

Ripley Parish Council Annual Meeting of the Council- 7pm Tuesday 5th May 2026

Hotel De Ville, Ripley, HG3 3AX
Chairperson's summary 2025-2026

Council Matters:

- Parish Councillor M Braithwaite-Sturdy stepped down from the Parish Council.
- We are still looking for someone to fill the vacant position.

Around the Parish:

- The main issue discussed at the meetings this past year continues to be the missing road markings, speeding and parking.
- We continue to chase the council, who seem to think they are correct, re the road markings on Orchard Lane.
- Ongoing parking issues at the bottom of Birthwaite Lane.
- We have recently purchased a VAS sign, we are now waiting for the council to install the post and then the sign will be installed.
- The sale of the Ripley Castle Estate continues to cause some concern for local resident's. There is no update on this process from the Estate but as it stands this is not a Parish Council matter, we will continue to monitor the situation.
- We are trying to secure the future of the village playground but as yet this has not been done. The 'Estate' seems to be wanting to sell the castle first.
- The Village signage has been completed with the installation of the Sunny Side signs.
- There are ongoing discussions within North Yorkshire Council relating to the public conveniences, including those in Ripley car park. Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister continues to work with the council and updates us as and when.
- The Parish Council is still working on proposals for replacing the bus shelter.
- Issues with flooding at Nidd Bridge. This issue has been resolved.
- The work to convert the Village phone box to a community book share library has been successfully completed with a very positive response from residents, those associated with the school and visitors alike. Local resident, M Braithwaite-Sturdy continues to manage the items in the phone box, with thanks.
- Thank you to those who give up their time to help with projects around the village, most notably the Monday litter pickers and I Patton for her continued green fingered support.
- The parish council has helped reunite a misplaced child's scooter with the missplacer!

Planning:

Various Planning matters including:

- Broxholme, Scarah Bridge to Broxholme, Single Story Extension to Side. Planning Permission refused.
- Town Hall, Main Street. To clean external stonework and repoint. Partially approved
- Ripley Garage, Main Street. Change of use from distillery and retail shop to village shop and ice cream parlour. Permission granted subject to conditions.
- HACS Construction, Station Yard. Retention of 6 Concrete Bays
- HACS Construction, Station Yard, Application for a certificate of Lawfulness for existing use of land for the storage of aggregate and asphalt.
- York House, Main Street. Listed Building Consent for the repair, refurbishment and replacement works to roof. Permission granted with conditions.
- 6 Orchard Lane. Erection of Single story extension.

Incidents:

- No major incidents to report.