

Horton in Ribblesdale Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of Monday 8 April 2013

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

Clerk: Mr I Fleming

In attendance: 3 members of the public.

Item 1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Sheila Millman, Cty Cllr Richard Welch

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Middleton to his first parish Council meeting following his co-option.

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.

Item 3. Public participation

Three members of the public spoke to reiterate the views expressed at the last meeting that the height restricting barrier should not be installed at the entrance to Sunnybank quarry picnic site. Written representations had been received from other residents supporting the erection of the barrier.

The Chairman explained the circumstances leading up to the Council's decision to purchase the site and take measures to discourage unauthorised use and antisocial behaviour at the site. He outlined the Council's legal responsibilities under legislation governing planning control and site licensing and reminded the meeting of the various public meetings that had been held to discuss arrangements for the management of the site and how these had been reported.

The Clerk reminded the meeting that he was the point of contact for those seeking access to the site.

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

The minutes of the meeting of 11 March 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 he had again contacted YDNPA about flooding of the green lane at Newhouses and had offered to mediate with residents to enable remedial action to be taken to improve access to a resident's property. This offer had been declined.

No response had been received from Stainforth and Langcliffe Councils regarding the future of the local bus service.

Mr Lane had agreed to audit the council's accounts for a further year and had supplied recommendations for future internal auditors.

The school secretary had been contacted about the erection of a school location sign and a request for grant assistance had been received. This was on the agenda at item 6.2.

Item 6. Finance and administration

6.1. To approve the Financial Statement and authorise bills payable

Resolved that: the Financial Statement for April 2013 as appended to these minutes was a true and accurate record of the Council's financial position and that all due payments including an additional payment to Horton Landscaping Ltd for snow clearance be authorised.

6.2.1 To consider any other financial matters

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

The Clerk reported that the half-yearly precept had not been received from Craven District Council and that this had been chased.

The annual accounts had been made up and would be passed to the internal auditor on 11 April.

6.2.2. To consider an application from Horton school for a grant under S137 provisions

CLlr Pattinson outlined the parlous state of school finances and reminded the meeting about the importance of the location sign for the secure future of the school. Following brief discussion it was **resolved that:** a grant of £350 be made to the school being the full cost of the supply and erection of the sign.

6.3. Administration

6.3.1. To consider and approve a draft agenda and arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

The agenda was approved as submitted and it was agreed that the meeting should once again commence with a cheese and wine reception.

Item 7. Planning Matters

7.1. Applications

No applications received.

7.2. Decisions and other planning matters

C/44/257A – full permission for works to provide access for the management of Cam Forest.

Application granted and S106 legal agreement in force.

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

8.1. Further considerations regarding Sunnybank quarry (Helwith Bridge) picnic site

Councillors reviewed the process of public consultation that had taken place leading to the decision to purchase the site and authorise remedial works and regarded it as fair. They reiterated their resolution authorising the erection of a height restricting barrier and other remedial works and wished to place on record their thanks to Hanson Aggregates, the previous owners, for their generosity in paying for all the works being carried out.

8.2. Paper P001/2013 – Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership Projects

The Clerk was authorised to continue to develop project ideas in partnership with others and have these available for approval at the 13 May meeting.

8.3. To receive the draft Visitor and Traffic Management Plan

The plan was formally received and the Clerk instructed to have copies made ready for distribution to Parish Councillors and at the Annual Parish Meeting.

8.4. To consider an application to erect a headstone on the grave of Mrs M Holmes:

Approved.

Item 9. To respond to correspondence received

No further items to be dealt with.

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

Cllr Fleming drew attention to the practice of NYCC Highways when gully clearing to place the material adjacent to the gully where it washed back in with the next rain. She also reported severe potholes in Newhouses lane. The Clerk to take up these matters with NYCC Highways.

Item 11. To confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled for Monday 13 May 2013

Duly confirmed. To be held in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 20.50.

Signed.....

Chairman

Date.....