

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

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

**Clerk:** Mr I Fleming

**In attendance:** 4 members of the public.

**Also in attendance** Cty Cllr Richard Welch from Item 7

**Item 1. To receive apologies for absence**

PC Harry Carpenter

**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.**

Several matters were raised by those present:

David Gallivan asked that a further representative be nominated by the Council to serve on the Dole Charities committee. This met no more than twice a year with the next meeting scheduled for mid December. With council elections scheduled for May 2014 it was concluded that formal nominations should be deferred until after the election.

Mr Gallivan also informed councillors that there was money available from the Settle Fitness fund for distribution to those in need in the parish .

The condition of the new MDU at Horton station was raised and councillors were informed that none of the works promised by Network Rail had been completed. In addition, piles of rubbish were accumulating on site and lights were being left on. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Sarah McArdle at Network Rail asking that these matters be attended to as a matter of priority.

The condition of Horton beck at Overlands was brought to councillors attention. The banks were eroding giving cause for concern about flooding of adjacent properties. The Clerk will write to NYCC asking that this be investigated and remedial work undertaken as necessary.

**Item 4. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 14 October 2013**

The minutes of the meeting of 14 October 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 adverts for his position had been sent to YLCA and Settle News, placed on the parish website, all parish notice boards and in Lamberts at Settle.

Road safety concerns had been brought to the attention of NYCC Highways and these were being investigated.

Horton quarry managers had been contacted about early morning running of vehicles.

#### **Item 6. Finance and administration**

##### **6.1. To approve the Financial Statements for November 2013 and authorise bills payable**

**Resolved that:** the Financial Statement for November 2013 as appended to these minutes was a true and accurate record of the Council's financial position and that all due payments including payments to the Poppy Fund and Information Commissioner be authorised.

##### **6.2. To consider any other financial matters**

###### **6.2.1. To note the cash-book entries for October 2013**

The cash book entries for October 2013 were duly noted.

###### **6.2.2 To consider and approve a budget for financial year 2014/2015 – Paper P004/2013 (revised)**

**Resolved that;** the budget set out in the annex to Paper P004/2013 be approved.#

##### **6.3. Administration**

The Chairman informed councillors that revised draft Standing Orders had recently been received from YLCA, that the Clerk would prepare a statement comparing these with Standing Orders adopted by the Council on 12 December 2012. and that councillors would be invited to consider and adopt revised Standing Orders at the December 2013 meeting.

#### **Item 7. Planning Matters**

##### **7.1. Applications**

###### **7.1.1. C44/200C – full permission for conversion of garage to artist's studio/workshop**

The applicant was present at the meeting and was invited to explain the purpose of the application and to answer any questions that councillors might have. The applicant modelled in textiles and ceramics, intended running small classes in these media and would offer artworks for sale.

During discussion it was noted that this was a development that was likely to be wholly beneficial for the village and would have no adverse impact on anyone

**Resolved that;** the planning officer be informed that the application had the strong support of the Council on the grounds that the development would bring both economic and social benefit to the community.

###### **7.1.2. C/44/53H – full permission for installation of 2 antenna on existing tower.**

Following a brief discussion **Resolved that;** the planning officer be informed that the council had no objection to this development.

##### **7.2. Decisions and other planning matters**

None received.

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

##### **8.1. To consider arrangements for the future of parish grass cutting and general maintenance – Paper P005/2013.**

The Clerk introduced paper P005/2013 and reminded councillors that the present contract with HLL expired on 31 March 2014.. Following discussion **Resolved that;** the Clerk be instructed to commence action immediately to formally tender for the provision of grass cutting and general maintenance works to commence on 1 April 2014.

#### **Item 9. To respond to correspondence received**

##### **9.1. Yorkshire Dales Access Forum – call for members.**

No nominations made

##### **9.2. Consultation on public transport proposals – response from CDC.**

The Clerk summarised the response submitted by CDC to NYCC. The primary focus was on home to school transport.

9.3. Local plan options for minerals and quarrying – invite to workshop on 13 November.

Agreed that the Chairman should attend this workshop and present the position of the Council formed over many years of addressing local quarry matters.

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

Cllr Fenten pointed out that the date of 26 May adopted at the last meeting as the date of the annual parish council meeting was a bank holiday. It was concluded that this be moved to Monday 2 June and that no parish council meeting be held in May.

Cllr Fleming had attended Exhibition Foundation and Foundation Governors meetings at the school. Eight applications for grant assistance with learning had been received. Of these four did not meet the criteria for consideration and four were approved.

Governors had given substantial grant assistance for school repairs and were paying school insurance. Whilst income from the lease of School House was still being received finances were now tight

She had attended a parishes liaison meeting with CDC that had been addressed by the local PCC. CDC had advised of further budget cuts that would lead to reduction in local services.

She had also attended a workshop on plans developed by YDNPA to revise planning policies related to the development of agricultural buildings. Revised policies would be considered by the YDNPA planning committee in January.

Cllr Millman informed councillors that a tree planted at Helwith Bridge to commemorate the Queen's silver jubilee had recently been felled. The person responsible was known and the Clerk was asked to raise the matter formally with YDNPA and to find out whether there was a TPO on the tree.

**Item 11. To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for Monday 9 December 2013**

Duly confirmed. To be held in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.40.

Signed.....  
Chairman

Date.....