

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL P1

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Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held in The Village Hall, on Monday 15th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

Councillors present – M. Hanson (Chairman), J. Wilson, R. Welch (CDC& NYCC)

A. Blackburn (Clerk). Public present – 2.

1. Apologies for Absence – None.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting - 21st May 2018, (Approved 11/06/2018).

3. Matters Arising

R. Welch informed the meeting that full planning permission will be required to re-instate the railhead terminal at Horton Quarry.

4. Report from District & County Councillor R. Welch.

Craven District Council will shortly receive nothing in terms of finance from central government, and will have to be self reliant. Council are investing in property, shared housing and industrial units in order to raise finance for service provision.

CDC Planning Department has avoided special measures being placed on it because of the lack of staff and missing targets for determining applications.

Cllr Welch felt frustrated at not receiving full Council support for his motion for officers to investigate dog owners for not carrying waste bags, some Councils have bye-laws to prosecute for this offence. Regulations being introduced to compulsory fit CCTV in Taxis, for the protection of all. Cllr Welch was successful in gaining grant funding towards a defibrillator in Selside, and a new strimmer for St Oswalds Church. Council Tax to rise this year by 2.99% plus a further 2% towards care for the elderly. There has been concern raised as to the number of accidents occurring on the A65 between Gargrave and the Settle roundabout, road surface raising questions, more money has been released by Government but as usual it is never enough.

Cllr Welch has raised concerns relating to roadside advertising especially on or near roundabouts. Kex Gill project receiving large amount of funding. YDNP planning has approved approximately 100 roadside barn conversions, although not many have been started. The new Code of Conduct relating to The Three Peaks Walk will be in operation this year, Cllr Welch hoping that this will have the desired effect.

5. Chairman's Report

Chairman informed the meeting of the Council's activities through the last year, including the purchase of street lamps, benches, litter bins, & a notice board, Council addressing key areas for improvement. Council has determined that it will consider the adoption of privately purchased benches in key areas when they fall into disrepair. The aim of the Council is to project an attractive environment, and is confident that measures taken throughout the year have been conducive to that end. Council has reacted to the needs of the community and will evaluate the effects of the new Code of Conduct as the season progresses.

