

**Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 11 February 2013**

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

Clerk: Mr I Fleming

Also in attendance: Mel McGeogh – Rural Action Yorkshire, item 9

In attendance: 1 member of the public.

Item 1. To receive apologies for absence

County Cllr Richard Welch,

Item 2. 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

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.

No requests for dispensations had been received.

Item 3. Public participation

No issues raised.

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

The minutes of the meeting of 11 January 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

Cllr Pattinson summarised the latest position on the future of the scheduled Horton to Clitheroe bus route. This was now being operated with no change to route and timetable, buy a new operator Holmeswood Coaches. The current service is secured until June to enable both NYCC and Lancashire County Council to consider the continuation of the service beyond June 2013. When the new route is let in June it may not be on the same basis as presently and there was significant risk that the route may be discontinued in whole or in part. It was decided to discuss this matter further under item 10.

Item 6. Finance and administration

6.1. To approve the Financial Statement and authorise bills payable

Cllr Palmer declared a pecuniary interest in a bill received from Horton Landscaping Ltd and left the meeting.

The Clerk advised Councillors that a bill had been received from SELRAP for annual membership fee payable under S137 provisions. **Resolved that:** the Financial Statement for February 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.

Cllr Palmer returned to the meeting.

6.2. To consider any other financial matters

The budget and cash book entries for January 2013 were duly noted.

Item 7. Planning Matters

7.1. Applications

C/44/260 – full permission for erection of agricultural barn, land to the north of Newhouses

Resolved that: Comments as previously sent to the planning officer recommending that the application be granted be ratified.

7.2. decisions and other planning matters

C/44/257A – full permission for new link road, new bridge over Gayle beck and other works. Cam Woodland

Planning officer's report and recommendation that the application be granted was noted.

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

8.1. to approve draft rules for Sunnybank quarry picnic site

Resolved that: The rules as amended at the previous meeting be adopted. Four in favour, two abstentions.

8.2. to consider the hire and deployment of temporary vehicle activated signs – B6479

The Clerk outlined the proposal received from NYCC Highways and reminded Councillors that no budget provision had been made for the £700 to £800 cost of deploying the signs and therefore the cost was not included in the precept bid made to Craven District Council.

During discussion the following points were made:

- the cost of deployment was high in comparison to the benefits that might be gained
- the signs were not really effective as no enforcement measures were available
- a response would need to be made urgently as Craven Area Committee had recently voted to authorise the deployment of the signs to Horton.

It was concluded that the Clerk should write to NYCC Highways declining the offer to provide the necessary infrastructure and deploy the signs.

Item 9. to respond to correspondence received

9.1. Rural action Yorkshire – Keeping warm, healthy and safe over winter, offer of grant support

The Chairman welcomed Mel McGeogh from RAY who summarised the scope and purpose of the scheme which aimed to support vulnerable people during adverse weather conditions. Grants of up to £250 were available, but bids would need to be submitted before March. Any proposal that delivered benefit for vulnerable members of a community during winter were eligible for consideration and schemes in the past had included the purchase of grit and spreaders, 4x4 vehicle schemes and the provision of PSE gear for volunteers.

Following discussion it was concluded that a bid should be made for grant funding to purchase a hand operated grit spreader and that Councillors should notify the Clerk before the end of February of any other schemes that came to mind. The Clerk to prepare a suitable bid in liaison with Mrs McGeogh.

9.2. Quarry Arts – proposal for Beecroft Cottages

The Clerk introduced the proposal received from Quarry Arts and informed them of a meeting he had had with a representative from the organisation.

Cllr Pattinson recommended that the scope of involvement with Quarry Arts be extended to include Sunnybank quarry and that work with QA be included in proposals being developed as part of the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership.

The Clerk was authorised to continue discussion with QA and to work up detailed proposals for future discussion and inclusion in the IDLP bid.

9.3. Yorkshire Dales NPA – authority member visits

Concluded that a member of the Authority be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting in May.

9.4. Horton School – erection of school sign

Cllr Pattinson reminded Councillors that Horton school was one of less than 5% of primary schools in England to have secured an “Outstanding” OFSTED rating and it was important for the future vitality of the village that the school should thrive. There was some evidence that prospective incomers to the village were not aware of the availability of the school because of its location and a sign was one way in which this could be overcome.

Resolved that the request for appropriate signage being made to NYCC be strongly supported and that the school be invited to provide the council with estimates of cost so that consideration could be given to what further support might be appropriate.

9.5. letter from M Whittall about denying overnight camping at Sunnybank quarry

The draft reply provided by the Clerk was approved.

9.6. request from Horton quarry managers for an informal meeting

Proposed that Monday 1 March be offered as a convenient date.

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

Cllr Pattinson informed councillors that the local school confederation were organising a sponsored trek from Clapham to Horton along the Pennine bridleway to take place on 20 April.

Further discussion about the future of the Horton to Settle and Clitheroe bus route concluded with an instruction that the Clerk should write to the Clerks at Stainforth and Langcliffe to co-ordinate action to secure the future of the route. A letter should also be sent to Julian Smith MP seeking his involvement in ensuring the future of the route.

Once again NYCC Highways will be asked to attend to the serious degradation of the north bound carriageway at Studfold.

The Clerk and Cllr Pattinson reported on a meeting with YDMT and YDNPA during which they put forward a number of project ideas for inclusion in the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership bid to Heritage Lottery Fund.

Item 11. To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for Monday 11 March 2013

Duly confirmed. To be held in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.45.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....