

Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 14th December 2015

Present: Cllrs Sheila Fleming , Martin Hanson, Sheila Millman,

Clerk: Mrs J. Orsborn

In attendance: 1 member of the public.

Also Present: District Cllr R. Welch & P.C .David Ridler

Meeting Chaired by: Cllr. M. Hanson (Vice Chairman)

Item 1. To elect a Chairman of the Council

Councillor M. Hanson was proposed by Cllr. S. Fleming and seconded by Cllr. S. Millman

Resolved that: *Cllr Hanson be elected Chairman.*

Item 2. To receive the Chairman's declaration of acceptance of office

Duly signed, received and witnessed by the Clerk.

Item 3. To receive and consider apologies for absence.

Cllr. Coope & Cllr. T. Millman

Resolved that: *the absences be accepted.*

Item 4. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda items and their nature and to receive, consider, decide and record members' requests for dispensations

2.1: No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were raised

2.2: No requests for dispensation were received.

Item 5. Public Participation

3.1: Mr P. Sutcliffe brought to the Councillors attention the matter of flooding close to Arcow Quarry Railhead that was affecting the normal routine of his farm by restricting access to which he was entitled. It was thought that the majority of the flooding was not just because of the recent heavy rainfall but was likely caused by the installation of a new drainage system which was installed 500mm higher than the previous installation.

It was resolved that: *the Clerk would write to Arcow Quarry to request action on behalf of the parishioner concerned.*

District Councillor R. Welch arrived at 8.10pm.

Item 6. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 9th November 2015

Resolved that: *they be approved as a fair and accurate record and should be signed as such by the Chairman.*

Item 7. To receive reports for information only

Chairman's report

7a: The new Chairman (Cllr. Hanson) reported that he had attended a meeting of the **Settle & District Aid in Sickness Fund** who had stated that they had not paid any grants since the last meeting. Cllr. Hanson added that it was a very worthwhile Charity who could help not just victims of circumstance, but also the relatives of anybody who were struggling with loss of employment, loss of a relative etc.

Clerks report

7b The clerk submitted a verbal report and stated the following:

- 1) that she had now booked the Village Hall as a venue for the 2016 Parish Council meetings for the second Monday of every month with the exceptions of:
June 13th which was to be a satellite meeting held at the old school at Helwith Bridge and
August which is the normal annual break for the council.
- 2) that she had still not received a response from Democratic Services regarding the co-option of new councillors.
- 3) that the street light had finally been fixed at Station Road, Horton in Ribblesdale
- 4) that an extra Hall Booking for February 22nd 2016 had been made to facilitate a Special Public Meeting giving Parishioners the chance to have their say regarding the increase of Charity Walks and the impact on village life.
- 5) advised Councillors of various other minor administrative tasks completed

Item 8. Finance and administration

8.1.1: To view and approve the Financial Statement and to note bills paid as previously authorised.

Resolved that: *the Financial Statement for November/December 2015 was a true and accurate record of the Councils financial status.*

8.1.2: To note and authorise bills payable

Resolved that: *that the bills payable were noted and payment agreed except for item1 on the list which was to be discussed in Private Session.*

Payments to be Authorised

Horton Landscaping Limited	£150.00
Julie Orsborn (Clerks Salary)	£250.00
Julie Orsborn (Admin Expenses)	£50.47

8.1.3: To consider and agree the Annual Budget for the Financial Year 2016 - 2017

Individual items of the Parish Councils outgoings were discussed and it was

Resolved that: *the Budget be approved as set by the clerk for the Financial Year 2016-2017*

8.1.4: To consider and agree the Precept for the Financial Year 2016-2017

The Clerk informed Councillors that the Parish Council may be entitled to a grant as the tax base for the Parish was lower this year than last year.

Resolved that: *the Precept be increased this year to £9,240.00*

8.1.5: To complete and sign the precept form for submission to Craven District Council

Resolved that: *it be signed by the presiding Chairman and the Clerk*

8.1.6: To consider any other Financial Matters

8.1.6a: To discuss the Insurance renewal for 2016-2017

The Clerk informed Councillors that this years quote was slightly higher than last years (2015-2016) despite having come to an arrangement for a fixed price for three years in the previous Financial Year

Resolved that: *the Clerk contact Came & Company to ask why the quote was higher than expected.*

8.1.6b: To discuss a request for a donation to Settle Swimming Pool

Resolved that: *a \$137 donation of £250 would be given and for it to be added to next months payment list.*

8.1.6c: To discuss a request for a donation to Skipton Citizens Advice Bureau

Resolved that: *a \$137 donation of £125 would be given and for the item to be added to next months payment list.*

20.30 PC David Ridler arrived at the meeting

8.2 Administration Matters

8.2.1: To resolve to take item 12 in private session pursuant to Section 100A (2) Local Government Act.

Resolved that: *item 12 would be held in private session and minuted accordingly.*

Before continuing with the Parish Council meeting it was agreed to allow PC David Ridler to give his Report so that he could continue with his duties elsewhere. He advised that North Yorkshire Police had started their normal December "Drink Drive" campaign and would be working hard over the festive break to ensure our safety. There had only been one "incident" in the area (overturned trailer) in the last month.

20.55 PC David Ridler left the meeting

Item 9. Planning Matters

9.1. Applications

9.1.1: C/44/116U - Horton Quarry - Proposed variation to Condition 7 of C/44/116G - for change of operational hours for HGV transportation to and from Horton Quarry.

Resolved that: *the application was to be supported with no objections raised.*

9.1.1 To consider any other applications received prior to the date of this meeting and publication of Agenda.

None

9.2. Decisions and other planning matters

9.2.1: C/44/265/A - Douk Ghyll Cottages, Douk Ghyll, Horton in Ribblesdale, BD24 0EX - Extension and Alterations to an already Listed Building. Decision Notice - Refused

Noted that: *Permission Denied*

Item 10. Parish Environment, burials, Rights of Way and Highways

Cllr Fleming advised that she had written to Highways regarding the flooding at the foot of Newhouses Lane adjacent to New Inn bridge.

Item 11. To discuss items of Correspondence not discussed elsewhere in the Agenda

None

Item 12. To report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on this agenda and to raise items for future agendas.

Councillors were pleased to note from that Horton in Ribblesdale Primary School was in the Top 10 of the recent School Performance League Tables as published in The Daily Telegraph and brought to their attention by Cllr. S. Fleming.

Item 11. To confirm the date of the next Parish Council Meeting to be held on Monday 11th January 2016
Duly confirmed.

Item 12. Private session to review sensitive financial/administrative matters
(see Private Minutes, addendum 2015-12-14a PM)

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed:

Date: January 11th 2016