

Ripley Parish Council Meeting Minutes – Tuesday 4th March 2025

Topic		Discussion				Decision made / Actions taken
1.	Attendance & Apologies	Councillors: H Smith D Bowes M Braithwaite Sturdy P House	Guests: Sir Ingilby (Ripley Estate) PCSO J Harby North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister	Parishioners: 11	Apologies: S Pritchard	No further action required
2.	Declarations of Interest	2.1 None				No further action required
3.	Confirmation of minutes	3.1 Confirmation of minutes as a true and correct record Tuesday 4th February 2025				3.1 Due to not having a matching quorum of Parish Councillors in attendance across the February to March meetings, February's minutes are to be confirmed at the next meeting.
4.	Information on ongoing issues	4.1 To receive an update on the road markings Road markings at the ORchard Lane junction are still not in place. Refer to the report from North Yorkshire Cllr F Cunliffe Lister for further details. 4.2 To receive an update on the playground a) Maintenance/General Upkeep requirements - The North Yorkshire Council Parks Department confirmed that the photos included of equipment that have been removed for several years will remain in the report despite no longer being present due to how their computer system operates. Clarification has been provided to the Parish Council from the Parks Department on which findings are the matters to be resolved at this time and which are historical. - Parish Cllrs to have a site visit to the playground to ensure all findings have been addressed, including reviewing the height of the swings b) Rent / Lease - Sir Ingilby advised that an invoice will be issued shortly for the playground rent - Sir Ingilby informed the Parish Council that the Estate is looking into gifting the playground to the Parish Council when the lease comes to an end in April 2026. This will also include gifting of the grass verges in the village. 4.3 To receive an update on Commuted Sums for projects on grass verges Local contractors to go ahead with replacing the wooden posts this month, weather allowing. 4.4 To review any activities to be carried out in the month in relation to the following a) Telephone box Work has commenced by L Carr Contractors and is expected to be completed within the month. "Telephone" wording on the top of the box will be replaced with "Bookstore". b) Flowers The flower planters at North End Triangle need repairing, there appears to be damage from moles on the grass verge. The Parish Cllrs to have a site visit to assess what work is required. 4.5 To receive an update on Vehicle Activated Speed (VAS) Signage Parish Cllr S Pritchard has a site meeting scheduled with Highways to identify suitable locations for a VAS sign and if current infrastructure can be utilised for installation. 4.6 To receive an update on a crossing at the Primary School The Headteacher from Ripley Primary School has received a letter from Highways advising that it is not possible to install a crossing for the children going between the school and the Hotel De Ville. 4.7 To receive an update on a Salt Bin for adjacent to the Town Hall				4.1 Cllr F Cunliffe Lister to continue to follow up with Highways 4.2a) Parish Cllrs to report back following site visit 4.2b) No further action required 4.3 To receive an update at the next meeting 4.4a To receive an update at the next meeting 4.4b Parish Cllrs to report back following site visit 4.5 Parish Cllr S Pritchard to report back following site meeting 4.6 No further action required. To remove from the agenda as a recurring item. 4.7 Clerk to confirm with North Yorkshire Council to go ahead and to pay the invoice (Refer to agenda item 8.4) 4.8 Parish Cllrs to report back following site visit 4.9 Local residents are to continue to report incidents directly to the police. 4.10 Clerk to collate a list of matters of concern relating to the Ripley Estate sale for review by the Estate at a suitable point in the progression of the sale. Local residents to submit items for inclusion on the list to the clerk via email to clerk.ripleypc@gmail.com

		North Yorkshire Council have completed a site survey and approved for a salt bin to be placed adjacent to the recycling bins at the back of the Town Hall (Hotel de Ville). 4.8 To receive an update on signage for Sunnyside Cottages. Proof has been received from Sign Hib and approved to go ahead. Parish Cllrs to have a site visit to establish the most suitable location for install. 4.9 To receive an update on anti social car racing in the village Item brought forward to the start of the meeting as PCSO J Harby in attendance • Traffic Police are now doing local rounds on Sunday evenings to deter car racing. • Requested for local residents to report registration plates to the police and to report it each time it occurs by calling 999. • Local residents are advised to not do anything to put themselves in any danger. • Separate to the car racing matter PCSO J Harby advised that Ripley has been added to the community speed watch scheme and aiming for rush hour and school drop off/pick up times. 4.10 To receive an update on matters that may impact the Parish Council as a result of the sale of the Ripley Estate. <i>It is noted that the sale of properties and land within the Parish Council Boundary are not a Parish Council matter.</i> • The Parish Council have been in email communication with Carter Jonas who are managing the sale of the Ripley Estate. Communication started at the end of October 2024 and communication has been continuing with confirmation of email receipts within a few business days of each correspondence. The Parish Council have sought information on the below: ◦ Invoicing for the playground rent ◦ Renewal of the playground lease which expires in April 2026 ◦ Ongoing responsibilities for grass verges post Ripley Estate sale ◦ Ongoing responsibilities for dog bin waste disposal post Ripley Estate sale Carter Jonas have advised that these matters are under consideration. • Sir Ingilby informed the Parish Council that there has been a strong body of interest in response to the sale. Particulars of the sale will be managed as more knowledge of the buyers come through. • A local resident queried the ongoing rights of way at Back Lane post sale. Sir Ingilby confirmed that all established rights of way will be maintained. • A local resident queried ongoing grass cutting of verges on Main Street. Sir Ingilby confirmed that the same arrangements for this year will continue as previously. Longer term this will be discussed between new potential owners and the Parish Council. • A local resident queried ongoing vehicular access to the cricket club. Sir Ingilby confirmed that the lease to the Cricket Club includes the right of access for parking. • A local resident queried that the sale listing available from the Estate Agents does not include the Ripley Design Statement or the Conservation Area Information. Sir Ingilby confirmed that the sale listings available for public viewing do not include all information, but these details are made available to interested parties once they have signed the necessary legal documents for pre contract enquiries. • A local resident queried the ongoing maintenance responsibilities for the planter behind The Boar. Sir Ingilby confirmed this is within the areas to be gifted to the Parish Council • A local resident requested for a mechanism for raising any areas of concern in relation to the sale. Sir Ingilby and the Parish Cllrs agreed to the Parish Council collating a list of areas raised by local residents to then be reviewed by the Estate at a point where further details of the sale progressing are known.	
5.	North Yorkshire Councillor's report	5. To receive the North Yorkshire Councillor's report. Refer to the full report from Cllr F Cunliffe Lister. Key points discussed during the meeting:	5 Cllr F Cunliffe Lister to continue to follow up on ongoing matters with Highways.

		- The parking of vehicles on Birthwaite Lane Layby is under review by Highways with no solution currently agreed. Parish Cllrs advised that there is now littering in this layby occurring too. - The junction warning sign for Birthwaite Lane has been approved by Highways and awaiting a date for install - Cllr F Cunliffe Lister continues to raise at higher levels the poor connectivity challenges in rural areas including Ripley resulting in Smart Meters not working consistently which prevents users from accessing the most cost efficient energy deals. - A reminder that the Home To School Transport Policy has now been approved and if children need to change their school choice for September 2025 as a result of this it needs to be done as soon as possible	
6.	Parish Councillors Reports	6.1 Report from Parish Cllr D Bowes a) A local resident has requested for a litter bin at the Birthwaite Lane Layby due to littering in the area. This is not to be carried forward at this time whilst Highways are reviewing options to restrict parking at the layby. b) The Star Club are still seeking funds of approximately £25,000 for the purchase of the Hotel De Ville. 6.2 Report from Parish Cllr P House There is littering at the roundabouts and the layby on the A61 Ripley Bypass 6.3 Report from Parish Cllr M Braithwaite Sturdy There have been multiple incidents over the past few months where local residents have been rude and at times intimidating to the Parish Cllrs and the Clerk. There is a request for local residents to maintain respect and politeness in their interactions with the Parish Council and that matters are to be raised during meetings or via email communication to the Clerk. Parish Cllrs should be able to go about their daily lives within the community without being harassed. Also a reminder that Parish Cllrs are all democratically elected volunteers.	6.1a&b. No further action required 6.2 Clerk to report to North Yorkshire Council 6.3 No further action required
7.	Planning	Planning matters to decide None received Planning decisions None received Planning Appeals None received	7.1 Announced
8.	Financial Matters	8.1 To confirm payment of invoice 1258 of £2994.80 (£2495.67 excluding VAT) to L Carr Contractors as the booking deposit for the telephone box restoration work. 8.2 To approve payment of invoice SI-232 of £528 (£440 excluding VAT) to Mr K Bowes for supply of the wooden posts for the grass verges. 8.3 To approve payment of invoice INV-23084 of £78 (£65 excluding VAT) to SignHub for the Sunnyside Cottages signage. 8.4 To approve payment of invoice 490071387 of £125 to North Yorkshire Council for the Salt Bin situated adjacent to the Star Club and for 2 refills. 8.5 To approve the clerk's salary for 6 hours for February 2025.	8.1 Confirmed 8.2 Approved 8.3 Approved 8.4 Approved 8.5 Approved
9.	To consider the following matters and decide further action	9.1 Any actions to be carried out in association with the damaged milestone marker on Scarah Bank The milestone marker is to be re set by 2 local contractors this month weather permitting. 9.2 Any other business from local residents Local residents raised frustration over the continued delays for the road markings at Orchard Lane	9.1 Clerk to provide an update to the milestone marker association. Clerk to forward on resetting guidance from the milestone marker association to the contractors. 9.2 Cllr F Cunliffe Lister to continue to follow up with Highways and PCSO to monitor vehicles blocking the junction
10.	To confirm the date of the next meeting	10. To confirm the date of the next meeting is Tuesday 1st April 2025	10 Confirmed

Meeting Start Time: 19:00 Meeting End Time: 20:25