

# HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm.

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Present - M. Hanson, F. Durham, R. Aiken, T. Millman, I. Mounsey,  
J. Wilson, R. Ogden (Craven District Council), D. Staveley (North Yorkshire County  
Council), A. Blackburn (Clerk).

Public present – Two.

The Chairman informed Council of the death of Peter Bayes who had served the  
Parish Council as Clerk, sympathies were expressed to his family and friends.

The Chairman had also received a resignation from Cllr Coope and expressed  
thanks on behalf of the Council for his service.

**130/21. Apologies for Absence.** - none received.

**131/21. 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 member's register of interests & to consider  
any dispensations – none received.

**132/21. Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

Council resolved to approve the minutes.

**133/21. Matters Arising.** Read by the Clerk.

Ref 105/21 – Highways are continuing to investigate the reported camper van  
business on Cragg Hill Road. Other items forming part of the agenda.

110/21 Cllr Wilson presented an update on the community shop/cafe consultation.

There had been 24 responses so far, with the majority in favour of a shop and  
interest had also been expressed towards volunteering for shop work. Local  
businesses had been contacted for interest/ support and Cllr Wilson is awaiting for  
their replies in this matter. The Chairman thanked Cllr Wilson for her efforts and  
continued commitment towards a community shop/cafe.

**134/21. Public Participation.**

Cllr Aiken enquired as to activities surrounding the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.

Council had deferred this agenda item from last year and the Clerk would place the  
item on the agenda for March.

**Action** – Cllr Durham to liaise with other groups to determine local activity and  
possible Council assistance.

**135/21. District/ County Councillor Report.** Both reports posted on the website.

Cllr Ogden highlighted the reply that he had received regarding emergency planning  
and the lack of a plan for Ribblesdale, this should be addressed with a formal plan.

Cllr Staveley explained the answer received from The Yorkshire Dales National Park  
Planning Authority in relation to Gray Bridge and it's listed status. The works planned  
for the bridge are of a minor nature and do not intend to alter the visual appearance  
and structural aspect, therefore formal planning approval is not required.

The planned works had been deferred until October 2022 and this had been done to  
prevent any possible disruption in regard to livestock welfare issues.

Both Councillors reiterated the available grant funding schemes from District and  
County to facilitate community activities.

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**136/21. Village Green** – No overnight camping signage.

Council discussed the report received of camper van occupants sleeping outside the Old School. Council deferred a signage decision to determine activity regularity.

**137/21. Emergency Planning.**

Part of Cllr Ogden's report included 24 hour contact telephone numbers in the event of an emergency assistance requirement by residents following storm or flooding incidents. The offer of assistance had been given by North Yorkshire County Council towards forming an emergency plan for Ribblesdale. Cllr Aiken expressed concern that a plan did not exist for our community and suggested a meeting between the local Parish Councils. Council discussed the current situation and liaising in the first instance with NYCC to determine level of assistance.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise with NYCC.

**138/21. Financial Risk Assessment 2021-22.**

Council reviewed the risk assessment and resolved to approve the document.

**139/21. Douk Ghyll Beck-Side** – land registration.

Residents expressed concern that it seemed the Parish council were to register land adjacent to their property that they had used and maintained for many years.

The land adjoining the beck-side between the foot bridge and the B6479 is unregistered land and uncertainty had been reported to Council as to responsibility and maintenance of the land.

The Clerk informed Council that registering the land on behalf of the PC would not be possible under adverse possession as Council had not used/ maintained the land in question, in particular over a 12 year period. Also registering the land as common land would not prove successful as there were no livestock involved.

The registering of this land as a village green would also prove unsuccessful as it had not been used for the sporting and pastime use of the community and in particular over the past 20 years. Council discussed the issue, no proposal received.

**140/21. Gray Bridge Closure** – October 2022.

Item taken under 135/21.

**141/21. Planning Applications** – No new applications.

Council discussed the notification from Yorkshire Dales Planning Authority that the Railway Station cafe/bar application C/44/212A was to be considered by Committee on 22/02/2022 at Grassington. Council reiterated the need for the station to retain a community facility as over the years these facilities have disappeared, the Old School is not being used any more for the community as a sale is being sought by the Diocese, the Village Hall is too small to accommodate filing cabinets as well as group use. The facility for filing cabinet storage is essential to the Parish Council.

**Action** – Clerk to forward comments to YDNP Planning.

**142/21. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.**

Cllr Mounsey reported a pothole of concern between Horton & Selside.

**Action** – Clerk to report.

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**143/21. Correspondence.**

Ashes plaque request. - Ann Audrey Ashton & Arthur Ashton.

Council considered the request for the plaque and resolved to approve.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise.

3 Peak events

The Clerk informed Council of K. Hilditch (YDNP) conversation with the British Heart Foundation & The Red Cross who had inadvertently planned to have an organised 3 Peak event on the same day. The need to book all large scale events through the national Park had been emphasised and now understood by the Red Cross.

In regard to the planned event portable toilet facilities will be placed along the route and Marshals were to collect all litter following the event. Each organisation are to use facilities at different ends of the village.

Allotments

The Clerk had contacted NYCC in regard to the progression of the right of sale made by NYCC to the Secretary of State and was concerned at the reply received stating that the Parish Council would be considered alongside other offers in an auction planned for spring 2022. NYCC seemed to have disregarded the Community Asset value placed on the Old School which allows 6 months for a community group (Horton PC) to find the necessary funds for purchase. Considering that initially correspondence was on a consultation that NYCC were to apply to the Secretary of State for permission to sell and at no time has the land been announced as for sale. Cllr Staveley requested all emails for his involvement.

Council approving the £30 determination fee for the Planning Authority to investigate land registered usage and an independent valuation as part of the purchase procedure. **Action** – Clerk to pursue.

**144/21. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.**

Council resolved to approve the financial statement and invoices for February 2022.

**Action** – Clerk to process.

**145/21. The date of the next Parish Council Meeting** – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

Also the date of the PC meeting for May changed as the planned meeting would not be viable. Council approved the meeting date – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Meeting closed 9.10pm

.....Chairman