

HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 9th March 2015

Present: Cllrs Fleming (Chairman), Hanson (Vice Chairman), Coope, Middleton and T. Millman

In Attendance: Julie Orsborn (Parish Clerk) and 1 members of the public

Invited Guests: Don Gamble Yorkshire Dales Millenium Trust

1. Apologies for absence: Apology received from Cllr S. Millman

It was RESOLVED to accept the reason for absence from the above.

2. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

2.1 There were no disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) recorded in relation to items on this agenda.

2.2 No dispensation requests were made.

3. Public Participation

There was no Public participation and Cllr Fleming welcomed Don Gamble to the meeting.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Council RESOLVED that minutes of the Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council meeting held on 9th February 2015 be approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

5. Reports for information only

The Chairman reported that since the last meeting she had contacted the residents referred to by the letter of enquiry from Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority regarding the ownership of the land adjacent to the Village Hall. Cllr Fleming (Chairman) also reported that she had responded to YDNPA by email with the relevant information as requested.

6. Update for the Communications Plan for parish projects submitted for IDLP bid.

Cllr S Fleming (Chairman) reiterated why the Parish Council had withdrawn from the IDLP Bid mainly based on the timescale allotted and the amount of possible financial involvement required.

Councillors asked Mr Don Gamble from YDMT whether the scope of the Bid had been changed and he reported that there had been some changes i.e they now had permission to recruit an Interpretation Officer for individual projects. He also suggested that maybe the P.C. could choose smaller projects to include in the first two years to make it more manageable. On being questioned about any financial input required he did state that this hadn't changed although there was greater flexibility to include "voluntary hours" as part of our 20% input. This meant though that 20% of the Bid would still have to be topped up with a cash injection from the Parish Council.

Cllr Hanson also reported on the views of the local residents at Helwith Bridge as the Bid affected an area close to them and reported their frustration at the stagnancy of the project.

Cllr S Fleming speculated that possibly there could be an opportunity to apply for a Community Heritage Grant to assist with the implementation of smaller projects needed at the Helwith Bridge site if the IDLP bid wasn't successful.

It was agreed that it would be labour intensive to have the bid ready before Mid April and it was agreed that a volunteer was needed to act as Liaison Officer if the bid was to go ahead.

After further discussion it was RESOLVED that Cllr Coope would become the Liaison Officer for the Parish Council during the IDLP bid process if it was to proceed.

08.10 pm County Cllr R Welsh arrived at the meeting.

It was proposed and RESOLVED by a majority vote that the Parish Council would continue to support the bid if other external funds became available to meet any cash deficit payable to meet the 20% match funding necessary. It was also proposed and RESOLVED that support will be withdrawn if no funding is available from external sources.

Cllr S Fleming is to contact these external sources regarding the possibility of some funding.

08.25 pm Don Gamble left the meeting

7. Finance and Administration

7.1 *The current statement for the year to date was noted and approved.*

7.2 **Council RESOLVED to make the following payments:**

Julie Orsborn (Clerk)	Salary February	£160.00
E.on	Footway Lighting	£154.45
	TOTAL	£314.45

7.3 Any other Financial Matters

None

7.3.1

It was Proposed and RESOLVED that the clerk would contact Yorkshire Internal Audit Services to instruct them to be the Parish Councils Internal Auditors for the financial year 2014 - 2015.

8. Planning

8.1 Applications:

None received

8.1.2 To consider any late applications:

None received

8.2 To receive decisions and consider other planning matters:

None received

9. Village Environment, Burials, Rights of Way and Highways

9.1 Footway lighting:

9.1.1 It was reported by Cllr Hanson that the necessary paperwork for the survey of footway lighting as requested by Electricity North West has now been completed. Cllr Fleming thanked Cllr Hanson for all his hard work in this matter.

9.1.2 It was reported that a bulb needed replacing in Station Road and that this has been passed on to the relevant contractor.

9.2. The chairman reported that she had now received a reply from the Highways Dept. regarding the placement of boulders on ground at Overlands. The Higways Dept have stated that it was ok to proceed with the work on the understanding that the stones/boulders would not be placed within three feet of the carriageway. Cllr Fleming (Chairman) said that she would now make contact with local quarries to investigate the cost of this work. Cllr Middleton also stated that it may be necessary to have some of the trees trimmed in the Overlands area.

9.3 The Chairman reported that she had visited the Harber Lane site with Colin Chick from YDNPA and that the issue would be ongoing.

9.4 The Chairman also reported that she had received an email from YDNPA stating that the work needed on the Stepping Stones would be expected to begin in the spring once the weather had improved.

9.10 pm Cllr Middleton left the meeting.

10. Correspondence

10.1 It was resolved that the Yorkshire Dales Local Plan email would be placed on the Agenda for the next Parish Council Meeting in April as it had arrived too late to be included in the current meeting.

10.2 It was agreed that the inclusion of the Parish Council into the North Yorkshire Police Ringwatch Scheme was beneficial to the community. Anything received that could have effect on the Parish would be posted on the website.

10.3 It was also agreed that the cemetery survey should be passed on to Helen Sergeant for completion.

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11. Minor matters of information not included elsewhere on this agenda and items for future agendas

When asked, County Cllr Welsh had no further information to bring to the meeting but was supportive of the continuing work in the Overlands area by the Parish Council.

The clerk asked for help from Cllr Welsh as she had made no progress with contacting CDC staff via the C.D.C. website.

Cllr Hanson shared concern regarding the Helwith Bridge residents feelings that they were ignored by the Parish Council regarding the Quarry Railhead Plan. Cllr Fleming advised that this was not the case and provided copies of the Parish Councils submissions to YDNPA to support this.

It has been noted by some parishioners that the minutes are not displayed on the notice boards and Cllr Fleming reminded councillors that this has never been the case. Cllr Fleming also stated the minutes had always been available on the website once they had been approved at the following Council meeting. It was discussed that the clerk may investigate sending a summary report to the Craven District Herald.

12. Date of the next parish council meeting

Council RESOLVED that the next meeting of Horton-in-Ribblesdale Parish Council will be held on Monday 13th April 2015 at Horton Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.