

# HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE PARISH COUNCIL P1

Parish Clerk: Andrew Blackburn

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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) held in The Village Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018 at 7.30pm.**

Councillors present – M. Hanson, F. Durham, A. Blackburn (Clerk),

Public present – Three.

**1. Apologies** – R. Welch, J. Wilson, N.Y.Police

**2. Police Report** – In the absence of N.Y.Police the Clerk gave the report.

Rural crime in the Craven district has fallen by 6.6% from the previous year.

The previous year also revealed a reduction in overall crime, the overall trend is very encouraging.

**3. Minutes of APM held 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

The minutes were read and taken as a true record.

**4. Matters arising** – discussion items were included within the agenda and would be discussed during the meeting.

**5. Report from Councillor Welch** – report presented by the Clerk.

N.Y.C.C. – Finance issues still causing concern, by 2020 NYCC to receive £200,000,000 per year less than in 2008.

Worst year yet as two primary schools have closed, and pressure to close the Harden Ward at Castleberg Hospital.

Care of the elderly in NYCC considered a ‘financial time bomb’ as people are retiring to North Yorkshire and living longer.

Central Government released more finance for road repairs but N.Yorkshire has approximately 5800 miles of road, so the funding not expected to go far.

Funding donations: Castleberg Scouts – Drill hall alterations - £2000

Hellifield Station Playpark – Equipment purchasing - £1000

Settle Town Council – Assistance with fireworks, Christmas lights - £1000.

Settle Church – Portable stage for functions - £1000

**Action** – Clerk to enquire as to grant funding for former Horton school premises.

Litter picking groups should apply as a community/ charity group then register a vehicle for waste at the re-cycling centre, to enable free disposal.

Last year 91% of pupils in N.Y. schools were rated good or excellent.

Craven D.C. - Council to enter a joint venture with a construction company for mutual benefit in utilising assets.

Council must look at ways of generating income because of funding shortfalls.

The Craven Museum and Art Gallery in Skipton has received £1,500,000 grant for re-development.

Yorkshire Dales National Park – More roadside barns being converted due to new planning policy.

Need to encourage more Parish Councillors to attend local forums, as it is a good way to discuss issues with National Park Officers.

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**6. Chairman's Report**

Chairman informed the meeting as to the outcome of the Parish Council Election, with 6 Councillors elected and 1 co-opted, also the Clerk now holds the recognised professional qualification this now provides Council with the legal power to allocate money to projects more effectively.

Half the street lights within the Parish have been replaced with LED lamps.

Three Peaks Notices – need to measure effectiveness.

Affordable Housing – Land is required for the project but has become hard to find.

Recent housing survey established a need for 3 or 4 two bedroom rented properties.

**7. Financial Report – Clerk**

The Clerk gave a brief overview of the Parish Council finances to the year end (31/03/2018), with explanations of the largest receipts and purchases.

Bank Reconciliation - opening balance (01/04/17) -	£11,898.00
receipts during the year	- £13,552.00
less payments for year	- £12,655.00
closing balance (31/03/18)	- £12,795.00

Apart from the council tax precept of £8800, the Parish Council was successful in gaining Transparency Code funding of £1,896.00 and £456.00 during the year.

The Council was on a good financial footing, but will have financial demands placed upon it in the form of pole replacements for its street lights in the near future.

**8. The Local Plan**

Electors reviewed the 2017-18 Local Action Plan for the Parish.

Objectives remaining the same for the coming year, but actions could be amended relating to effectiveness.

Recommended additional wording to objective 7 to read 'affordable local housing

**9. The Three Peaks Working Group**

The Chairman informed electors that a meeting of the group was being planned for sometime in June and would probably have a couple of additional members.

Electors recommended that the next meeting should include members of the electorate only.

Signage encouragement on the Y.D.H.P. website was discussed.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise with Y.D.N.P. and report to Council

Car Parking monitoring by C.D.C. was discussed.

**Action** – Clerk to liaise with C.D.C

**10. Parishioner Concerns**

Compliments received on the new electronic speed sign, with data capture discussed.

Elector suggested company sponsoring of lamp posts as a cost reduction method. Concern was raised as to the intention of Horton Quarry Sidings and possible impending rail usage, with the dust issues affecting local residents.

Elector suggested press reporting by PC could be used as an effective media tool

**Action** – Clerk to contact press agent for information. Meeting closed 9.00pm

Chairman.....