

# HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 at 7.30pm.

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Councillors present – M. Hanson (Chairman), F. Durham, I Mounsey, J. Wilson, R. Aiken, B. Coope, D. Staveley (NYCC), P. Brady (Yorkshire Wildlife Trust) A. Blackburn (Clerk), Public present – Six.

**60/21. Apologies for Absence.** - T. Millman, R. Ogden (CDC).

**61/21. 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.

**62/21. Minutes of the Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021.** Council resolved to approve.

**63/21. Matters Arising.** Read by the Clerk.

Ref – 44/21 – The Clerk informed Council that an alternative quotation for street lamp timers had not been received, therefore the only quotation received for timed specific lamp operation was discussed. Council resolved to approve the fitting of the timer to the lamp at the Crown footbridge. (£155) **Action** – Clerk to liaise.

56/21 – Highways recommended that the Police were informed regarding reported speeding along Douk Ghyll Lane. Council discussed the need to progress a request. **Action** – Clerk to request assistance in this matter.

**64/21. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust – Paul Brady.**

The Chairman introduced Mr Brady and welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr Brady informed the meeting about the work of the Trust including the Ingleborough Project which is a multi partnership project restoring the landscape around Ingleborough. The idea is to manage the natural land process involving tree planting & repairing of dry stone walls, rectifying drainage problems, and protecting the wildlife habitat by working with Natural England and other organisations.

Cllr Staveley asked if YWT is lobbying to be included within the Planning process, Mr Brady did not know but would reply to Council with an answer.

Residents asked Mr Brady how YWT had started, he stated that it was because of climate change that a decision had been taken to purchase land and work with Natural England around Ingleborough to maintain the natural land process.

Cllr Mounsey informed the meeting that a local land owner had been pressured recently into selling land, Mr Brady did not know about this but would investigate.

The Chairman thanked Mr Brady for his contribution to the meeting.

**65/21. Public Participation.**

A resident informed Council of a recent incident where the nearest ambulance was at Keighley, emergency services continued poor response times and lack of cover during high activity in the area by tourists. Cllr Staveley is the Chairman of the Steering Group looking into affects of tourism in the area and will meet with representatives of Yorkshire Ambulance Services.

A resident stated that the Dark Sky Status of Horton was being affected by holiday let lighting being left on all night. Cllr Staveley informed the meeting that constant light affecting residents should be reported to CDC Environmental Health.

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**65/21. Public Participation.** Continued.

A resident enquired about field usage for camping/parking etc.

It seems land owners can operate the 56 day over a year rule where they can use a field for campsite & parking, although there is no monitoring of this practise.

A resident informed Council of Coaches parking outside the YDNP car park in Horton, this is making it dangerous for other road vehicles at this location.

**Action** – Clerk to contact YDNP as the area for coaches had been identified on Cragg Hill Road near to the Quarry.

A resident had informed Council of the increasing amount of litter being dropped from the railway station down Station Road.

**Action** – Clerk to enquire as to litter bin provision at this location.

**66/21. District/ County Councillor Report.**

Cllr Staveley (North Yorkshire County Council) – see report.

Cllr Ogden (Craven District Council) – see report.

**67/21. Former School Playing Field.**

Council considered information received from North Yorkshire County Council regarding the playing field land not being the subject of a compulsory purchase order in 1967. Council discussed the legal requirement and community asset situation.

Council resolved to purchase the old playing field land to facilitate community allotments. P- J. Wilson, S- I. Mounsey, in favour 5, abstention 1.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise with North Yorkshire County Council to register.

**68/21. Planning Applications.**

C/44/201B – Horton Villa, Horton in Ribblesdale – replacement UPVC windows & composite door.

C/44/297 – Swash Barn, Newhouses – Conversion of agricultural barn to dwelling.

Cllr Wilson not voting on Swash barn as named as agent in the documentation.

Council discussed the above and resolved to approve both planning applications.

**Action** – Clerk to inform the Planning Authority.

**69/21. Highways, Street Lighting & Maintenance.**

The Clerk had reported to Highways damage to the Crown Bridge at the junction of Newhouses Road, large stones had been dislodged and required repair.

A resident reported that the footbridge at Douk Ghyll was in need of repair to the handrail and base. **Action** – Clerk to inform NYCC footpaths.

**70/21. Correspondence.**

1. North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner – consultation poster.

2. HSBC – small business banking charges, increase in charges for the PC.

3. E-ON – energy price increase from 01/09/2021.

4. Craven District Council – Parishes liaison meeting – 22/09/2021.

**71/21. Financial Statement & Invoices for Payment.**

Council resolved to approve the financial statement and invoices for September 2021. **Action** – Clerk to process.

**72/21. The date of the next Parish Council Meeting** – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Meeting closed 9.08pm

.....Chairman