

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
12th December 2016 – 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Councillors present: M. Hanson, I. Mounsey, T. Millman, P. Sutcliffe, B. Coope, F. Durham (Arr 9.00pm), A. Blackburn (Clerk).

Members of the public - None

136. Apologies for absence – None received

137. Code of conduct – localism Act 2011

a) To record any councillor's disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any item on this agenda.

b) To consider any changes in member's register of interests

c) To consider any dispensations

None received

138. Police report – Community messaging

PCSO .Jayne Grace was unable to attend because of incidents, forwarded report. Horton in Ribblesdale had another quiet month.

Four burglaries in Settle at the end of November, sheep theft Stainforth/ Langcliffe.

Attempted theft at Fairhurst Stone, suspects crashing their vehicle at Helwith Bridge.

Theft of gate from a field in Giggleswick.

Police emphasised the need to keep all valuables out of sight, and property secured.

139. Public participation (including community groups)

None

140. Minutes of meeting held 14th November 2016 - Approved

141. Matters arising

Actions. Clerk reported on all actions taken as required by council.

Parish Online map details were used by the clerk to formulate the latest open space contract, making use of the council subscription.

Clerk reported on the land registry search of Horton Beck, details received show land as unregistered. Agenda item for next meeting.

The clerk had made arrangements to enable payment for the maintenance of the Dinsdale Graves within the burial ground, **Council resolved to approve payment and transfer of funds accordingly.**

Clerk informed council that a formal complaint had been sent to BT in regard to their latest consultation relating to the removal of public phone boxes, no reply received.

Action – Clerk to enquire.

142. **Planning applications**

- a) Studfold Farm, Studfold. – **If the application is approved by YDNP, because the structure is outside the curtilage of the farmyard, a generous number of trees should be planted in order to shield the building from view.**
- b) Keeper's Cottage, Brackenbottom. - **Approved**

143. **Open Space Contract**

Notification received from NYCC asking for an invoice for grass cutting to resolve payment to the Parish Council. **Resolved**

The clerk presented council with the new Open Space contracts- **Resolved & accepted**

The four contractors who had applied were discussed- **Resolved to invite all four to tender.** Clerk to **Action.**

144. **Budget 2017 - 2018**

Elements of the council budget were discussed viewing cash books and forecast figures for 2017-2018. After consideration, council resolved to freeze the pre-cept level for the third year running. **Resolved. Action-** Clerk to forward documentation.

145. **Financial statements & invoices for payment (Approved and signed)**

Payment of invoices

PCs – Laptop repair

RBL – Poppy Appeal

R. Davidson – Dinsdale Graves

Settle Community Library – Donation

Horton Landscaping – Final Cut – Churchyard

Came & Company – Insurance

A. Blackburn – Stamps

EON – Street Lighting

A. Blackburn – Clerk's Salary

146. **School Update**

Councillor Durham reported to council the latest events relating to efforts being made in support of Horton in Ribblesdale Primary School. There had been a change in Governors and a potential new head teacher was to be interviewed.

NYCC still wish to close the school for April 2017. Council received a letter from NYCC via Julian Smith MP, stating reasons for closure.

147. Council Recruitment.

Council discussed ways to raise interest within the community in the role of Councillor. Effective initiatives to raise awareness of the role to young people.

148. Council Insurance.

Council accepted Came and Company's insurance proposal for 2017-2018, and resolved to take advantage of their 'Long Standing Agreement' in order to maintain competitive costings. **Resolved for payment.**

149. Correspondence

- a) Headstone request- Memorial Headstone in Burial Ground- **Resolved Accepted.**
- b) Community Speed Watch- Discussed.
- c) YLCA Membership- increased costs for 2017-2018- Discussed

150. The Date of the next meeting of the Council – Resolved

Monday 9th January 2017 at 7.30pm.

Chairman