

**Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 9 December 2013**

Present: Cllrs Sheila Fleming (Chairman), Hilary Bowman, Wilf Fenten, Avril Palmer, Richard Pattinson

Clerk: Mr I Fleming

In attendance: 1 member of the public.

Item 1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Middleton and Millman. **Resolved that;** Cllrs Middleton and Millman absence be accepted

Item 2. Code of Conduct and disclosable pecuniary interests

2.1. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda items and their nature

Councillors were reminded to declare items as/if they arise during the meeting. The Chairman outlined the rules and statute governing the declarations of interest and reminded councillors that they should have regard to whether any person or persons acting reasonably and in full possession of the facts would consider that a disclosable pecuniary interest existed for a councillor on a particular matter.

2-2. To receive, consider, decide and record members' requests for dispensations

None received

Item 3. Public Participation.

A member of the public wished to thank the council and other authorities involved in their actions to remedy flooding issues at Fourways and on Horton Scar lane. They hoped that the same efforts could be expended to remedy flooding on Harber scar lane. The Clerk will write to YDNPA about this.

Item 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 11 November 2013

The minutes of the meeting of 11 November had been tabled in due time before the meeting. **Resolved that:** with a minor amendment to correct the title of Settle Aid in Sickness Fund they be approved as a fair and accurate record and be signed as such by the Chairman.

Item 5. To receive reports for information only

The Clerk reported that he had written to Network Rail about various issues at the Horton MDU and had received a reply indicating that these would be attended to. Cllr Bowman reported that nothing had so far been done. The Clerk to write again.

The Clerk had also written to NYCC Highways about the condition of Horton beck and been informed that this was not a matter for any agency within NYCC. The Clerk to investigate further.

Expressions of interest in tendering for the Council's grass cutting, winter and general maintenance contract had been invited with a closing date of 20 December. To date four expressions of interest had been received. Tender docs. would be sent out on 6 January with a return date of 28 January. Councillors would be invited to review the tenders received at the February meeting.

The Clerk had established that the tree felled by a householder at Helwith Bridge was not listed so no formal action could be taken by YDNPA officers. The Clerk will enquire whether those responsible would be willing to provide a replacement.

Item 6. Finance and administration

6.1. To approve the Financial Statements for December 2013 and authorise bills payable

The Chairman expressed a pecuniary interest in a payment due to the Clerk for expenses and left the

meeting. The vice Chairman took the chair

Resolved that: the Financial Statement for December 2013 as appended to these minutes was a true and accurate record of the Council's financial position and that all due payments be authorised. The Chairman returned to the meeting and vice chairman stood down.

6.2. To consider any other financial matters

6.2.1. To note the cash-book entries for November 2013

The cash book entries for November 2013 were duly noted.

6.2.2 To set a precept for financial year 2014/2015 –

Several letters had been received from Craven District Council explaining how precepting would be arranged for the coming financial year. The Chairman summarised these and informed councillors that CDC members were to be invited to consider paying 50% of the CDC grant made to local councils in 2013 – 2014. It was intended that the central government grant be passed on in full. As the CDC grant for Horton was a mere £11.14 it was concluded that this was neither here nor there so following a short debate it was **Resolved that;** the precept for 2014–2015 be held at £8,800 and that CDC be asked to pass on whatever grant they were minded to pay.

6.2.3 To consider a donation under S137 provisions in respect of Settle swimming pool.

Resolved that; a payment in the sum of £150 be made to Settle swimming pool

6.2.4 To consider a donation under S137 provisions in respect of Horton family bonfire.

Resolved that; a payment in the sum of £150 be made to Horton family bonfire.

6.2.5 For all councillors to sign and date a revised banking mandate. All present duly signed the mandate.

6.3. Administration

6.3.1 To receive Paper P006/2013 Report on proposed changes to Standing Orders

The paper was duly received and councillors will provide the Clerk with suggested further amendments to Standing Orders by 30 December 2013. Revised Orders will be placed before the Council for discussion and approval in January 2014.

Item 7. Planning Matters

7.1 Applications

None received.

7.2 Decisions and other planning matters

7.2.1 C/44/254 Holme farm camp-site – to note the reference back report to the planning committee meeting of 10 December.

The Clerk informed councillors that it was the recommendation of the planning officer that the planning committee should rescind the S106 agreement included in the original grant of approval for extension to the camp-site and to make the provisions contained in the agreement the subject of further planning conditions. The report was noted and the Clerk asked to remind the planning officer that he had undertaken to involve the council in all consultations on the provision of a management plan for the camp-site.

Item 8. Village Environment, Burials, Rights of Way and Highways

Cllr Pattinson informed the Council that following a complaint from residents the PCC had arranged for two self seeded trees to be removed from the Churchyard.

The Clerk informed councillors that he had received a call from the proprietor of Holme Farm camp-site who believed that recent works carried out by NYCC Highways to relieve flooding in Horton Scar lane was now causing the camp-site to flood. The Clerk had referred the matter to NYCC Highways, asked them to investigate and report back.

Cllr Fenten reported that the traffic calming measures at Selside had been refurbished with very positive results.

Item 9. To respond to correspondence received

9.1 Mrs J Scott – changes to bus service 10/11

It was noted that the service was little used and running at a significant loss. However, it was also recognised that the proposed reductions to the frequency of the service would cause hardship to some residents and that efforts should be made to find alternative means of providing transport for those who could not drive. The Clerk was asked to make enquiries of Settle Town council, Vibrant Settle and others to see if it might be possible to take up NYCC's offer of a minibuss service staffed by volunteers. correspondence to be copied to Cty Cllr Richard Welch.

Item 10.To report matters of information not included elsewhere on this agenda and to raise items for future agendas

The Chairman reported that she had attended the Remembrance Day service and laid a memorial wreath on behalf of the council. She had also attended the installation of the new vicar and a workshop on the future of minerals planning policy. The latter had been a constructive and productive affair.

The Chairman informed councillors that Ingleborough Archeology Group were planning a dig at Selside in 2014 and had invited local residents to participate in their work.

Cllr Pattinson reported that the new bells would be hung in the Church tower as soon as sound proofing and other works had been completed. He also reported that the Arch Bishop had visited the local schools consortium and that the oil tank at the school was to be relocated outside the school.

Item 11. To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for Monday 13 January 2014

Duly confirmed. To be held in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.35.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....