Box in Helwith Bridge. It was agreed the Car Park Policy of 12th July 2021 should be reviewed and it was agreed to review the policy at the 12<sup>TH</sup> February 2024 meeting of the Council.

**390/24: Planning Application:**

*a) No planning applications had been submitted.*

*b) Derelict Houses: The clerk gave an update on the two properties considered by some members of the community to be derelict. Once more information was available it would be circulated.*

**391/24: Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance:** The clerk reported that the unmetered electricity supply was now costing over £258 a month and as the costs of installing a meter were prohibitive other options such as reducing all the bulbs down to 18w from 160w should be considered. After discussion it was agreed:

a) Changing all the bulbs should be costed and a quote sought from npower as how much this will save on energy costs b) Ascertain which of the 13 street lamps could be replaced by solar powered pedestrian lighting c) Review the lights to ensure they are all pedestrian lighting.

**392/24: Contract of Employment:** The clerk had circulated the new contract of employment and asked if any councillor wanted additional information about their 'employment' role to get in touch.

**393/24: Correspondence:** The clerk confirmed relevant correspondence had been circulated to councillors.

**394/24: Reported Incidents:** A representative of North Yorkshire Police indicated between 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 there were no reported incidents.

**395/24: Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment:** The Clerk reported 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 balances of £8251.67 in the Current Account, £6247.98 in the Savings Account and £3658.17 in the Dinsdale Account.

Invoices for Horton Landscape, Insurance, npower, business stream, Clerk Salary, Clerk Administration were authorised for payment.

**396/24: To determine any Matter not included on the agenda which the Chair considers to be a matter of urgency:** Cllr Leary suggested that the open meeting to discuss Christmas Lights for 2024 should be held in the summer and this was agreed to hold the meeting in June 2024. Cllr Jackson confirmed she was in the process of arranging a meeting with the quarry and after discussion it was agreed to hold the meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> January with the Chair and Cllrs Durham and Jackson to attend.

**397/24. Date of The Next Parish Council Meeting:  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion: Council Meeting**

Signed ..... Date .....