

**Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 10 March 2014**

Present: Cllrs Sheila Fleming (Chairman), Hilary Bowman, Sheila Millman, Avril Palmer,

Clerk: Mr I Fleming

In attendance: Cllr Welch from Item 9

Item 1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Fenten, Pattinson and Middleton. **Resolved that:** All absences 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.

None.

Item 4. To approve the minutes of the meetings of 10 February 2014.

The minutes of the meeting of 10 February 2014 had been tabled in due time before the meeting. **Resolved that:** 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 arrangements had been made with Horton Landscaping Ltd to store the Council's records and archive in the units at Cragghill road. All material had now been removed from the Clerk's home to the units and secured in two filing cabinets of which more under item 6. It was agreed that HLL be offered the sum of £50 per annum as a storage fee.

Horton Landscaping had accepted the Council's contract for grass cutting, general and winter maintenance and would commence work in April 2014.

The Clerk had established that superfast broadband services would be available in Horton Village and through the facility provided by Ribblenet to the remainder of the parish. BT Openreach were in the process of upgrading the exchange and installing a fibre optic connection to Settle. This service would be available in the summer.

The burst water main in Main Street had been investigated and discovered to be a spring. NYCC Highways had repaired the damage caused by this spring.

Dog fouling notices had been put up in Cragghill Road and the position would be monitored. Further notices would be put up at Station approach and in the area of the Church.

The Clerk and Chairman had met the new Greenfield forest manager and one of the new owners. This had been a constructive meeting from which it had been learned that the manager considered Newhouses lane to be wholly unsuitable for use as a timber extraction route and the owners were preparing a planning

application for permission to transship timber via Cam woodland, Cam High Road and the B6255 Ingleton to Hawes road.

The Chairman reported the Ms Belinda Roos had accepted the Council's offer of appointment as Clerk from 1 April 2014 and had signed a contract of employment. Councillors offered the outgoing Clerk their thanks for all his endeavours on behalf of the Council over the past five years.

Item 6. Finance and administration

6.1. To approve the Financial Statements for March 2014 and authorise bills payable

The Chairman declared a pecuniary interest in an expenses claim submitted by the Clerk and left the meeting. Cllr Millman in the absence of the Vice Chairman took the chair.

Resolved that: the Financial Statement for March 2014 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 resumed the chair.

6.2. To consider any other financial matters

6.2.1. To note the cash-book entries for February 2014

The cash book entries for February 2014 were duly noted.

6.3. Administration

6.3.1. To note the arrangements made for the safe storage of parish documents and the purchase of a four drawer filing cabinet

Duly noted and **Resolved that:** the purchase of a filing cabinet be retrospectively authorised.

Item 7. Planning Matters

7.1 Applications

7.1.1. C/44/64B/LB – listed building consent for re-pointing – bridge at Helwith Bridge

Resolved that: the planning officer be informed that the Council has no objection to this application. It was suggested that the planning officer remind Network Rail of the flood potential of the river and that waterproof cement be used to maximum flood level.

7.2 Decisions and other planning matters

7.2.1. C/44/101D&E – full permission to construct and operate a railhead – Arcow quarry.

It was noted that this application would be before the YDNPA planning committee on 11 March. The planning officer had recommended that the application be granted subject to several conditions. Councillors further noted that all recommendations that they had made at their meeting on 29 January 2014 had been included bar that relating to speed restrictions. This latter point had been dealt with by alternate means.

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

8.1. To receive a report on the 26 February liaison meeting with Horton quarry managers

This had been an informal meeting with few substantive issues discussed. It was still the intention of Hanson to install a railhead as and when capital finance was available. Hanson would consider organising a quarry open day in 2015, perhaps to coincide with Horton gala.

Item 9. To respond to correspondence received

9.1. UPM Tilhill – notice of sale of Greenfield forest and transfer of forest management to E J Downs forest management

Duly noted, cf. item 5.

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

The Clerk informed councillors that he had asked the footway lighting engineer to provide a list of those units requiring immediate replacement. It was agreed to place this matter on the agenda for the 14 April meeting for further consideration.

Item 11. To confirm the date of the next monthly meeting scheduled for Monday 14 April 2014
Duly confirmed. To be held in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.20

Signed.....
Chairman

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